

Chapter 11: GENERATIONAL CURSES BIBLE STUDY

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Chapter Theme: Generational curses are a reality since the fall of man. Just look at your own family. Look at your family holiday gatherings or behavior at family reunions. Does it seem to be plagued by certain sins, behaviors or issues?

Opening Scriptures

John 3:17 KJV “For God did not send His Son into the World to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.”

To condemn the world. Not to judge or pronounce sentence on mankind. God *might* justly have sent him for this. Man deserved condemnation, and it would have been right to have pronounced it; but God was willing that there should be an offer of pardon, and the sentence of condemnation was delayed. But, although Jesus did not come *then* to condemn mankind, yet the time is coming when he will return to judge the living and the dead, *Acts 17:31, 2 Corinthians 5:10, Matthew 25:31-46.*

Isaiah 53:5 KJV “But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”

Exodus 20:4-6 (KJV)

⁴ “Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, [something carved or shaped by human hands] or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth:

⁵ Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;

⁶ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.”

[IP, God's Anointed, Get this] No matter what subject is taught from the bible, ultimately that teaching should feed our faith and starve our fear. No matter what the subject, there must be hope in it. Through the power of Christ God is not a curser but a blesser. Jesus did not come to curse and condemn us; He came to love and liberate us. God would rather forgive us than judge us.

PERSONAL COMMENT:

Most Christians are unaware of curses that affect their lives or how to break curses, bind the enemy and break every demonic stronghold on your life. God has given us the Bible: Biblical Instruction Before Leaving Earth, discernment, the keys to the kingdom, which is binding and loosing. God said in all your getting, get understanding. *No Jim Jones Kool-Aid here, I give it straight with no chaser. Amen.*

Ephesians 6:12-13 (KJV) ¹² For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

¹³ Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Definition: Generational Curse – Biblical: p191

The result of ingrained behavior patterns that are passed from one generation to the next. A generation happens every 10 years.

A generational curse is when we practice the sin of our forefathers and pass that behavior to our children. A generational curse does not manifest out of nowhere. If there is a curse, then there is a cause, a root cause. Without a cause the generational curse cannot work or take root. *Proverbs 26:2 says "A curse without cause shall not alight. It is a causeless curse and will never reach its goal or take light. God is not the cause or the source of generational curses, MAN IS."*

WHAT IS A CURSE? [My Research]

A curse is a violent expression of evil (intent) upon others. It is a word, phrase, or sentence calling for punishment, injury or destruction of something or on somebody. It is uttering a wish of evil against someone.

A curse is an evil pronouncement propelling one's life in a direction not originally intended. Curses are words put together to torment a person with great calamity.

A curse is an invisible barrier that keeps people away from the plan of God for their lives. Curses are oral pronouncements that bring about harm.

Curses could be:

- Self-inflicted, based on disobedience to the Word (and Spirit) of God.
- Inherited
- Transferred
- Pronounced on an individual by wicked people.

When hidden curses are in place, you find yourself taking wrong steps and decisions, and the spirit of failure will be in full operation.

Galatians 3:13-14 (KJV) "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree:

¹⁴ That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."

When a generational curse exists or manifests within a family, there is a reason for it. Sin is always our decision; it is never God's. Again, there is always a reason for a curse to exist.

Exodus 34:7 (AMP) Keeping mercy and loving-kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but Who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children, to the third and fourth generation. Don't confuse punishment with iniquity. This scripture does not say, God visited the punishment of the fathers to the children; it says, "visiting the iniquity." Iniquity is sin. This scripture means, children will repeat many of the same sins as their parents. Because of the parental influence over their children.

SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY MANY YEARS AGO INITIATED, SPOKE INTO EXISTENCE, TO ACTION AND CAUSED THE SIN AND GAVE IT RIGHTFUL PERMISSION TO EXIST AND TO CONTINUE WITHIN THE FAMILY LINE, PASSING DOWN GENERATION AFTER GENERATION, UNTIL IT IS STOPPED OR BROKEN. With sin there are always consequences. This is why the power of sin must be broken through the blood of Jesus.

