Breaking
Generational Curses
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Introduction

“Like father, like son” is an expression that has been used frequently for more than 300 hundred years and thought to be dated back to the 18th century. I’m sure that we have all heard sayings like ”You look just like your mom,” or “you walk just like you grandfather.” The people around us often use these expressions to emphasize the striking similarities of a child to its parents and fore parents or one blood relative to another. Some times these distinct behavioral and physical traits can be amazing.

But how about the spiritual traits? Do children inherit the negative and positive spiritual patterns of their fore parents? Furthermore, do they inherit the consequences of the sins that their fore parents committed against God? Consider for a moment that the same way that physical traits are passed on in families for centuries, that the possibility also exist that spiritual traits are also passed on down the family line; either good or bad. It would be an error for us to underplay such patterns whether negative or positive.
The Word of God brings us very close to understanding that many of the problems that we experience in our lives; and we watch other members of our family deal with, are symptoms of a bigger problem that exist. The repetitive negative patterns that spread down the bloodline causing pain and destruction in our lives are caused by more than just a trivial expression. Rather, they are the result of sins committed against God by our fore parents. Because of unconfessed abominations against God by fathers, mothers and others up the line, many descendants are broken and hurting from the scourges of depression, alcoholism, addictions, failure and sickness. The iniquities of the fathers and mothers have returned to torment their sons and daughters. Many individuals find it difficult to resist doing the very things that they saw and loathed in one or the other of their parents; men who despised their father’s abuse of their mother have themselves turned out to be abusers. Women who vowed never to be promiscuous like their mothers, find themselves following the same lifestyle. And in their quiet moments they wrestle within; tossing and turning wondering - why?
Can we shrug this off simply as “like father like son” moments? If you find yourself living this way and you recognize that there is a widespread and distinct pattern of negative behaviors - you need help! Your problem is not genetics neither is it psychological; it is spiritual. You and your family may be under the demonic attacks of the enemy and need to be set free from any generational or other curses passed down the line. The consequences of your forefathers’ sins have now become a thorn in your flesh.

Can these curses be broken, can you reverse the barrenness, sickness, addictions and depression that have overtaken your life and that are headed down the line? Yes! God himself has provided the answer. You can break free and walk in victory!
Chapter 1

Origins of a Curse

Have you ever witnessed a family where the mother has a problem with uncontrollable anger, her daughter seems to have moments of rage and the grandmother who has also fought with the same problem? Or have you noticed that not only do you suffer from something such as persistent irrational fears or depression, but your mother and her father also suffered from it as well? In these situations we ask the question what has happened and why is it that these conditions and behaviors appear to be so prevalent in these particular families?

If we take the time to delve into the Scripture we will discover that many of these situations are not physical or psychological as some would want us to believe but they are spiritual and go beyond learned behavior; it’s not a case of a child learning to be messy because their parents are messy. Think about it, very often you will find that people who are adopted, end up with the same characteristics as their birth parents, even though they do not live
with them to be influenced by their behaviors; in some cases they may have never met. Why does this happen? Because they have inherited what is known as a generational curse which is spiritual bondage that cannot be limited by distance, time or geographical location, passed down from one generation to another.

The reality is that there are many people today who are living this way; shackled by the heavy bondage of the sins that their forefathers have brought them under.

It is also true that sometimes many of the victims of these curses have no idea why they behave the way they do. Perhaps why they seem unable to get over their financial problems, (individuals continually hit roadblocks in their finances) or why all the members of their family are stricken by particular family illnesses that seem to just move from one person down to the next, mental problems, irrational fears and depression.

Many great, great grandparents, parents etc. are guilty of placing these scourges on their families down line. Some of them committed these acts knowingly and some dedicated their children and their children’s seed in acts of ignorance to strange
gods and beliefs.

