

APPENDIX E

Breaking the Power Of A Curse

What Exactly Is a Curse?

From a biblical perspective, a curse is the antithesis of a blessing. Spiritual blessings are associated with divine favor, protection, and ultimate success in all that one undertakes. Consequently, a curse is the absence of all that a blessing represents. Once it takes root, it becomes a **vulnerability** to evil, sanctioned or permitted by God, as a judgment on sin of one form or another. A curse will hinder God's blessings and protection, and will give an opportunity for Satan's surrogates to penetrate the protective barriers God normally provides His children. Satan is then free to carry out any specific stipulations of the curse in its victims. **Until the curse is confronted and broken, it is possible for the curse to be passed down through a family line to successive generations.**

The vulnerability to evil caused by a curse has several analogies in scripture:

- A vineyard without a hedge or a city without protective walls.

*And now, please let Me tell you what I will do to My vineyard [rebellious Israel]:
I will take away its hedge, and it shall be burned;
And break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. (Isaiah 5:5)*

*Whoever has no rule over his own spirit [due to spiritual bondage]
Is like a city broken down, without walls. Proverbs 25:28*

Hebrew and Greek words translated as "Curse"

Strong s #	Transliteration	English Equivalent
<u>H779</u>	'ārar	To abhor, to detest, withdraw from
<u>H2764</u>	ḥērem	To gather up as in a net to totally destroy without recourse
<u>H3994</u>	m'ērâ	Rejection initiated by God where He turns his face from the object and pronounces judgment
<u>H7043</u>	qālâl	To treat with contempt, to degrade or make insignificant
<u>H7045</u>	q'ālâlâ	to verbally express great contempt for
<u>H7621</u>	š'ḇû'â	a verbal oath, binding oneself to the destruction or harm of another
<u>H8381</u>	ta'ālâ	to verbally express ill will, rejection toward another

<u>G331</u>	<i>anathema</i>	A declaration that is directed toward a person or object to be set aside for destruction without hope of redemption.
<u>G1944</u>	<i>epikataratos</i>	To fall under God's judgment and subject to total destruction
<u>G2613</u>	<i>katadikazo</i>	to pronounce judgment of guilt or to condemn
<u>G2671</u>	<i>katara</i>	A declaration that one is under divine judgment

Where Do Curses Originate?

Curses are formed in several ways:

- They can be self-inflicted through specific personal acts of sinful behavior as noted below.
- They can be formed through spoken declarations not sanctioned by God or contracts made or oaths taken while participating in occult practices or secret societies (e.g. freemasonry, voodoo, lodges, sororities, fraternities, etc.).
- They can be inflicted through words we speak about ourselves or others contrary to God's Word or His will. ("I'm stupid", "Things will never be better for me", "You'll never change", etc.).
- They may be inherited from an ancestor who originally became the victim of a curse.

Although curses are formed in a variety of ways, they usually involve verbal declarations mixed with some form of sinful behavior. Interestingly enough, curses typically carry with them physical health consequences as noted in the symptoms below. This may be due to curses affecting the protective "wall" or "hedge" of the human immune system, causing a vulnerability of the body to opportunistic agents.

Curses do not happen arbitrarily. They are always brought about through overt or unwitting acts or proclamations of unrighteousness. However, a person who has a clean conscience and is in good standing with the Lord has a strong defense against any curse directed toward them.

*Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, So a **curse [H7045 "qlala"]** without cause shall not alight.*
[Prov 26:2]

What Is The Scriptural Basis For Curses Passing Down Through A Family Line?

Since blessings and curses are opposite sides of the same coin, it would seem reasonable to expect both to share similar properties. Counseling experience confirms this as well. In Hebrews chapter 9, it states the following:

*¹For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of the Most High God, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, ²to whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all,...⁹ Even Levi, who receives tithes, **paid tithes through Abraham**, so to speak,...*

Abraham was the great-grandfather of Levi and he and Melchizedek died many years before Levi was even born! So how could Levi pay taxes to Melchizedek if Melchizedek was dead? This mystery is explained in the very next verse...