CONSIDER COMMON EFFECTS OF GENERATIONAL CURSES:
[Partial list] My Research

Mental illness, mental and emotional breakdown, teen pregnancy, abortion, anger, poverty, barrenness, failure, pre-mature death, gossip, untimely death within a family, sickness and disease, domestic violence, life trauma – one crisis after another, division/rebellion, spiritual hindrance, paranoia, asthma, allergies, arthritis, blood disease, bone disease, back pain, Alzheimer's disease, heart disease, diabetes, cancer, eye disease, ear disease, feet trouble, hand trouble, headaches, ulcers, M.S., muscular dystrophy, infertility, fatigue, alcoholism, drug addiction, smoking, anger, untruthfulness, adulterous thoughts, food addiction, anorexia and bulimia, drug addictions, negativity, bitterness, strife, division, divorce, gossip, depression, chronic sickness and disease oppression, fear, insomnia, financial lack, condemnation, dishonesty, sexual sin, sexual bondage/perversion, rape, pornography, incest, involvement in false religions, the occult, New Age. Or any kind of sin you

contend with. The list goes on and on. Statistics tell us that these issues are often passed from one generation to the next with devastating effects.

You and I must never forget we are in covenant with a 3N1 God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. God's grace and mercy is not dependent upon the activity of the people but is given for its own sake.

Deuteronomy 7:9 (KJV) "Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;"

There is not a single generational curse that cannot be broken off of your life and family. Remember, iniquities are inner issues. But Jesus covered ALL sin when He gave His life for us on the cross. Jesus addressed sin, trespasses, and iniquities when He was crucified.

Christ was bruised or wounded for our iniquities. Bruises are outer manifestations of inner bleedings. *He was bruised for my iniquities and your iniquities, my inner sins and issues and your inner sins and issues.*

Family Tradition: p190 Hell's Spells by Jim Raley

I would like to address what the author calls a family tradition:

The song was written and produced by Hank Williams Jr., a renowned Country Western singer where he describes his own sinful personal acts of behavior, which are generational sins relating to family traditions. Yes, there are familiar spirits that attach themselves to families wreak havoc causing much damage to every generation within the family line. He gives the examples of Uncle Joes drinking a lot or bad tempers run in the family.

LET ME BREAK DOWN FAMILIAR SPIRITS: My Research

Familiar Spirits, destructive, behaviors present themselves in a family for so long, it becomes, accepted, tolerated, and expected and becomes the norm within that family. Just look at your family tree and see certain, spiritual, physical, and emotional issues presented by generations.

A familiar spirit is a supernatural entity, appears in numerous guises, often described as a demon, spirit guide, or animal companion, believed in religious traditions to serve witches, sorcerers, or mediums. Clearly defined, three-dimensional forms, vivid with color and animated with movement and sound by those alleging to have come into contact with them. These spirits are considered familiar because they are closely associated with an individual, acting as aide, spy, or familiar companion, sometimes inheriting family lines to cause deception or misfortune. It attaches itself to a family. Familiar spirits are (alter ego, personal demon, spirit companion) it is the double, the alter-ego, of an individual it is closely associated with or assigned to.

[We have clear examples in scripture. In *1Samuel 28*, it seems Samuel actually appeared to Saul, but *1Chr. 10:13*, it is clear that it was a familiar spirit imitating Samuel which appeared.]

A person can form and develop a close relationship with an evil spirit willfully or through ignorance, for knowledge or gain. When a person forms a relationship with an evil spirit, he then has a familiar spirit. Familiar spirits are counterfeits of the Holy Spirits work.

The plan and desire of God is **NOT** for us to be cursed. **God sent Jesus to liberate us and to set us free from every influence of demonic forces.**

THE ORIGIN OF GENERATIONAL CURSES

"Curse" is defined as the cause of evil, misfortune or trouble. A curse is God's recompense in the life of a person and his or her descendants as a result of iniquity. The curse causes sorrow of heart and gives demonic spirits legal entry into a family whereby they can carry out and perpetuate their wicked devices." (John Eckhardt).

"Sin is an opening for demonic forces to work in subsequent generations." (Derek Prince)

The origin of a generational curse is always rooted in Sin. There are three realities of sin: Sin, transgressions and Iniquities. To sin means to miss the mark or to come up short of the goal. p192-193

God's Anointed, IP- Everyone has missed the mark, and none of us have lived our lives without error or sin. Sin is why Jesus came into the world. Every mark on His body was made every time you and I have missed the mark falling short of God's expectation. *Romans 3:23 says, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*

Trespass: Means to violate and disregard established restrictions and boundaries.

Transgression: Is the act of going too far. When we operate outside of those boundaries, we transgress or trespass against God. *Isaiah 53:5 says, "He was wounded for our transgressions."*

Iniquity: is sin and can be an addition, violence sexual sin, or anything else that is practiced over and over again until it takes root and gains control. It becomes a part of their very being and this sin is passed down to your children and their children and continues to every generation.