You may not be able to trace the origins of your generational curse, but you can surely recognize the symptoms. It is important that you look for continual negative patterns in your own life and that of your family if you are to break the chains and be free from the bondage:

- Addictions e.g. alcoholism
- Promiscuity
- Gambling
- Continual oppositions
- Relationship Complications
- Premature death
- Continual lack of prosperity
- Business failure
- Chronic strive
- Torments &Arguments
- Barrenness {Physical and spiritual}
- Repeated afflictions
- Confusion and depression
- Hampered Performances

Anything that seems to be a persistent struggle or problem that was handed down from one generation to another may very well be a generational curse.
CURSES AT THE SOURCE

Talking about curses is something that many people shy away from. As a matter of fact it’s a topic that we don’t like to discuss and in some cases don’t want to believe. However, as uncomfortable as it may be for some of us, curses are real and are not to be taken lightly. We can either bury our heads in the sand and live our lives in denial while our families continue to be plagued, burdened and oppressed by these afflictions or we can take the bull by the horn and begin the process of being set free.

It is important for you to understand that curses are not playthings. They are not just angry words or swear words; they are acts of power in the spiritual realm and strongholds that are not to be tolerated, accepted or embraced. They must be broken, destroyed and cast away from our lives and that of our loved ones.

Those who have experienced the effects of generational curses know that they are emotionally distressing, socially disturbing and physically and spiritually debilitating. Homes have been broken up, suicides have been committed, abuse has occurred and all sorts of evil have been perpetrated as a result.
Curses are mentioned over 200 times in Scripture, and were foundational to the Old Covenant (see Deuteronomy 28-30). They are not just a primitive superstition; they are spiritual pronouncements recorded in Scripture that profoundly affect the very structure of reality in some way.

Exodus 34:7, "Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear the guilty; visiting (punishing) the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation."

Lamentations 5:7, "Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne (been punished for) their iniquities."

**Curses and Creation**

As we read the Scriptures we come to a clear understanding of the significance and power of the word of God. In the book of Genesis Chapter 1 we are taught that the world was created by the word of God; in Hebrews 1:1-3, Colossians 1:17-20 we see that this said world is held together by the power of His word.
God Himself was the first one to pronounce curses – on the earth, on Eve’s fertility and upon the serpent. Read Genesis Chapter 3 and you will see the pronouncements that God made. Look at verse 19, when God said to Adam from dust thou came and to the dust though shall return. Physical death became the eternal curse that was declared over mankind because of the sins of the first human beings Adam and Eve.

Blessings and curses that are pronounced from God are first of all God’s words that operate at this fundamental level of creation and “tilt the playing field” of life one way or another.

However, all curses are not pronouncements by God but can be from evil spirits or flow from the human spirit. Goliath's curses against David were “by his gods” (1 Samuel 17:43) and were ineffective for reasons we shall see later. The David and Goliath encounter was a power encounter of one spiritual system against the other and both contenders came in the name of their respective deities. Shamans and magicians such as Balaam were hired to curse people in OT times and still do this to this day. Though curses from evil sources are much less powerful than curses from God they still were
feared and were able to do much damage. There are 22 references exhorting believers not to curse others. Curses are finally ended in the new creation (Rev 22:3).

In some cultures, parents sometimes unknowingly dedicate their children and families in rituals meant for protection when in truth and fact they are really placing them under curses. These same children grow up and find themselves facing severe challenges not knowing that the curse that they were placed under from birth needs to be broken.

As we go about our daily lives we must also take great care about the words spoken over us, our children and families by others and the ones that we also speak. Even those said to be “jokes” many times, which are seemingly “innocent”, can be very harmful.

The Bible enlightens us to the fact that life and death are in the power of the tongue. “Death and life are in the power of the tongue and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof” Proverbs18:21. There is power in the spoken word whether for blessings or for curses and so when you or someone else says to your child whose father is an alcoholic “You are going to be just like your father” straight
away a curse has been spoken over that child’s life and every demon of hell prepares to put it into effect.

THE ORIGINS OF BLESSINGS AND CURSES

Most believe in generational blessings. We love the idea that when we do good, good will attend us and our families. However, just as doing good produces such blessings doing, evil also produces generational curses that also will attend to our families and us personally. The origin of blessings is also found in the book of Genesis.

Blessings and curses are not limited to human beings but can extend to creatures, plants and the earth in general. As seen in Genesis chapter 1:22 God himself declared the first blessing ever to the living creatures, He spoke the word to them. He spoke what was not into being by His word alone saying, “be fruitful and multiply” (Genesis 1:22); and so it was.

