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Introduction

Generational curses are judgments that are passed on to individuals because of sins perpetuated in a family in a number of generations. Generational curses are similar to original sin curses because they can be passed down on a generational basis. They differ in that generational curses do not impose eternal judgment. They bring judgment or bondage during an individual's life, reducing the quality of life, until that individual addresses the sin issues that put the curses into place.

Many good Christians attend church regularly and strive with all their efforts to lead Godly lives. However, despite of their best effort, everything seems to be falling apart. They are working hard but things are not working out; the harder they try, the harder life becomes. Some had prayed and fasted, some had gone for several counselling and nothing seems to help. Solomon, in the book of proverbs says:

“Where there is no wood, the fire goes out” (26:20a)

The wood here stands for whatever is fuelling the problems; how is it that you have done the best you know to do but still suffer failure, barrenness, delay, denial, oppression, joblessness, affliction and problems still persisted. It simply means there is a wood fuelling that problem.

Countless families are plagued by conditions they cannot explain, it just seems to run in the family. In some families, it could be mental disorder, emotional instability, infirmities, catastrophes, barrenness, poverty, insomnia, marital problems, alcoholism et.cetera.

There are hardworking, intelligent people who know what they want out of life but because of the curse upon them, they do not amount to much in life; is a similar thing happening to your life or family? Do you notice a trend of profitless hard labour? Starting well but finishing poor of any worthwhile venture? A situation where anyone who is building a house will either die suddenly or will not be able to complete it? Hatred from people without any justifiable reasons? Infertility, late marriages, death of spouse/children? et.cetera

The bible says, “*If the foundation be destroyed, what will the righteous do?*” I put it to you that the righteous will humble himself, pray fervently with understanding, not as one who beats the air, and will break every yoke of ancestral curse by faith.

“*Get out of this trap now. Save yourself like a deer that escapes from a hunter or a bird from the net*” (**Proverbs 6: 5**).

Rahab was a prostitute, and that placed her under a curse. Prostitution according to Leviticus 19: 29 is degrading; it fills a land with wickedness and as such was prohibited. Rahab had a double curse in her life, but when she believed the message of the spies sent by Moses to spy Jericho, she came under the scarlet tread of the blood of Jesus (**Joshua 2: 18**). Rahab and her household were saved. Rahab became the great-great grandmother of the messiah, Jesus Christ.

“And Salmon begat Boaz of Rahab and Boaz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse” (Mathew 1: 5).

The perquisites for breaking ancestral curses are repentance and faith. Once you become born again, believe in God and obey His words, the power of Satan is limited over you. Everyone in your family has to do it for himself because salvation is a personal relationship with God.

What is in a curse?

A curse is an evil wish or offensive words used to express violent anger; it is a volatile word spoken with the aim of punishing, injuring or destroying something or somebody. An ancestral curse is an offensive word spoken as a repercussion to sins committed by the ancestors or parents;

resulting in misfortunes, diseases, bareness, poverty et.cetera; these misfortunes are transferred from generation to generation. A curse is charged with supernatural power for evil and is a direct opposite of blessings. When we look at curses and study their evil effects on mankind, we find that they have been responsible for many problems in human lives. An ancestral curse acts as an invisible barrier that shields people away from what God has in stock for them, people who are under a curse will find themselves taking wrong steps and making wrong decisions. They will fail at the brink of success because the spirit of failure is in operation in their lives. In fact, almost all contradictory Christian living and confessions are results of ancestral curses. A curse like an evil omen has spiritual power to persecute, destroy and cause sorrow to an erring person or target. A curse also comes from violating covenants.

Curses give demons legal grounds to operate in a life, property or family; these demons begin to carry their nefarious activities through the ancestral bloodline. These curses run in such family from generation to the other in “*spiritual genes*”, by the ruse of inheritance. This is mostly based on the biblical truths found in these passages:

Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I the lord thy God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me (Exodus 20:5)

And now I beseech thee, let the power of my Lord be great, according as thou hast spoken, saying, The Lord is longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation (Numbers 14 : 17 -18)

Even the entire world is aware that generational curses can be passed down to children's children. That is why when you fill out an insurance form of any kind, they always ask, "Is there a history of heart disease, diabetes, cancer, mental illness or untimely death in your family?" Why do they ask? It is simply because they know that if such problems or diseases are your family background, then you are susceptible to such. Whether you like it or not, you are previously a partaker of whatever runs in your ancestral bloodline.

The bible clearly informs us that God's people suffer and are taken captivity because of ignorance. This can also be applied to curses:

“Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you” James 4:7.

If you do not resist the devil in submission to God, he will not run from you but will continuously harass and oppress you.

One of the legal grounds by which Satan enforces curses is through ancestral covenants. A covenant is a formal agreement between two or more persons or parties that is legally or spiritually binding; and it will contain five parts of outline:

1. The preamble, identifying the Suzerain or Lord
2. Prologue, describing previous history of relationships
3. Stipulations and demands of the Suzerain (Lord)
4. Ratifications or swearing allegiance with benefits for keeping the treaty or curses for breaking it.
5. Witness or instructions for implementing it

Covenants could be entered into unknowingly or knowingly, willingly or unwillingly and in whichever case, it is legally binding. Ignorance is no excuse, once a person or his family is covenanted; he is subject to all the inherent conditionality's.