¹⁰for he [Levi] was still in the loins of his father [Abraham] when Melchizedek met him. Hebrews 7:1-10

Levi shared in the blessings of Abraham's tithe to Melchizedek because he was in Abraham's family line! At least 3 subsequent generations are blessed by the righteousness of their forefathers! Unfortunately, it follows that curses are passed down to as many as 3 or 4 generations as well.

And the LORD passed before him and proclaimed, "The LORD, the LORD God, merciful and gracious, longsuffering, and abounding in goodness and truth, 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." Exodus 34:6,7

PERSONAL SYMPTOMS of a CURSE
28:15-68)

(from Deuteronomy

"But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses [H7045 "qlata"] will come upon you and overtake you:....."
Deuteronomy 28:15

- **Mental / Emotional Breakdown / Confusion / Depression / Failure**

²⁰ "The LORD will send on you cursing [H3994 "mera"], confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, **because of the wickedness of your doings** in which you have forsaken Me... ²⁸ The LORD will strike you with madness and blindness and confusion of heart. ³⁴ So you shall be driven mad because of the sight which your eyes see... ⁶⁵ And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but there the LORD will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul. (Deut 28:20, 28, 34, 65)

- **Repeated Or Chronic Sickesses (Especially If Hereditary)**

²¹ The LORD will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess. ²² The LORD will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish... ²⁷ The LORD will strike you with the boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed... ³⁵ The LORD will strike you in the knees and on the legs with severe boils which cannot be healed, and from the sole of your foot to the top of your head... ⁵⁹ then the LORD will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged sicknesses... ⁶¹ Also every sickness and every plague, which is not written in this Book of the Law, will the LORD bring upon you until you are destroyed [Deuteronomy 28:21,22,35,27,59,61]

- **Infertility, Miscarriages, Related Female Problems**

“Cursed [H779 “arar”] shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks. [v.18]

- **Breakdown Of Marriage And Family Alienation**

³² Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, and your eyes shall look and fail with longing for them all day long; and there shall be no strength in your hand.

. ⁴¹ You shall beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be yours; for they shall go into captivity. (Deuteronomy 28:32,41)

- **Continuing Financial Insufficiency**

¹⁷ “Cursed [H779 “arar”] shall be your basket and your kneading bowl...²⁴ The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed....³⁸ “You shall carry much seed out to the field but gather little in, for the locust shall consume it....⁴³ “The alien who is among you shall rise higher and higher above you, and you shall come down lower and lower....⁴⁴ He shall lend to you, but you shall not lend to him; he shall be the head, and you shall be the tail....⁴⁷ “Because you did not serve the LORD your God with joy and gladness of heart, for the abundance of everything, ⁴⁸ therefore you shall serve your enemies, whom the LORD will send against you, in hunger, in thirst, in nakedness, and in need of everything; and He will put a yoke of iron on your neck until He has destroyed you. Deut 28:17,24,38,43,44,47,48)

- **Being Accident Prone, Constant “bad luck”**

And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you. [Deuteronomy 28:29]

- **A History Of Family Suicides And Unnatural Or Untimely Deaths**

²⁰ “The LORD will send on you cursing [H3994 “mera”], confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me...²⁶ Your carcasses shall be food for all the birds of the air and the beasts of the earth, and no one shall frighten them away (Deuteronomy 28:20,26)

- **Continuous Bad Fortune**

¹⁶ “Cursed [H779 “arar”] shall you be in the city, and cursed [H779 “arar”] shall you be in the country...¹⁹ “Cursed [H779 “arar”] shall you be when you come in, and cursed [H779 “arar”] shall you be when you go out...²³ And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron...²⁵ “The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become ^[h]troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth...³⁹ You shall plant vineyards and tend them, but you shall neither drink of the wine nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them. . ⁴⁰ You shall have olive trees throughout all your

territory, but you shall not anoint yourself with the oil; for your olives shall drop off...⁴² Locusts shall ¹¹consume all your trees and the produce of your land.