Later on when He made mankind, He also repeated that blessing to them saying the exact words “be fruitful and multiply.” However, he added a third blessing to mankind that was distinct from the other
creations; that they would “have dominion over” (Genesis 1:28). Indeed what God desired for his creation was good. He spoke it, and it was so.

As you look at the chapter you would notice that there were three basic blessings that were decreed “be fruitful”, “multiply” and “have dominion over.” This forms the basis of all future blessings, such as the Abrahamic blessings and their reversal forms the basis of all future curses such as those in Genesis 3.

“Be fruitful”- this was the original blessing for creation to increase according to its own kind. Fruitfulness speaks of the ability of living things to produce and bring forth something that is good. To be able to joyfully express your inner nature and feel that which you are doing is truly creative, worthwhile and significant. Like most things there is also an opposite effect and in this case it was barrenness, which is being incapable of producing offspring, seed, or fruit; being sterile. It is a painful state to be in.

The next blessing that God declared from the beginning was that of multiplication, which gives an exponential increase - increasing as in 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128 not additively as in 2, 4, 6, 8, 10. It does
not only speak of an increase but it is a huge increase in productivity when compared to the small increase in effort. And so, God’s desire in the beginning was for His creation to multiply greatly without having to input large amounts of work or effort.

But when there is a lack of multiplication then the end product is frustration and futility. It has quite the opposite effect, instead of one of joy and a feeling of accomplishment it requires lots of work and very little or no reward.

The third blessing is one that is unique to the human race. Whereas to his other creation he gave fruitfulness and multiplication, to man he also gave the authority to rule. This meant that the human race had the power or right to make decisions, give orders and enforce obedience. Authority to rule over suggests dignity, headship, authority, the ability to be ascendant, to be the head not the tail.

We see however, that the same creation that God gave this control to, were the said one’s who broke the rules. When God gave Adam and Eve authority he was showing the faith in man that they were higher in the creation than the animals and plants; human beings were the ones to oversee the earth.
However, their blessing was turned into a curse and they were exposed to the opposite. They were humbled to eat the dirt, to be crushed and humiliated, and unable to rise.

Quite the contrast to what God declared earlier is what happens in Genesis 3:14-19. It is an amazing discovery when we realize that the said blessings that God gave to Adam and Eve were now being overturned. In verse 16, we see that although God did not take away the woman’s ability to be fruitful, what happens is that instead of reproduction being a joyful expression of something good it became laborious. The God who spoke the blessing into being became the God who spoke the curse into being. Her sorrows were multiplied and she was made to bring forth children in pain.

God also cursed Adam and said, “Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, ‘Thou shalt not eat of it’: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;” The life that man was supposed to enjoy of fruitful and abundant living, without having to use considerable effort was now turned into frustration and futility. He would now have to toil
and labor in an effort to produce anything from the earth for his existence.

These were the first curses that can be seen in operation in the Bible. The woman is made unfruitful, and the serpent is told he will “eat the dirt.” So the life that God planned originally for his creation was changed. Man who was blessed to multiply and to increase rapidly now faced a major problem. The three things that made life good that gave mankind peace, rest and freedom were taken away and life then became unbearable. This was so, not just for the first man but the curse extended to the generations that would follow even to this day.

In the same way that the curse made Adam and Eve’s lives difficult, so too will any curses placed on our lives. You will find that you may be working hard, extremely hard even, but you are still not succeeding. No matter how hard you try or no matter what you do to rise you never quite make it. Perhaps you got to the brink of success only to have it snatched away. Time and time again you may have been right there seeing the land of Canaan just like Moses did, but could not step into it.

Perhaps it’s time to start dealing with that curse that may be over your life. If you want to see the fruits
of your labor and if you want to see restoration and unity in your family the curses must be broken, you and your family must be set free from the spiritual bondage that may have been initiated decades earlier.

Curses can affect health, particularly reproductive health. They can affect earning power and they can affect our ability to have authority and command over our lives. Adam’s authority over the earth was restricted after the curse because the earth no longer produced for him without his sweat and hard labor. People who are cursed may have to endure lifelong humiliation.

