

Heavenly Boundaries – Part 4
The Laws of Blessings and Curses
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Overview

Last week we discussed the laws of God's spoken Word. We learned that when God speaks, a decree is carried out. We also learned that Jesus has given us authority to speak His Word on His behalf. Today we are going to discuss spoken words in terms of blessings and curses.

In this study, I will be utilizing the book "Blessings and Curse: You can choose" written by Derek Prince.

Prince reinforces this whole study of Heavenly Boundaries in the following statement:

"The forces that determine history fall into two categories: visible and invisible. It is the interplay of these two realms that determines the course of history. As long as we confine our attention to things that are visible and material, we will find ourselves confronted from time to time by events and situations that we cannot fully explain or control.

To the visible realm belong all the normal objects and events of the material universe. We are all familiar with this realm and feel at home in it, even though events often do not follow the course we would wish. For many people, the limits of their awareness do not extend further. Yet the Bible opens a 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.

In 2 Corinthians 4: 17– 18 Paul delineates these two realms:

17 For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. 18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

(Prince, 2006, p. 35)

Sticks and Stones

We have all heard the childhood phrase, “sticks and stones may break my bones, but names can never hurt me”

This statement is a complete lie! Words can and do hurt for life, whereas bones can mend over a matter of weeks.

Blessings and Curses

Blessings are God’s favor and protection

Curses are a solemn utterance intended to invoke a supernatural power to inflict harm or punishment on someone or something

According to Derek Prince (2006)

Words for bless or blessing occur about 410 times— excluding instances where the word in the original text merely has the meaning of “happy” or “fortunate” (as, for instance, in the Beatitudes). The word curse, in various forms, occurs about 230 times (2006, p. 30).

God clearly wants us to understand the laws associated with these things.

“The main vehicle of both blessings and curses is words. Such words may be spoken or written or merely uttered inwardly. Scripture has much to say about the power of words” (Prince, 2006, p. 37)

Proverbs 11:9

With their mouths the godless destroy their neighbors

Proverbs 12:18

The words of the reckless pierce like swords,

Proverbs 15:4

a perverse tongue crushes the spirit.

What We Speak Matters

In our previous study of the Laws of God's Spoken Word, we learned that words can invoke actions in the heavenly realm. This is also true when speaking blessings and curses.

James 3:8-10 (NIV) – Taming the tongue

8 but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be

(1) Blessings and Curses are a response to an action.

Actions that can result in curses

- Disobedience of the first 2 Commandments (Exodus 20:1-5).

- Love the Lord Your God

- Do not worship idols

And God spoke all these words:

Exodus 20:1-5

2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

3 "You shall have no other gods before me.

4 "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 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 sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me

- Involvement in the occult of any kind
- Disrespect of parents
- Words spoken by people with relational authority, such as father, mother, husband, wife, teacher, priest or pastor
- Self-imposed curses
- Pledges or oaths that bind people to ungodly associations
- Curses that proceed from servants of Satan
- Soulsh talk directed against other people
- Soulsh prayers that accuse or seek to control other people

The New Testament gives very clear warnings to Christians as to how they should speak about other people— and especially their fellow believers. In Titus 3: 2 Paul says that we are “to speak evil of no one.” The phrase no one applies to all other people, whether believers or unbelievers (Prince, 2006, p. 167)

(2) What we speak can cause spiritual and physical harm.

√ What happens when we speak a curse?

On March 7, 2013, the Lord gave me a vision about spoken curses and what happens in the spiritual realm. When we speak a curse, a label is attached to the spirit of that person. For example, “Worthless”, “jobless”, “will never marry”, “never have children”, “trouble maker”, “never amount to anything”, “cancer”, “skinny”, “fat”, etc.

Those labels invoke or give right to unclean spirits who attach themselves to that person.

Ecclesiastes 10:20 (NIV) Says

*Do not revile the king even in your thoughts,
or curse the rich in your bedroom,
because a bird in the sky may carry your words,
and a bird on the wing may report what you say.*

Amplified Bible Translation

20 Curse not the king, no, not even in your thoughts, and curse not the rich in your bedchamber, for a bird of the air will carry the voice, and a winged creature will tell the matter.1

1 Peter 5:8 (NIV)

8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

Proverbs 26:2

an undeserved curse does not come to rest.

Proverbs 12:18

The words of the reckless pierce like swords

Proverbs 15:4

a perverse tongue crushes the spirit

Proverbs 18:21

The tongue has the power of life and death

(B) How do I know that there is a curse?

Prince states that one of the major results of curses is frustration. Let's look at some examples:

- (1) Injuries frequently occur with a person or a particular family.
- (2) Repeated death or suicide within a family
- (3) Continues loss of job
- (4) Financial struggles, even though someone is equal to another in a job, income, etc.
- (5) Constant illnesses

(3) Curses can span many generations

We can be carrying a curse that originated from something that took place with our ancestors.

