

Curses 5 – Self Imposed Curses

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 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; ²⁰ that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He *is* your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them.”

Blessings and Curses of Deuteronomy 28	
Summary of Blessings vs.1-15	Summary of curse vs. 16-68
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exaltation • Health • Productiveness • Prosperity • Victory • God’s Favor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Humiliation • Barrenness, unfruitfulness • Mental and physical sickness • Family breakdown • Poverty • Defeat • Oppression • Failure • God’s Disfavor

Blessing is mentioned 410 times
Curse is mentioned 230 times

Curses Defined:

1. A prayer or invocation for harm or injury to come upon one – Speaking bad things
2. Something that is cursed or accursed
3. Evil or misfortune that comes as if in response to imprecation or as retribution
4. A cause of great harm or misfortune : Torment

Matthew 12:36-37 But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”

People who experienced curses and may have not realized it at the time			
Example	Rebecca and Jacob	Jacob and Rachael	Jewish people at Jesus trial
Reference	Genesis 27:12-13 Perhaps my father will feel me, and I shall seem to be a deceiver to him; and I shall bring a curse on myself and not a blessing.” ¹³ But his mother said to him, “Let your curse <i>be</i> on me, my son; only obey my voice	Genesis 31:22 With whomever you find your gods, do not let him live ...	Matthew 27:20-26 ... And all the people answered and said, “His blood <i>be</i> on us and on our children.”
Sin committed	Lying, trickery	Stealing and having idol	Injustice
Results	Genesis 27:46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, “I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob takes a wife of the daughters of Heth, like these <i>who are</i> the daughters of the land, what good will my life be to me?”	Died in Labor (Genesis 35:16-19)	With one generation the Roman armies had destroyed Jerusalem, and either killed or sold into slavery the entire population. For nineteen centuries bloodshed and tragedy has followed the Jewish people.
Lesson	Manipulation may get you what you want in the short run, but in the long haul it can make you miserable.	Spouses need to be cautious with words they speak to one another and their children.	These words combined two forms of a curse: a self-imposed curse on themselves; a relational curse on their descendants.

There is one kind of curse that God cannot protect His people from: The curse they pronounced on themselves. By speaking negative words about themselves, they shut themselves off from blessings and expose themselves to curses. People who speak negative language over themselves are unconsciously inviting evil spirits to take them over in areas of their life. It has been my experience that Christians often become their own worst enemy, allowing their words to be used by the enemy.

James 3:10 Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so.

Particularly the spirit of “death”. It produces a sense that life is meaningless and hopeless, and a morbid tendency to focus on thoughts of death. In John 8:44 Jesus warned us that Satan is a murderer. One of the agents that he uses to murder people is the spirit of death, which causes people to die before their time. People often die when there is not sufficient medical cause to explain it.



John 10:10 The thief comes to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

Psalm 118:17 I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the LORD.

This does not mean I will never die, but only I will not die before God’s appointed time. I will not be murdered by satan.

Q) Is it right to confess you are healed, even when your body indicates you are sick?

A) If you look at it from a natural perspective, it is not honest to make such a statement. But If you look at it the way God sees us because of the exchange that took place on the cross it is. God sees us in Christ, spiritually and physically whole. We can proclaim I am the righteousness of God in Christ. We can confess with confidence, “By His stripes I am healed”. (Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:17)

1 Peter 2:24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed.



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