Children can be born drawn toward certain types of behavior with no explanation. It becomes a lifestyle even in adulthood. **It is**

spiritual. Apostle Paul painted a powerful picture and addresses it in *2Thessalonians 2:7*. He called it the "**Mystery of iniquity**."p194

Anointed of God, you owe it yourself and to those you love to deal with every generational curse that tries or has attached itself to your life. P194

HOW BLESSINGS AND CURSES OPERATE [My Research]

The forces that determine history fall into two categories: **visible and invisible**. It is the interplay of these two realms that determine the course of history. As long as we confine our attention to things that are visible and material, we will find ourselves confronted by events and situations that we cannot fully explain or control. The sin nature is our personal inner battles with the issues of our lives within our mind.

To the visible realm belong all the normal objects with the events of the material universe. **The Bible opens the door to another invisible realm, which is not material , but spiritual. The forces at work in this realm exercise a continuous and decisive influence on events in the visible realm.**

Both blessings and curses belong to the invisible, spiritual realm. They are vehicles of supernatural, spiritual power. Blessings produce good and beneficial results; curses produce bad and harmful results. Both are major themes of Scripture, and the two words are mentioned in the Bible more than 640 times.

Two important features are common to both. First, their effect is seldom limited to the individual. It may extend to families, tribes, communities or whole nations. Second, once they are related, they tend to continue from generation to generation until their effects are cancelled. A number of both blessings and curses mentioned in the Bible in connection with patriarchs have

continued to work for nearly four thousand years and are still at work today.

The second feature of blessings and curses has important practical implications. There may be forces at work in our lives that have their origin in previous generations. The root cause may go back thousands of years.

THE MAIN VEHICLE OF BOTH BLESSINGS AND CURSES IS WORDS. WHICH MAY BE SPOKEN OR WRITTEN OR MERELY JUST UTTERED INWARDLY. YES, DEATH and LIFE IS IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE. Proverbs 18:21. KJV

The tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity (SIN). So set among our members that it defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by HELL itself. [This is a whole different subject to study. Just giving you a touch of its significance to generational curses.]

Scripture has much to say about the use and power of words. The Bible uses vivid imagery to emphasize the tremendous power that words have to affect people and situations, either for good or for evil. Especially in the OT, in book of Proverbs and the NT, in the book of James. Pointing out that the tongue is a small member of the body, but the hardest of all to control. You will never master the tongue: Scripture to consider.

Proverbs 11:9 (KJV), Proverbs 12:18 (KJV) , Proverbs 15:4 (KJV), Proverbs 18:21 (KJV), James 3:5-6 (KJV), James 3:9-10 (KJV)

Open Doorways of Inheritance for Generational Curses

Demons are evil personalities. They are spirit beings. They are the enemies of God and man. Their objectives in human beings are to tempt, deceive, accuse, condemn, pressure, defile, resist, oppose, control, steal, afflict, kill and destroy. *John 10:10*. Evil spirits have no sense of fairness, are liars/tormentors, and will take full advantage of times of weakness in your life, especially in childhood. The door for demons to enter may be opened by

oneself through sins of omission and commission. [1John 5:17, Lk. 12:47-48]

Sin of Omission – knowingly failing to do good. It neglects active commands to love and serve others. Failing to pray, unforgiveness. *James 4:17 KJV “Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.” A classic example of the door being opened by Sin of omission, is the failure to forgive. Mt.18. Unforgiveness opens the door to the torment of resentment and hatred and related spirits. Mt. 25:41-46*

Sin of Commission – Actively doing wrong. Lying, stealing, adultery). (1John 3:4). Another example is the story of Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5:3, opened themselves to be filled with spirits of covetousness, lying and deceit. The same thing can happen to anyone who sins willfully. (Lk. 12:47-48)

Other open doorways: PERSONAL SELF- REFLECTION

- a. Occult [Divination and sorcery. [Acts 16:16-22, Rev. 9:20-21 & 2Tim. 3:13; Deut. 18:10-12]
- b. Religious cults, False Religion *John 14:6* Parents’ Religious Activities
- c. Masonic oaths, etc. Idol Worship, Demonic Names
- d. Divorce, Sexual Sin, Transference, Soul Ties, Marine Spirits
- e. Feuds, on-going personal conflicts, pride, Inherited family curses
- f. Lawlessness and unresolved anger. *Eph.4:26-27*

These are some open doors through which the powers of darkness can enter in: PERSONAL SELF-REFLECTION

- a. Astrology
- b. Fortune Telling *2Cor. 5:7*
- c. Tea-leaf reading
- d. Palm reading
- e. Numerology
- f. Ouija board
- g. Tarot cards, Automatic writing
- h. ESP
- i. Astral Projection
- j. Candles

- k. Witchcraft
- l. Water witching
- m. Seances
- n. Mediums or spiritist

- o. Occultic involvement and Witchcraft.