The key is to acknowledge what’s happening throughout your family; you see the same pattern over and over again, coming down the line and there seems to be no end. That is a sure sign that some pronouncement may have been made somewhere by someone or perhaps your foreparents may have committed a sin for which you are suffering the consequences.

Chapter 2
Spiritual Warfare

Spiritual warfare is a term that is frequently brandished about. But what is it? We know of physical wars, as a matter fact we are quite familiar with them. They have become part of our landscape and with the amazing technological developments that we have today, we do not lack for news or scenes of wars that are happening around the world. Warfare is about vicious and relentless armed conflict between two enemies, armies, or the like. In the spiritual realm warfare is quite similar; the difference being that the enemies are spiritual and invisible to the human eye. Ever since Lucifer tried to exalt himself above Almighty God there was warfare. The book of Revelations tells us that there was war even in heaven. The devil and his demons are in a battle to destroy the souls of mankind for all eternity. However, God has armored his people with weapons that are meant for this type of battle and as long as they remain steadfast and obedient victory is guaranteed.

INTRODUCTION

It is essential that we understand that even though
we may not be physically engaged in a war that spiritually we are in a battle with the enemy each day. Inevitably, each battle may be different, some may be more vicious than others, and the cause of each battle may vary. However, the war is on; it is real! Scripture teaches us that we must be aware and alert because the devil is like a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. It also tells us that we are not fighting against flesh and blood, but against spiritual enemies. In other words you need to stop seeing the problems in your life as only being physical. There is a spiritual problem behind the addiction, the rebellious son or daughter, the cheating husband or wife and even the boss who just seems to be out to get you. When we find our selves in difficult situations, when someone upsets us, or if they do us something that is wrong, it is easy to see only that person in flesh and the blood as the problem. Truth is, there is more to it. Behind the scenes, behind the actions of the individual there is a spiritual war raging. Ephesians chapter 6:12 reminds us “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.” How these battles are fought will affect our lives each day and will determine the quality of life we have.
Of course warfare is not something that we want to be involved in on a physical level and so it may be intimidating to think about being involved in a spiritual war. The reality is however, that whether we feel comfortable talking about it or not, or even if we don’t believe; the fight is still on. We can determine whether we will stay on the sidelines and continue to be defeated day after day, while the enemy continues to dispatch his grenades at us destroying our homes and lives; or we can use the weapons that God has equipped us with and live victoriously. Do you want to be a victim or a victor?

The spiritual realm is real and day-by-day as we go about our lives there are battles being fought - victories being lost and victories being won. That is why Paul exhorted Timothy in 1Timothy chapter 1 and 2 to fight a good warfare and to endure hardness as a good soldier. Paul calls Timothy a soldier. What is the role and purpose of a soldier? It is to engage in warfare. In Ephesians chapter 6:11 we are commanded as Christians to put on the full armor of God. Not just the headgear, or the footgear but the whole armor. Paul always recognized that the battle in the heavenlies was a fierce one and one that required complete protection.
In 2 Corinthians 10:4 the Bible says, “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds.” As Christians we are implored to use the armor of God because the fight is not in the physical realm and so it cannot be fought with carnal, fleshly, temporary weapons. This scripture suggest that the spiritual battle that we need to engage in to conquer the powers behind the curse or the demon or the affliction affecting an individual or group of people, community, state or nation can only be sourced from Almighty God. His weapons are mighty, efficient and effective in pulling down strongholds. Once we use them we are guaranteed victory. What are these weapons you may ask? We read about them in Ephesians chapter 6:14-18:

Stand therefore, "having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take he helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert with all
perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.

Truth, righteousness, gospel of peace, faith, salvation, the Spirit, prayer and supplication. These weapons are indestructible and whether we are victorious or not is dependent on if we are obedient to the Word of God and arm ourselves with them on a daily basis.

Spiritual warfare is not a battle for a baby Christian or a compromising Christian. The ultimate power of God is invested upon a believer according to Luke 10:19, the Lord Jesus says, “Behold I give unto you power to thread upon serpents and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you.”