Ancestral spirits are demons (*fallen angels*) and like all spirits, they do not die. They are also known as generational spirits, and will know every family they have been attached to including details of every member of such families. As generations pass, they remain in the family to perpetuate multidimensional evils; execute unbroken curses and negative covenants incurred by the ancestors.

Unbroken covenant with Satan will bring disaster, destruction, doom, calamity and sorrow into the life of the person and his generations.

Deuteronomy 11:26-28 *“See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse - the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today; the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today by following other gods, which you have not known.”*

Curses released by Satan and his agents are always for the purposes of causing harm, loss, injury, destruction and eventually death. Whereas curses from God is usually for the purpose of gaining the persons attention and causing him to turn from his evil ways, return to God and live a life of holiness and purity. If he/she does not respond to this, he will eventually die.

Curses from Satan and his servants always involve demons known as satanic enforcer. When a curse is placed on a family usually as a result of breaking the covenants, there are specific purposes for which these curses are sent; to steal, kill and destroy (**John 10 : 10**).

There is power of pronouncement made by a man who represents God. Whatever he says, either good or bad comes to pass. Please do not put yourself under a curse by openly insulting a man of God, no matter his error or offense, leave him for God to judge. Miriam rightly accused Moses, yet she became leprous (**Numbers 12: 1 – 10**).

Servants of Satan can pronounce curses upon believers. But such curses can be destroyed or revoked by an anointed servant of God in the name of Christ Jesus.

Therefore says the lord God: “*Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hurt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hurt like birds*” (**Ezekiel 13: 18 – 20**).

As a young man growing, many a-times, the father figure in my life prompted to unleash curses to me due to his grievances that am not his biological product (*see the book, “Abundance of God”*). Yet, these harsh realities that

he beckoned towards me, only led me to Christ and am now sure that it was the church that kept me safe. As a believer, we can know the truth about the misfortunes that consume our blessings; and this can be done in stages of hope:

1. Prayer for discernment and clarification
2. Prayer to break the curse
3. Fasting
4. Identifying family traits and purposefully ruling against them
5. Patient continuous and self-evaluation until results come

Prayer for Discernment and Clarification

Generational curses arise from generational inequities. The truth telling issues that are robbing you of your blessings can be difficult to identify. David said:

“Who can understand his errors? Cleanse me thou from secret faults” **Psalm 19: 12**

Prayerfully and transparently inquire into your personal history and your family history. Make note of any occult involvement or membership in any denominations or organisations whose belief violate scriptural truth or

principal. Pay attention to any crimes committed or the abuse of others (child abuse, spousal abuse, hatred, prejudice – hidden in your generational narrative). Pray out the consequences of illegitimate children born into your family line (Deuteronomy 23: 2); drug and alcohol abuse, infidelity, incest and/or deviant behaviour (1 Corinthians 6: 9). All these things create a breach in your life that can affect your family for generations. Pray over these things in your family thoroughly. Also pray over your now deceased relatives inequities over these areas as though you were repenting for it yourself. Take time to linger in prayer and be prepared to dig deep and look honestly at yourself and your family history to expose those things that are holding you captive.

Prayer to Break the Curse

Once familial traits contrary to the character of Christ are identified, they must be repented verbally and out loud. Repentance breaks the curse more than saying “I break the curse”. Even when you found in your family history iniquity of those now dead, you can repent for your family bloodline. One of the great intercessory prayers in the bible was a prayer to break the generational curse:

“And said, I beseech thee, O Lord, God of heaven, the great and terrible God that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love

him and his commandments. Let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hear the prayer of thy servant, which I pray before thee now, day and night, for the children of Israel thy servants, and confess the sins of the children of Israel, which we have sinned against: both I and my father's house have sinned". Nehemiah 1 : 5- 6

Fasting

Isiah speaks out and instructs that fasting can be a key to breakthrough in the area of breaking generational bondages and the dearth of unanswered prayer in your life.

"6. Is this not the fast that I have chosen? To loose to the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? ...8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.9 Then shalt thou call, and the Lord shall answer; thou shalt cry, and He shall say, here I am. If thou take away from the midst of thee the yoke, the putting forth of the finger and speaking vanity" Isaiah 58: 6, 8 – 9

Identifying Family Traits

The generational inequities evincing the curse will be found in your character outside of Christ. Here are a few that arise especially vulnerable from generational curses

Pessimism	Poverty Mentality
Sarcasm	Religious Spirit
Greed	Sectarian Attitudes
Pride	Wilful Ignorance
Temper	Victim Mentality
Prejudice	Hedonism

These are to name just but a few.