(Deuteronomy 28:16,19,23,25,39,40,42)

- **Failure And Injustice Will Rule Over All That You Undertake**

³⁰ “You shall betroth a wife, but another man shall lie with her; you shall build a house, but you shall not dwell in it; you shall plant a vineyard, but shall not gather its grapes. ³¹ Your ox shall be slaughtered before your eyes, but you shall not eat of it; your donkey shall be violently taken away from before you, and shall not be restored to you; your sheep shall be given to your enemies, and you shall have no one to rescue them³³ A nation whom you have not known shall eat the fruit of your land and the produce of your labor, and you shall be only oppressed and crushed continually. (Deuteronomy 28:30,31,33)

- **You Will Lose Your Testimony Among Unbelievers**

³⁷ And you shall become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations where the LORD will drive you. (Deuteronomy 28:37)

SOURCES of a CURSE (EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY INHERITANCE)

A. Involvement in the Occult

There are 3 basic categories of the occult:

*⁶ He also made his sons pass through the fire in the Valley of Ben-hinnom; and he practiced **witchcraft**, used **divination**, practiced **sorcery**, and dealt with mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him to anger. 2 Chron. 33:6*

1. Witchcraft:

This is a broad category of false religious systems; and religious systems cannot exist in a spiritual vacuum. What is not worship of the One and True God will always, in the final analysis, be under the control of demons.

*Yet they have not ...feared, nor walked in My Law or My statutes, which I placed before you and before your fathers.” ... “Therefore this is what the LORD of armies, the God of Israel says: ‘Behold, I am going to set My face against you for a disaster... From the small to the great, they will die by the sword and famine; and they will become a **curse** **[H7045 “qālâl”]**, an object of horror, an imprecation, and a disgrace. Jeremiah 44:10-12*

...but I say that things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become partners with demons.

1 Corinthians 10:20

2. **Divination:**

This is the practice of searching for “secret” knowledge...i.e., pursuing those things that God has strictly forbidden His people from seeking. Communicating with the dead, foretelling future events outside of His boundaries are typical examples. Such practices would include fortune telling, séances, clairvoyance, horoscopes, necromancy, etc.

When they say to you, “Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and Omutter,” should a people not consult their God? Should they consult the dead in behalf of the living? Isaiah 8:19,

‘Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God... ‘As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to play the prostitute with them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people. Lev 19:31,20:6,

3. **Sorcery:**

These are practices by individuals who seek power/control over their own lives and the lives of others by collaboration with demons. Incantations or oaths are commonly used along with potions, drugs (we get the English word “pharmacy” from the Greek word [G5331 “*pharmakeia*”] translated as sorcery), amulets, sensual music, drum beatings, etc. to facilitate a sometimes unwitting transaction with evil.

*¹⁹ Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: ... sorcery [G5331 “*pharmakeia*”], ...and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. Galatians 5:19-21*

B. Idolatry

This not only refers to carved images representing God but rather, **anything or anybody that represents or crowds out God’s rightful place in our hearts**. Verbal affirmations given to these misplaced priorities further strengthen the curse. Priorities are easily measured by the time devoted to them relative to everything else.

*“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse [H7045 “*qālālā*”] : ²⁷ the blessing, if you obey the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you today; ²⁸ and the curse [H7045 “*qālālā*”, if you do not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known Deut 11:26-28*

*²⁵ You shall burn the carved images of their gods with fire; you shall not covet the silver or gold that is on them, nor take it for yourselves, lest you be snared by it; for it is an abomination to the LORD your God. ²⁶ Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it is an accursed [H2764 “*hērem*”] thing. Deuteronomy 7:25, 26*

¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry. 1 Corinthians 10:14

C. Dishonoring of Parents

'Cursed [H779 "arar"] is the one who treats his father or his mother with contempt.'
"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'" Deut 27:16