On the authority of this word, believers in Christ stand shoulder high over the powers of the demons and curses afflicting their subjects. Men are subjected to demon possession and curse ridden because of flagrant disobedience to the express will of God. Some at times, give the legal right for the demon to possess and afflict them. Though they have no legal right because they are NOT our Creator!

1. Demonic Attacks
Breaking Generational Curses

With No Legal Right To Be Doing So

Attacks from demonic spirits are spoken of throughout the Scripture. Jesus Himself had to face Satan head on with this kind of outside attack, when God led Him into the wilderness for 40 days and 40 nights. Here it is Jesus, the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last - known to the devil and his demons, is under attack from the devil with no legal right to be doing so. What do I mean by legal rights? A legal right is an experience or an action, which provides demons with the opportunity to come into our body or to harass us. These things then give them the right, entitlement or permission to stay in us even after attempts are made to cast them out. For example: sin, soul ties, demonic vows, unforgiveness and points of weakness.

Note that Jesus was holy and perfect, and without sin. The devil had no legal rights to attack Him, but he did. In the wilderness God allowed Satan to tempt Jesus. How much more us? We must always stand battle-ready. We must clothe ourselves in the full armor accessible to us. If God allowed His Son to be tempted in this manner, then you know the chances are very good that many of
us will have to face this same kind of demonic attack from time to time from this same kind of outside position.

The power and anointing is ours, given to us by Jesus. He has already given us His authority to cast out demons and to trample over all the power of our enemies. Every Christian should follow the example of Jesus and be willing to take up the sword, which is the Word of God, and being covered by the blood of Jesus verbally command the demons to leave in the name of Jesus Christ.

Remember that even though the enemy has no legal right to attack you, chances are he will. That is why it is absolutely important to acknowledge that this Christian walk involves warfare and battles in the spirit realm. Many Christians often wonder why they feel so defeated, why their plans are being thwarted every time. More than likely the devil is beating up on them because they have not accepted that they are indeed in a war. As a result they become victims of the enemy’s abuse. Being prepared and alert are critical aspects of victorious Christian living. If you are unaware that you are in a fight then you won’t fight back and the enemy will take full advantage.
2. Demonic Attacks

As a Result of a Legal Right To Be Able To Do So

When the demons have legal right and entitlement to your life they will launch a relentless and vicious attack on you and in many cases your offspring. If we relinquish those rights to the devil and we hold on to our sins trying to conceal and justify them then the enemy will launch the most wicked and ferocious attacks on us. Maintaining evil soul ties with men and women also give them legal rights and we literally remove the protective covering that is over us.

The Bible tells us from the Book of Job that we have a protective hedge around us that protects us from demonic spirits. If we did not have this protective hedge, then you can bet that many more Christians would be coming under direct demonic attack. Here is the verse: “Have you not made a hedge around him, around his household, and around all that he has on every side?” (Job 1:10)

As a result of this protective hedge, there appears to be some kind of spiritual law in operation that demons have to abide by. They may occasionally be
able to come against you as described earlier, but they can easily be cast off from you by just issuing a good, basic, battle command – telling them they now have to leave you in the name of Jesus Christ once you realize that it is really them that have been attacking you.

However, what demons do is to just wait for any Christian to cause a hole to occur in their protective hedge. And how do you cause a hole to occur in your protective hedge giving demons a legal right to be able to come directly after you? By engaging and crossing over into any direct sins and transgressions that are expressly forbidden by God the Father in His Word.

Obviously, not every sin and transgression will cause a hole to occur in your protective hedge with the Lord. The Bible tells us that we are all sinners and that we have all fallen short of the glory of our God. This is why Jesus had to come down to die on the cross – to pay the penalty for all of those sins, and to be able to give us full forgiveness and a full pardon for all of our sins. If demons had a legal right to be coming after us every single time we sinned or transgressed, then none of us would ever be safe from their attacks, and we would all be in a
state of constant warfare with them.

However, what many deliverance ministers have found out in the actual battle fields when having to deal direct with real live demons – is that there are certain sins and transgressions that will give demons the legal right to be able to launch a full scale attack against a person, even if that person is already a Christian!

