

Liberation from Generational Curses

How to renounce the sins of our ancestors and any curses.

God says, "You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. You shall not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sins of the fathers to the third and fourth generations of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments" (Exodus 20:4-6).

Exodus 20:5, 6; 34:6, 7; Numbers 14:18; and Deuteronomy 5:9, 10. Each of these texts contains the words, "visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children ... to the third and the fourth generations" (KJV).

Derek Prince stated: "There may be forces at work in our lives that have their origins in previous generations. Consequently, we may be confronted with recurrent situations or patterns of behavior that cannot be explained solely regarding what happened in our lifetimes or personal experiences. The cause may go back a long way in time, even thousands of years."³... "Most Christians who should be enjoying blessings are enduring curses ... they do not understand the basis upon which they can be released."⁴ Demonic or familiar spirits can be passed on from one generation to the next if you don't renounce the sin of your ancestors and claim your new spiritual heritage in Christ. You are not guilty of the sin of any ancestor, but because of their sin, Satan may have gained access to your family. Some problems, of course, are hereditary or acquired from an immoral environment. But some problems are the result of generational sin. All three conditions can contribute toward causing someone to struggle with a particular sin.

Defined: "A curse or a blessing is a word spoken with some particular form of spiritual power and authority either for good or evil that sets in motion something that will probably go on from generation to generation," Derek Prince. Curse attributes:

1. Pronounced audibly, written or wished.
2. Continues in time - generation to generation
3. Usually are not just individual, but family-oriented



Examples

- A young woman who could not obtain deliverance because her mother had allowed a "spirit guide" to afflict her.
- A person had a curse of poverty and destruction (vagabond), no job, automobile constantly breaking down, and had to rely on the charity of others to survive.
- I was taking my daughter and her soccer teammates to an amusement park and needed to find parking...see a sport a row over I went the wrong way down the parking isle and backed in just narrowly beating out these women in a van...rolling down her window, the woman started to curse me and proclaimed that the girls would get injured on the park rides...

Breaking and Renouncing Generational Curses

Ask the Lord to show you specifically what sins are characteristic of your family by praying the following prayer. Then list those sins in the space provided below. (Neh. 1:5-7; 1 John 1:9)

“Dear Heavenly Father, I ask You to reveal to my mind now all the sins of my fathers that are being passed down through family lines. I want to be free from those influences and walk in my new identity as a child of God. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”

As the Lord brings those areas of family sin to your mind, list them.

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| 4. | 9. |
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To walk free from the sins of your ancestors and any curses and assignments targeted against you, read the following declaration and pray the following prayer aloud. Remember, you have all authority and protection you need in Christ to take your stand against such activity.

Confession of Faith! (Do this even if you are a Christian.) *“God, I know I am separated from You because of my sin. The only way to You is through the crucified blood of Jesus Christ. Who died upon the cross for my sins and arose from the dead on the third day. I confess I am a sinner and ask Your forgiveness and cleansing repentance. I am declaring the new life that is only found living “In Christ.” I begin by asking Jesus Christ to show me how to love You with all my heart, with all my soul, with my entire mind, and with all my strength. In Jesus’ Name I Pray, AMEN”* (Adapted from 2 Cor. 2:8-9).

Pray: *There is Nothing In Me! I know that Jesus warned that “the prince, the evil genius, the ruler of this world” would come. I now declare that the Devil and his demons have “no claim on Me.” They have nothing “in common with Me” and “there is nothing in Me that belongs” to the Devil. I declare that I am Christ’s both inside and out. Jesus, the Messiah, is my Lord and Savior. “His evil spirits have “no power over Me. I renounce any and all claims the Devil may have upon me. I now announce that all demons must leave my body because of Christ’s work upon the cross, the blood, and the empty tomb. In Jesus Christ’s name, I declare!* (Adapted from John 14:29-31 AMP)

DECLARATION: *I here and now reject and disown all of the sins of my ancestors. I specifically renounce the sins of (list here the areas of family sin the Lord revealed to you). “I am one who has now been delivered from the domain of darkness into the kingdom of God’s Son; I cancel out all demonic working that has been passed down to me from my family. As one who has been crucified and raised with Jesus Christ and who sits with Him in heavenly places, I renounce all satanic assignments that are directed toward me and my ministry. I cancel out every curse that Satan and his workers have put on me. I announce to Satan and all his forces that Christ became a curse for me when He died for my sins on the cross (Gal. 3:13). I reject any and every way to which Satan may claim ownership of me. I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who purchased me with His blood. I reject all blood sacrifices whereby Satan may claim ownership of me. I declare myself to be fully and eternally signed over and committed to the Lord Jesus Christ. By the authority I have in Christ, I now command every familiar spirit and every enemy of the Lord Jesus that is influencing me to leave my presence. I commit myself to my heavenly Father to do His will from this day forward. In the power and blood of Jesus’ Name. I now ask Jesus His shed blood on the cross and the His empty tomb between me and all ancestral curses and sins. In Jesus’ name, I pray, Amen.”*