P. **Secret Societies**, are a bloodless religion, meaning the blood of Christ is omitted. For it requires you to take an oath/vow, pledge. **Eastern Star, Heroines of Jericho and Shriners, etc., any Sororities and fraternities, "the divine nine,"** where you are required to take an oath. Let me break it down. Can I Go deeper? [The initiate must swear under threat of death not to divulge the secrets of the lodge.] So actually, you are saying when you take an oath that...Without the least bit of equivocation, mental reservation, or self-evasion of mind in me whatever, binding myself under no less a penalty, so help me God, and keep me steadfast in due performance of the same.

The root issue is, you have made this thing an idol. Whatever you are spending time and giving large amounts of money to support and developing this, then becomes and you are making allegiance to an idol/god. You are serving other gods, Satan. You make a vow or oath to the organization by swearing on a Bible, in covenant. The oaths required by fraternities and sororities bind their members in soul-ties to ungodly people and in (your soul, mind, emotions and will) allegiance to other gods. It is an abomination to God and brings its adherents under a curse. It is verbal and written. Please fast and pray over it. The enemy doesn't play fair it's a lifetime domination.

*Now IP, God's anointed, get this: **In order to be delivered from the curses of Freemasonry and all its branches,** you must not only confess publicly (because your oath was given publicly) that you have sinned in taking an oath, but you must destroy ALL paraphernalia pertaining to the organization, such as rings, aprons, books, pins, etc. If one retains any such objects, demons of curse have a legal right to that person's life and bloodline.*

Freemasonry and all its branches are evil. This is idolatry. **You are being yoked to a thing, made a commitment through the spoken vow or oath.** They tease you with scripture, and say it is of God, but don't get it twisted, It is evil. It is an abomination.

¹⁴ Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 2 Corinthians 6:14 (KJV)

Mt.5:34 AMPV, Matthew 5:33-34 (AMP)

³³ Again, you have heard that it was said to the men of old, You shall not swear falsely, but you shall perform your oaths to the Lord [as a religious duty].

³⁴ But I tell you, Do not bind yourselves by an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is the throne of God; James 4:4; 5:12; 2Cor 6:14-17.

q. Robbing and Defrauding God. (tithes) *Mal. 3:8-9*

r. Bondages (Continuing in the habit of sin. We can develop a bondage. Bondage means there is a supernatural element to our problem.

s. Demonic Laying on of hands

New Age PERSONAL SELF-REFLECTION

- a. Yoga
- b. Holistic health practices
- c. Acupuncture, acupressure, reflexology
- d. Martial Arts
- e. Eastern philosophies/religions
- f. Subliminal tapes
- g. Biofeedback – altered states of consciousness
- h. Hypnosis
- i. Visualization, mind control

Childhood Doorways PERSONAL SELF-REFLECTION

- a. Fears
- b. Imaginary friends
- c. Games like Dungeons and Dragons – video games

Sexual Immorality PERSONAL SELF-REFLECTION

- a. Perversion, rape, childhood molestation
 - b. Adultery, Soul Ties
 - c. Fornication
 - d. Homosexuality
 - e. Bestiality
 - f. Sex with demons
 - g. Pornography
 - h. Incest
 - i. Rape or sexual assault
 - j. Masturbation
- k. Promiscuity, nudity and sexual obscenities have become commonplace. The inevitable consequence of defilement is the loss of fellowship with a holy God.

Addictions PERSONAL SELF-REFLECTION

- a. Alcohol abuse
- b. Drug abuse
- c. Food addiction
- d. Anorexia and bulimia

SCRIPTURE DEALING WITH GENERATIONAL CURSES:

Deuteronomy 30:19 "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore, choose life, that both you and your descendants may live."

Exodus 34:7 "keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth generation."

Four generations consist of 30 ancestors and their sins that opened the door to generational curses!

OT/NT LIST OF SINS WHICH RESULT IN CURSES

Deuteronomy 27:14-26, Deuteronomy 28: 15-20, Deuteronomy 18:9-,Malachi

2:1-11, Matthew 18:34-35, 2 Timothy 1:5; Revelation 1:8

When God's conditions are met, demons have no right to stay.