Once you become saved and born again through the Blood that Jesus has already shed for you on the cross, this does not give you the right or the license to be able to keep on sinning. Though we have all been made perfectly righteous in the eyes of God as a result of Jesus’ righteousness now being imputed to us, we still have to make every effort on our end to stay on the righteous side of the fence in our walk with our Lord.

We have to do the best we can to try and live righteous lives and stay out of any serious sins and transgressions against our Lord.

Chapter 3
Defining a Generational Curse

In this chapter we will look further into what is a generational curse, with the objective of helping you to get a better grasp of the subject. A generational curse refers to something that is harmful which occurs continuously in a sequential plan or seemingly following a logical order in a particular lineage; the line of descendants of a particular ancestor or family. It is true that all families have traits or characteristics that are also soulish traits, which are passed on. These can be as small as attitudes, mannerisms, likes and dislikes that run in families. Some of these traits and characteristics are very easy to recognize; sometimes a child may have a distinctive manner or disposition about them that reminds you of another member of the family whether they are close or distant. Perhaps it’s the way they walk or talk, even how they laugh.

Just as there are distinguishing qualities or features that are passed on from parents, grandparents and
other family members to the children, likewise there are also spiritual traits that are passed down from generation to generation. Included in these spiritual traits are what is known as blessings and curses. As mentioned in Chapter 1 God pronounced the first blessings and curses in the book of Genesis.

There are also familiar spirits that are passed down from one generation to the other. For example, a spirit of perversion can manifest things like fornication, adultery, lust and molestation. It can bring about incest! Incest is a curse and if not conquered, it can be repeated in the same lineage. Generational curses are curses brought about by the sins of our forefathers and foremothers back to the third and fourth generation even to the tenth generation and it may extend beyond.

In Exodus 20:5-6, God strictly warned against bowing down our heads to the unclean gods of the land. Disobedience to this express commandment of God, directly invites the curse of God upon one’s soul and life and to the generations yet unborn. It sounds unfair for God to punish children for the sins of their fathers. However, there is more to it than that. The effects of sin are naturally passed down from one generation to the next. When a father has
a sinful lifestyle, his children are likely to practice the same sinful lifestyle. Implied in the warning of Exodus 20:5 is the fact that the children will choose to repeat the sins of their fathers. In Deuteronomy 23:2 –A child born out of wedlock is cursed even to the tenth generation unless the curse is broken by the power of the blood of Jesus, and only through his blood can the curse be broken!!!

Generational curses are not the effects of immediate sins committed but can be compounded by a habitual sinful life.

Let us examine some biblical examples of generational curses recorded in the Bible:

**ADAM & EVE**

Adam and Eve were the recipients of the first blessings and curses that were pronounced by God. In the book of Genesis we see that after they disobeyed and sinned against God that it changed the course of the human race forever. God’s initial plan for man to live with only his blessings in a perfect world was canceled. So that a life that was meant to be peaceful, painless, happy and healthy was now one of misery, sickness death.
What is important to note is that God had already told Adam and Eve what the consequences of their sin would be. He said to them in Genesis Chapter 2:17, “But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.” God forewarned this couple of the curse that they would bring on themselves if they were disobedient. He explained to them that if they ate of the tree they would surely die. Up until the time that they went against God’s wishes, the earth knew no death. Adam and Eve were meant to live forever as well as their descendants. The blessings that were given to them would also be transferred to every person born subsequently.

We see that after the sin, God did not have to come again and pronounce death as a curse. He declares a curse on their fruitfulness, their ability to multiply and their authority. Why is it that he did not speak death in Genesis 3? Because he had already declared it in Genesis Chapter 2:17. Whether they died or not was as a result the choice they made. Whether they were blessed or cursed was their decision. Adam and Eve chose to disobey and so they were plagued by the curse of death. It is because of their sins that physical death was
introduced into the world. And so, the blessings that were supposed to be passed down the line now became curses. As a result, their descendants too had to pay a heavy price.

But the curse of death was not just physical; it was also spiritual. Immediately after they ate the fruit Adam and Eve died spiritually. Their iniquities separated them from God. Isaiah 59:2 (KJV) “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.”