Read John 9:2

2 His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Read Exodus 20:5

5 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 sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,

(4) Curses Do Not Automatically Go Away

Curses that have been spoken or incurred by previous generations do not automatically go away. It requires an action to sever a curse just like it requires an action for a curse to occur.

For those who know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, here is the great news!

Hebrews 10:14-18 (Jesus paid the price)

14 For by one sacrifice he has made perfect forever those who are being made holy.

15 The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. First he says:

16 "This is the covenant I will make with them after that time, says the Lord.

**I will put my laws in their hearts,
and I will write them on their minds."**

17 Then he adds:

**"Their sins and lawless acts
I will remember no more."**

18 And where these have been forgiven, sacrifice for sin is no longer necessary.

Galatians 3:13

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."

Prince writes:

God has not provided many different solutions for the multitudinous problems of mankind. Instead, He offers us one all-sufficient solution, which is His answer to every problem. We may come from many different backgrounds, each of us burdened with our own special need, but to receive God's solution we must all make our way to the same place: the cross of Jesus. (Prince, 2006, pp. 191-192).

The Exchange That Took Place on The Cross

1. Jesus was punished that we might be forgiven.
2. Jesus was wounded that we might be healed.
3. Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness that we might become righteous with His righteousness.
4. Jesus died our death that we might share His life.
5. Jesus became poor with our poverty that we might become rich with His riches.

6. Jesus bore our shame that we might share His glory.
7. Jesus endured our rejection that we might have His acceptance as children of God.
8. Jesus became a curse that we might receive a blessing.

(Prince, 2006, p. 206).

Just as curses are spoken over someone, we break curses by speaking and declaring what took place on the cross.

All who desire to pass from curse to blessing must go through the same door. First, there must be a clear recognition of the issues God sets before us. Then there must be a simple, positive response: **“Lord, on the basis of Your Word, I make my response. I refuse death and curses, and I choose life and blessings.”**

(Prince, 2006, pp. 209-210).

Seven Steps According to Prince:

- (1) Confess your faith in Christ and in His sacrifice on your behalf.
- (2) Repent of all your rebellion and your sins.
- (3) Claim forgiveness of all sins.
- (4) Forgive all other people who have ever harmed you or wronged you.
- (5) Renounce all contact with anything occult or satanic.
- (6) You are now ready to pray the prayer of release from any curse.
- (7) Now believe that you have received, and go on in God’s blessing!

It is important that you base your faith solely upon what Jesus obtained for you through His sacrifice on the cross. You do not have to “earn” your release. You do not have to be “worthy.” If you come to God with thoughts like that, you will have no solid basis for your faith. God responds to us only on the basis of what Jesus has done on our behalf, not of any merits we may fancy we have in ourselves. If you pray with this basis for your faith, your prayer should end not merely with asking, but with actually receiving. In Mark 11: 24 Jesus established this as a principle: “Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours” (niv, emphasis added) In this kind of prayer

there are two distinct stages, related as cause and effect: receiving and having. Receiving is the cause, from which having follows as the effect. Receiving is in the past tense; having is in the future. Receiving takes place when we pray. Then having follows at a time and in a way determined by God's sovereignty. But the principle Jesus emphasizes is this: we do not receive at the time we pray, we have no assurance that we will ever have. (Prince, 2006, pp. 214-215)

Prince's Prayer to Severe Curses

Lord Jesus Christ,

I believe that You are the Son of God and the only way to God;

and that You died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead.

I give up all my rebellion and all my sin, and I submit myself to You as my Lord.

I confess all my sins before You and ask for Your forgiveness— especially for any sins that exposed me to a curse.

Release me also from the consequences of my ancestors' sins.

By a decision of my will, I forgive all who have harmed me or wronged me— just as I want God to forgive me.

In particular, I forgive. . . . I renounce all contact with anything occult or satanic— if I have any "contact objects," I commit myself to destroy them.

I cancel all Satan's claims against me.

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 Your name, Lord Jesus Christ! By faith I now receive my release and I thank You for it.

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(5) Blessings Flow When We Repent and Claim The Provisions of the Cross

We always claim the cross and the blood of the cross.

1 John 1:7

“the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin”

Hebrews 9:14-15

How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

Mark 11:12-14 (NIV)

12 The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. 13 Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. 14 Then he said to the tree, “May no one ever eat fruit from you again.” And his disciples heard him say it.

Mark 11:20-21

20 In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. 21 Peter remembered and said to Jesus, “Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!”

Deuteronomy 23:4-6 – God turns a curse into a blessing

For they did not come to meet you with bread and water on your way when you came out of Egypt, and they hired Balaam son of Beor from Pethor in Aram Naharaim to pronounce a curse on you. 5 However, the Lord your God would not listen to Balaam but turned the curse into a blessing for you, because the Lord your God loves you. 6 Do not seek a treaty of friendship with them as long as you live.

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