D. Willful Injustice, Especially Against the Weak & Helpless (including the unborn)

¹⁷ *'Cursed [H779 "arar"] is the one who moves his neighbor's landmark.'* ...
¹⁸ *'Cursed [H779 "arar"] is the one who makes the blind to wander off the road....'*
¹⁹ *'Cursed [H779 "arar"] is the one who perverts the justice due the stranger, the fatherless, and widow....'*
²⁴ *'Cursed [H779 "arar"] is the one who attacks his neighbor secretly.'* ...
²⁵ *'Cursed [H779 "arar"] is the one who takes a bribe to slay an innocent person.'* ...
"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'" Deuteronomy 27:17-19, 24, 25,

*He who gives to the poor will not lack,
But he who hides his eyes will have many curses [H3994 "mera"].* Proverbs 28:27

E. Incestuous or Unnatural sex

²⁰ *'Cursed [H779 "arar"] is the one who lies with his father's wife, because he has uncovered his father's bed.'* ...
²¹ *'Cursed [H779 "arar"] is the one who lies with any kind of animal.'* ...
²² *'Cursed [H779 "arar"] is the one who lies with his sister, the daughter of his father or the daughter of his mother.'* ...
²³ *'Cursed [H779 "arar"] is the one who lies with his mother-in-law.'*
"And all the people shall say, 'Amen!'" Deuteronomy 27:20-23,

F. One Who Makes Flesh his Strength

This curse comes upon those who rely upon their own resources and upon what the world considers powerful in order to be successful in life's pursuits.

⁵ *Thus says the LORD: "Cursed [H779 "arar"] is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart departs from the LORD.*
⁶ *For he shall be like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see when good comes, But shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land which is not inhabited.*
Jeremiah 17:5,6

G. Robbing God (tithes and offerings)-

"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. ⁹ You are cursed [H779 "arar"] with a curse [H3994 "mera"], For you have robbed Me, even this whole nation. Malachi 3:8,9

H. Proclaiming a Different Gospel

A “different” gospel is not one which necessarily differs in minor articles of faith, but is rather any “gospel” teaching that would cause a person who believes such teaching to forfeit eternal life.

... “If you continue in My word, then you are truly My disciples; ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” John 8:31,32

*⁸ But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be **accursed!** [G331 “**anathema**”] Galatians 1:8*

I. Making Pledges or Taking Oaths That Are not Ordained by God

This would include pledges or oaths expressed in the presence of witnesses, including fraternal orders or secret societies (e.g. freemasonry, fraternities/sororities ...rituals...lodges...other deities by different names, etc.). This can be an extremely dangerous and destructive path for those who choose to do so.

³² You shall make no covenant with them [those outside of God’s grace] or with their gods. (Exodus 23:32)

*³⁶ But I tell you that for every careless word that people speak, they will give an account of it on the day of judgment. ³⁷ For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be **condemned** [G2613 “**katadikazo**”] Matthew 12:36,37*

Examples:

Rebekah, Isaac’s wife, took upon herself Jacob’s curse and it came true for her. Her son was soon forced to take leave of her and she never saw him again before her death.

*But his mother said to him, “Your **curse** [H7045 “**q’lālâ**”] be on me, my son; only obey my voice, and go”
Genesis 27:13*

The Jews rejected their Messiah and brought a self-fulfilling curse upon themselves by their words before Pilate:

*“...what shall I [Pontius Pilate] do with Jesus who is called Christ?” They [the Jews] all said, “Crucify Him!” ... ²⁴ Now when Pilate saw that he was accomplishing nothing, but rather that a riot was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this Man’s blood; you yourselves shall see.” And all the people replied, “His blood shall be on us and on our children!”
Matthew 27:22,24,*

J. An unbridled tongue – A channel through which demons may direct an attack

⁶ And the tongue is a fire, the very world of unrighteousness; the tongue is set among our body's parts as that which defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of our life, and is set on fire by hell. ⁷ For every species of beasts and birds, of reptiles and creatures of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by the human race. ⁸ But no one among mankind can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. ⁹ With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people, who have been made in the likeness of God; ¹⁰ from the same mouth come both blessing and **cursing [G2671 "katari"]**. My brothers and sisters, these things should not be this way. James 3:6-10