The consequences of the sins of our fore-parents Adam and Eve did not end with them or their children. No not all! We all are still wallowing in the effects of their sins up to today. All the repercussions of their sins we feel and experience. Women still bear children laboring in pain and sorrow, they have to battle with morning sickness and in some cases postpartum depression, gestational diabetes and other illnesses; many even die during childbirth.

The man, Adam was not exempt, he was also punished. Before the fall all Adam was required to do was a little work in the Garden, after they sinned he was made to eat only by the sweat of his brow.
Like the woman, even until now man has to work extremely hard to survive. Some people work two or three jobs just to try to make ends meet. Women themselves have had to become a major part of the workforce and families have been severely affected as a result. Mankind now has to toil hard for a living. The earth no longer multiplies exponentially for us and so we only gather from our hard labor. The consequences of Adam and Eve’s sin spread far and wide throughout every generation that would follow. Those who were guilty and those were innocent came under the same penalty.

A generational curse is not determined by whether or not you were involved in the act of sin. We were not there when Adam and Eve ate the fruit, yet the entire lineage has been plagued by the first curse. So in truth and in fact, the sins that your parents and great great grandparents committed many years ago can still have an adverse effect on you and your family; even to this day. If they are not broken they can continue to affect future generations. If your forefathers made an evil oath to whom or what at your birth - only God knows - they actually put you under a curse; it must be broken. If you, out of ignorance or deliberately, participated in unholy acts and rituals dedicating yourself and your
children to idols - you have exposed them and yourself to a curse and that also needs to be broken. Otherwise you are setting your entire family line up for a life of failure, heartbreak and despondency.

**ELI & HIS FAMILY**

Though the first blessings and curses started with the first man and woman, Adam and Eve, they did not end there. Throughout the Scriptures we come across several stories of generational curses on families. One such example is that of Eli in 1 Samuel 3:12-14. God pronounced a curse on the Prophet Eli’s family:

“In that day I will perform against Eli all things which I have spoken concerning his house: when I begin, I will also make an end. For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever for the iniquity which he knoweth; because his sons made themselves vile and he restrained them not. And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be purged with sacrifice nor offering forever.”

Samuel 2:27-33 – 27 (NIV) says:
“Now a man of God came to Eli and said to him, This is what the LORD says: 'Did I not clearly reveal myself to your father's house when they were in Egypt under Pharaoh?'

28 “I chose your father out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up to my altar, to burn incense, and to wear an ephod in my presence. I also gave your father's house all the offerings made with fire by the Israelites.

29 “Why do you scorn my sacrifice and offering that I prescribed for my dwelling? Why do you honor your sons more than me by fattening yourselves on the choice parts of every offering made by my people Israel?’

30 “Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that your house and your father's house would minister before me forever.' But now the LORD declares: 'Far be it from me! Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained.

31 “The time is coming when I will cut short your strength and the strength of your father's house, so that there will not be an old man in your family line
32 “and you will see distress in my dwelling. Although good will be done to Israel, in your family line there will never be an old man.

33 Every one of you that I do not cut off from my altar will be spared only to blind your eyes with tears and to grieve your heart, and all your descendants will die in the prime of life.”

As we look at this chapter, it would be prudent to skip a few verses down to verse 30 first. God enlightens us in that verse about what his initial plans and promises were to Eli and his family. “Therefore the LORD, the God of Israel, declares: 'I promised that your house and your father's house would minister before me forever.” What an amazing blessing that was promised to this family! Furthermore, it was not only for those present at that time but it was also for the descendants forever and ever. Can you imagine such a declaration from God to your family, your children, grands and great grands and all who would come hereafter? That’s what God had planned for Eli.

But look what happens, we see clearly in the other verses that because of the blatant disobedience of Eli’s sons and Eli’s refusal to do anything about it, all those blessings were now reversed and God’s
Word goes forth and makes the pronouncements that:

1. He will cut short their strength - case in point- not only the strength of the current generation but to the descendants to follow.

2. There will not be an old man in the family line. Note, no old men in the family line. Again the curse is extended down through the ages.

3. You will see distress in your dwelling. He promises that they will be sorrowful and though others around them will be good, the family of Eli would never ever have the blessing of an old man in their lineage.