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM – POWER OVER THE ENEMY, HELL AND DEATH

Understand, we are not wrestling against flesh blood. We must overcome principalities and powers with the armor of God. We are told to be strong in the Lord And in the power of His might. Eph. 6:10.

We have been given the keys of the kingdom. Mt. 16:19. This gives us the authority to bind and loose. To bind means "to restrict, stop, hinder, fetter, check, hold back, arrest, or put a stop to." To loose means "to untie, unbind, unlock, liberate, release, forgive, or free." Keys represent the authority to lock (bind) or unlock (loose). Prayer and confession are two ways to use this authority.

The power to bind and loose in regard to Satan is described as "the keys of the kingdom of heaven. The word for "kingdom" is *basileia* which means "to rule." It is the promise of God's word that those who inherit the kingdom of God will rule with Christ. We have the power to bind the power of the devil and to **loose that which he had already made captive. The meaning of the phrase "shall be bound in heaven...shall be loosed in heaven? We must know and operate in our God given authority.**

The verb form is the perfect passive participle, so the reference is to things in a state of having been already forbidden or permitted. Whatever is **bound or loosed** by the believer is done on the basis, it has already been done "in heaven," by the Lord Himself. We have the power to speak, even under your breath, (as God hears) what needs to be bound and what needs to be loosed. (SPOKEN OUTLOUD or EVEN UNDER YOUR BREATH, INTO THE HEAVENLIES). EXAMPLE: ~~SOMEONE LYING ON YOU OR SPEAKING PROFANITY OR SAYING A FALSEHOOD THAT IS NOT YOUR NATURE.~~ The angels - No word comes back void).etc. Deliverance ministry.

The Greek word for **bind** is **deo**. It means to fasten or tie, as with chains. The fact that demons obey Jesus is evidence of Satan being bound. When satan is bound he is inoperable. He is bound on earth even as he is already bound in heaven. Learn to look at the world with spiritual eyes and to speak to the spirit behind the issue. The Greek word for **"loose" is luo**. The lexicon defines it "to loose" anything that is fastened to loose one bound, to set free; to discharge from prison. On held by satan.

IP PRAISE GOD, GOD'S ANOINTED, JESUS HAS PROMISED THAT WE SHALL REIGN, AND RULE, AS KINGS IN LIFE- THAT MEANS NOW!
How could we do this apart from being able to bind the power of the devil and loose that which THE ENEMY had already taken captive?
Do not give place to the enemy. Eph. 4:27.

Matthew 16:19 "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Revelation 1:18 "I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death."

Luke 10: 19 "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

Romans 5:17 "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ."

Breaking Generational Curses: Eight Steps to New Beginnings: p196 -201

- 1. Fully submit to God, Resist the devil and he will flee from you. James 4:7**
- 2. Claim the blood power over your life. Heb. 9:22**
- 3. Forgive your family and yourself. Mark 11:25**
- 4. Confess your sin and the sin that was present in the generations before you. Leviticus 26:40,42 [When we repent we are saved through the blood of Jesus.]**
- 5. Use the powerful name of Jesus. John 14:13-14; Phil 2:9**
- 6. Break the curse by praying in faith, of those who will come after you. Prov. 18:21**
- 7. commit yourself to changing your behavior. Avoid connecting to people, events, or places that trigger those behaviors. Change your habits, you change your life.**
- 9. Rejoice daily knowing God is faithful. Feed your faith and starve your fear.**

Deuteronomy 7:9 (KJV) " Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations;"

Joyfully confess your family is blessed by a faithful God.

10. "Free Indeed" John 8:31-32, is not automatic, but conditional knowing the truth of God's Word and walking in obedience to it.

My Research:

1. You have to look at and identify the curse to get free.
2. Confess your own past and present sins and the sins of your forefathers.
3. Forgive your ancestors and ask God to forgive them and yourself.
4. Command the demons (familiar spirits) to go in the name of Jesus.
5. Declare the curse broken and proclaim the blessing.
6. Never approach the devil's camp in spiritual warfare with unconfessed sin. Salvation is the basis for warfare. Pray with revelation, discernment and authority based on the Word of God. Some principalities/demons won't go but by prayer and fasting. (*Mt. 17:21*)
7. Ask the Lord to command a blessing.

Deut. 28:8 "The LORD will command the blessing on you in your storehouses and in all to which you set your hand, and He will bless you in the land which the LORD your God is giving you.

"Lord I thank you for this study walking in your Word. Bless it and let it seed into their hearts as hearers and doers of your Word. Looking at the world through spiritual eyes". Dr. J