K. Rejecting the revealed will of God

² If you do not listen, and if you do not take it to heart to give honor to My name," says the LORD of armies, "then I will send the **curse [H3994 "mera"]** upon you and I will **curse [H779 "arar"]** your blessings; and indeed, I have **cursed [H779 "arar"]** them already, because you are not taking it to heart. ³ Behold, I am going to rebuke your descendants, and I will spread dung on your faces, the dung of your feasts; and you will be taken away with it. ⁴ Then you will know that I have sent this commandment to you, so that My covenant may continue with Levi," says the LORD of armies. Malachi 2: 2-4

I have spread out My hands all day long to a rebellious people,
Who walk in the way which is not good, following their own thoughts,

³ A people who continually provoke Me to My face,
Offering sacrifices in gardens and burning incense on bricks;

⁴ Who sit among graves and spend the night in secret places;
Who eat pig's flesh, and the broth of unclean meat is in their pots.

⁵ Who say, 'Keep to yourself, do not come near me, for I am holier than you!'
These are smoke in My nostrils, a fire that burns all the day.

⁶ Behold, it is written before Me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will even repay into their laps,

⁷ Both your own wrongdoings and the wrongdoings of your fathers together," says the LORD.
"Because they have burned incense on the mountains and scorned Me on the hills,
Therefore I will measure their former work into their laps."...

¹¹ But as for you who abandon the LORD, who forget My holy mountain,
Who set a table for Fortune, and fill a jug of mixed wine for Destiny,

¹² I will destine you for the sword, and all of you will bow down to the slaughter.
Because I called, but you did not answer; I spoke, but you did not listen.
Instead, you did evil in My sight and chose that in which I did not delight."

¹³ Therefore, this is what the Lord ¹GOD says:

"Behold, My servants will eat, but you will be hungry.

Behold, My servants will drink, but you will be thirsty.

Behold, My servants will rejoice, but you will be put to shame.

¹⁴ Behold, My servants will shout joyfully with a glad heart,
But you will cry out from a painful heart, and you will wail from a broken spirit.

¹⁵ You will leave your name as a **curse [H7621 "š'bu 'a"]**
to My chosen ones, and the Lord GOD will put you to death.

But My servants will be called by another name. ¹⁶ Because the one who is blessed on the earth
Will be blessed by the God of truth; and the one who swears an oath on the earth
Will swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten,
And because they are hidden from My sight! Isaiah 65:2-7,11-16

... 'This is what the LORD, the God of Israel says: "**Cursed [H779 "arar"]** is the one who does not obey the words of this covenant ⁴ which I commanded your forefathers on the day that I brought them out of the land of Egypt, from the iron furnace, saying, 'Listen to My voice, and ^[a] do

according to all that I command you; so you shall be My people, and I will be your God,'⁵ in order to confirm the oath which I swore to your forefathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as it is this day. ””” Then I replied, “Amen, LORD.”
Jeremiah 11:3-5

L. Violence against God's people

I [the Lord] will bless those who bless you [Abraham and his seed of promise], and I will curse [H779 “arar”] him who curses [H7043”qālal“] you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” Genesis 12:3,

⁶¹ *You have heard their reproach, O LORD, all their schemes against me,*
⁶² *The lips of my enemies And their whispering against me all the day.*
⁶³ *Look at their sitting down and their rising up; I am their taunting song.*
⁶⁴ *Repay them, O LORD, according to the work of their hands.*
⁶⁵ *Give them a veiled heart; Your curse [H8381”ta’ālâ”] be upon them!*
Lamentations 3:61-65

M. Representing and Serving the Lord Negligently or Carelessly

A half-hearted response to the Lord when making a commitment to serve Him or avoiding obedience to Him in difficult situations will bring a curse from the Lord