Ezekiel 18: 1 - 20 states explicitly that the chain of inherited guilt or ancestral curse could be broken through repentance and obedience to God. Repentance and faith are the prerequisites. Rahab, Ruth and David were all examples of God's mercy and compassion.

Ruth was a Moabite. The Moabites were the incestuous descendants of Lot and her daughter (**Genesis 19: 33 – 37**). They were placed under a curse and none of their descendants were permitted to enter the assembly of the Lord even unto the tenth generation.

“An Ammonite or Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even to their tenth generation shall they not enter into the congregation of the Lord forever” (Deuteronomy 23: 3)

Tracing the genealogy from Moses to Ruth was about the fourth generation. But Ruth decided to believe and accept the Israelites God. By faith, she said to her mother-in-law:

“Entreat me to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; where thou lodgest, I will lodge: thy people shall be my people and thy God my God” Ruth 1: 16

By this act of faith, Ruth came under Gods blessings. She was redeemed by a kinsman redeemer (**Ruth 3: 12 -13**). She became an ancestor to the messiah.

The sequence of breaking away from ancestral spirits is five fold in the pattern of:

Research → Repent → Rebuke → Restore → Rejoice

Make sure that you are truly repentant as you confess these sins. Otherwise the confession means very little. It is important to be repentant on behalf of your family. If you continue to be angry and bitter towards your family, your prayers will not be effective. Ask God to give you a spirit of forgiveness.

After you have confessed all sins on each list, renounce any claims of Satan upon your life in the name of Jesus Christ. Declare that you have placed all his claims against

you under the blood of Jesus Christ, your Saviour. Then spend a time of worship and praise to the Lord. Thank Him in advance for the deliverance and healing that He is going to bring into your life.

Don't expect everything to come at once. The Lord will unfold to you new freedoms in the days that follow. Don't compare yourself with anyone else. His work in your life will be different than in other lives. He knows what you need and when you need it. Keep close accounts with the Lord. Stay in His Word and in prayer. Stand against the enemy. When you have new freedoms, remember that the enemy will visit you trying to steal them away from you. Keep your eyes on the Lord. The Lord loves you and He is faithful.

Here is an example of with a prayer I used on myself:

“In the name of Jesus Christ, I now rebuke, break, and loose myself and my family from any and all evil curses, fetishes, charms, vexes, hexes, spells, every jinx, all psychic powers, sorcery, bewitchments, enchantments, witchcraft, love potions, and psychic prayers that have been put upon me, back to ten generations on both sides of my family.

I break and loose myself from any and all connected or related spirits from any person or persons or from any occult or psychic

sources. I ask You, Heavenly Father, to return them to the senders now. Let him that loves cursing receive it unto himself”.

Creating A Legacy of Blessings

Blessing means to “*speak well of*” another, to praise, to speak what is conducive to another’s welfare. In a specific sense, blessing is an intentional act whereby one speaks God’s favour and power into another’s life, thus serving as a conduit for God’s grace. The spoken blessing is intended to communicate to the one being blessed value and purpose as an image-bearer of the Creator.

Because spoken blessing usually involves meaningful touch or a symbolic gesture such as the laying on of hands, it also provides a powerful, physical means of counteracting the “*curses*” of the world where negative and evil messages damage and devalue an individual. Blessing imparts value to another as opposed to cursing.

God is the source of all blessing, but we have the privilege of being His channels or conduits. When we speak blessing we are communicating the love, value and purposes of God to another. We also serve as a wall of protection by calling attention to the reality that our value, peace and security in the midst of a troubled, turbulent world is rooted in, not how we perform, but who we are as

God's cherished possession, distinct from the rest of creation because we alone are created in His image.

Most people tend to think of blessings as prayers, and while there are similarities, they really are different. Prayers are addressed to God as petitions or statements of praise and worship. As petitions, prayers may ask for blessing and specific requests for other people, as they often do, or they may be petitions for our self. Blessings, however, are solely about others and are spoken on God's behalf for the one being blessed.

Remember that you are not the "*blessor*" – that's God's work. While words of blessing are important to everyone, we don't all respond in the same way or at the same time. Consider the Chinese Bamboo tree whose seed goes dormant when planted. The farmer who knows about this plant realizes that no amount of attention to the seed will arouse it from its sleep. However, careful care and nurture is required during this dormancy. Even though no visible signs of life are noticeable for FIVE YEARS, at the end of that time something extraordinary occurs. Suddenly the seed sprouts and grows into a mature tree more than ninety feet high in that one growing season.

Our children and grandchildren can be like that Chinese bamboo tree. You may do everything right, faithfully

speaking words of blessing into their lives on a regular basis, only to discover that they have moved in a direction you did not expect showing signs of spiritual life at all. The temptation will be to try to ‘fix’ them by digging them up or over-tending. Be patient... God is at work, but they have to make their own decisions. Even when you see them moving in the wrong direction, don’t despair. Keep speaking blessing into their lives and never stop praying. Guard yourself from a spirit of criticism or nagging. Keep on nurturing and loving. Don’t try to fix things. The seed has been planted. Give it time to grow.



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