“Cursed [H779 “arar”] is the one who does the work of the LORD negligently, And cursed [H779 “arar”] is the one who restrains his sword from blood [in carrying out His will under difficult circumstances] Jeremiah 48:10

N. Absentee fathers

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:⁶ And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse [H2764 “hērem”]
Malachi 4:5,6]

O. Seeking Righteousness by Keeping the Mosaic Law

¹⁰ *For all who are of works of the Law are under a curse[G2671”katara”]; for it is written: “CURSED [G1944”epikataratos”] IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THE THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO DO THEM. (Deuteronomy 27:26)”¹¹ Now, that no one is justified by the Law before God is evident; for, “THE RIGHTEOUS ONE WILL LIVE BY FAITH.”¹² However, the Law is not of faith; on the contrary, “THE PERSON WHO PERFORMS THEM WILL LIVE BY THEM.”*
Galatians 3:10,11)

P. Rewarding evil for good-

Whoever rewards evil for good, Evil will not depart from his house.
Prov. 17:13

Example: Nabal: (1 Sam 25)

Q. Unbelief

When someone disregards or shows contempt for the Truth of God's Word, it gives the father of lies [Satan] carte blanche access into the mind, will, emotions, and body of the individual.

"And now, O priests, this commandment is for you.

² If you will not hear, And if you will not take it to heart, To give glory to My name,"

Says the LORD of hosts,

"I will send a curse[H3994 "mera"] upon you, And I will curse[H779 "arar"] your blessings.

Yes, I have cursed[H779 "arar"] them already, Because you do not take it to heart.

³ "Behold, I will rebuke your descendants And spread refuse on your faces,

The refuse of your solemn feasts; And one will take you away with it.

Malachi 2:1-3

¹⁷ Then one of the crowd answered and said, "Teacher, I brought You my son, who has a mute spirit....But if You can do anything, have compassion on us and help us." ²³ Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes." ... ²⁴ Immediately the father of the child cried out and said with tears, "Lord, I believe; help my unbelief!"....[Jesus] rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "Deaf and dumb spirit, I command you, come out of him and enter him no more!" ²⁶ Then the spirit cried out, convulsed him greatly, and came out of him.

Mark 9:17-26

Basis for Release from a Curse- The Divine Exchange

It is impossible to overstate all that took place while Jesus was on the cross. At the cross, Jesus, made an exchange of several things with us.

Christ took upon himself all of our iniquities and, in exchange, offered us a robe of His Righteousness to those willing to receive it! As a result, God the Father no longer sees our sins, but only sees us wrapped in the robe of righteousness of Christ!

²¹ For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Cor. 5:21

*I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, My soul shall be joyful in my God; For He has clothed me with the garments of salvation, He has covered me with the **robe** of righteousness,...*

Isaiah 61:10

²¹ For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ... 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. 1 Peter 2:21-24

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:4,5,6

- At the cross, Christ assumed the wages of our sin(**death**) and in return gave us **eternal life**.

⁹ But we see Jesus, who was made ¹⁰a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:9

²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

- At the cross, Christ took upon himself our spiritual bankruptcy and in return gave us His riches.

⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

- At the cross, Christ took upon Himself the shame of rejection by God the Father and by his own people, i.e., stripped naked, mocked and executed as a criminal. In return Christ has offered His acceptance and invited us to share in His ultimate **glory**.

⁴⁶ And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “ELI, ELI, LEMA SABAKTANEI?” that is, “MY GOD, MY GOD, WHY HAVE YOU FORSAKEN ME?”

Matt 27:46

² looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 12:2

¹⁰ For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to perfect the originator of their salvation through sufferings.

Hebrews 2:10

- **At the cross, Jesus took upon himself every curse that is upon us, and in return, has given us the opportunity to exchange our curses for a blessing!**

*¹³ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, **having become a curse for us**—for it is written: “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A ¹⁴TREE”—¹⁴ in order that in **Christ Jesus the blessing** of Abraham would come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

Galatians 3:13,14

Steps for Release (if a curse exists)

e.g. Peter (3 denials of Jesus- Mark 14:66-72 / 16:7, Matthew 10:33, John 21:15-17)

1. Prayerfully and soberly assess all iniquities in your life that could contribute to a curse. Make notes of specifics.
2. Prayerfully research all iniquities known to (have) been present in parents, grandparents, and (if possible) great-grandparents. Make notes of specifics. (The Lord makes provisions for what we cannot possibly know. Just make sure that Satan is not allowing something to be remain hidden)
3. With sincere conviction, verbalize and personalize the attached prayer, quoting the iniquities as noted on this sheet at the proper time.(Note- this must be a sincere prayer of faith to the Lord. It is not some occultic incantation.)

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INIQUITY	MYSELF	PARENTS	G-PARENTS	G-G PARENTS
INVOLVEMENT WITH THE OCCULT				
ALLOWING ANY OBJECT TO REPRESENT GOD IN MY LIFE				
DISRESPECT FOR MY PARENTS				
WILLFUL INJUSTICE, ESP. AGAINST THE WEAK AND HELPLESS				
INCEST OR UNNATURAL SEX				
ANTI-SEMITISM				
TO BE AS ONE WHO MAKES FLESH HIS STRENGTH				
ROBBING GOD				
SPEAKING ILL-ADVISED WORDS TO THOSE IN AUTHORITY				
SELF-IMPOSED WORDS				
AN UNBRIDLED TONGUE				
REJECTING THE REVEALED WILL OF GOD				
VIOLENCE AGAINST GOD'S PEOPLE				
SERVING THE LORD NEGLIGENTLY OR FOR PERSONAL GAIN				
ABSENTEE PARENT				
SEEKING RIGHTEOUSNESS THROUGH THE LAW				
REWARDING EVIL FOR GOOD				
DISHONORING OR NEGLECT OF GOD'S HOUSE				
PROLONGED ANGER WITHOUT FORGIVENESS				
UNBELIEF TOWARD GOD'S PROMISES				

Prayer of Release from a Curse (must be verbalized)

1. Confess your faith in Christ and in His sacrifice on your behalf (Rom10:9,10).

Dear Lord Jesus, I , [full name, age __, save @__] believe and confess that You are the Son of God and mankind's only way to God: and that you suffered and died on the cross for my sins and my iniquities, and you rose again from the dead.

2/3. Repent of all your rebellion and your sins and claim forgiveness (1 John 1:9)s.

Lord Jesus, For sins and iniquities not previously covered by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ I do now lay them before you now at your your feet. **[Name all previously unconfessed iniquities]** I exchange now these sins for your righteousness. Lord for any remaining unresolved rebellion in my heart, for any unbelief that may exist within my heart, for any sins and iniquities not covered by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, I give them all to you now, asking your forgiveness, and submit myself to you as Lord. Lord Jesus, I especially ask your forgiveness for any sins that exposed me to a curse, either by my own sins or those of my ancestors. I ask forgiveness for **[list known iniquities of forefathers]** and that you release me from the consequences of those sins.

4. Forgive all other people who have ever harmed you or wronged you. [Matt 5:44, Matt. 6:12,14,15]

And Lord Jesus, by a decision of my will, I forgive all who have harmed me or wronged me, or brought a curse upon me. I forgive [list names] and anyone else that I have forgotten, but who still keeps me in bondage by my bitterness toward them.

5. Renounce all contact with anything occult or satanic.

I renounce all contact or association with anything occult or satanic, including any objects, and I cancel all of Satan's claims against me.

6. Ask for release from any curse. Gal 3:13,14]

Lord Jesus, I believe that on the cross You took on Yourself every curse that could ever come upon me. So I ask You now to release me from every curse over my life in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. By faith I now receive my release and I thank you for it,...*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed Is Everyone Who Hangs On A tree” in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.*

7. Believe what you have received, and go on in God's blessing.

Lord, I now open myself to receive Your blessing in every way You want to impart it to me. Thank you Lord Jesus, amen.