4. There would be tears and grief in their heart forever and ever.

What a curse! These events are of such grave importance that we ought to ponder and consider. They should push us to reflect on our own lives and that of our families. To take a close look at our actions and our lifestyles, carefully examining them and seeing how what we do now can have such a dire effect on the children and grandchildren whom we so dearly love and also the future generations we
may never live to see. Remember, that even though Eli’s sons were immediately destroyed for their abominations, their sins still resulted in an eternal scourge over every male to be born in that family, which in itself also would have created other challenges.

Their disobedience and sins against God caused enormous pain, doubts and of course fear down the line. Surely, the questions must have been asked by the families, “Why is it that all of us die before we reach a certain age?” “Why is it that there are no old men in the family?” “Why don’t we know any of our grandfathers, great uncles etc.” The answer: they all died according to the curse. Of course they weren’t there when it all unfolded, they were not a part of the sins and disobedience of Eli and his sons. Nevertheless, as it is with generational curses even the innocent can be affected.

Jeremiah 2:9 gives another curse, “Therefore I will bring the charge against you,’ says the Lord, ‘against your children’s children I will bring charges.” Now, most folks who want to argue this point will say something like, “Well, that’s Old Testament! Show me one in the New Testament.” So, I refer them to Matthew 27:22-25, which gives
the curse spoken by the nation of Israel concerning Jesus’ death.

**Pilate, Jesus, & Israel**

“Pilate said to them, ‘What then shall I do with Jesus who is called the Christ?’ They all said to him, ‘Let Him be crucified!’ Then the governor said, ‘Why, what evil has He done?’ But they cried out all the more saying ‘Let Him be crucified!’ When Pilate saw that he could not prevail at all, but rather that a tumult was rising, he took water and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, ‘I am innocent of the blood of this just Person. You see to it.’ And all the people answered and said, ‘His blood be on us and on our children.’

The first thought that springs to mind here, is “Did they really know what they were saying?”

Pilate determined in himself that he wanted nothing to do with the situation. Obviously he recognized the possible consequences of putting to death an innocent man and he decided that he wanted no curse upon himself or his family. Yet, these people so eager to have Jesus put to death were willing to do so, not only at a cost to themselves, but they were also willing to include their children.
Some other Biblical examples of generational curses are:

Cain murdering his brother Abel.

Noah’s drunkenness led to his son Ham dishonoring him. As the result an entire linage of people were and are still under a curse in the land of Canaan.

Abraham went against God’s will for him and fathered a son in the flesh; this robbed the birthright from the firstborn son, which went on for the next three generations, and in the next five generations the youngest prospered instead of the oldest. We also see Abraham lying to Abimeleck and a spirit of lying and deception manifesting in his children. Jacob lied to his father concerning his birthright. His sons in turn lied to him about the disappearance of Joseph.

David, the man after God’s own heart, fell into sexual sin with Bathsheba. He committed adultery and then had her husband Uriah murdered to cover up his sexual sin. As a result we see a history of incest, rape, rebellion and womanizing in his children. You always reap what you sow; it’s a spiritual law!
It is quite possible that the reason why God would punish future generations with the sins of their fathers is because of His bitter hatred for sin. If you love your children and they are one of your most prized possessions it should therefore make sin a lot harder to commit when you know the severe consequences that your sins can have on your descendants. Taking oaths and bowing to other gods, offering the children up in all sorts of evil rituals can be destructive. When you realize that you are not the only one who will be punished for it, but your own children and their children are going to pay a heavy price for your foolishness, it should restrain you from committing such acts. That, I believe is the cause behind generational curses.

God loves us and just like Adam and Eve and Eli and his sons he has good plans for us and our seed. He has promised to bless us, but when we boldly and callously commit sins and act in disobedience to His Word, those blessings can be replaced by curses for generations.

**Chapter 4**
Recognizing A Curse

Can you tell if the problems that exist in your life have anything to do with a curse? If your family line is suffering from its effects, would you know? Do you know how to identify a curse? In the following pages, we will help you to understand and be able to pick up the warning signs that would indicate whether you or your family are being tormented by demons and whether or not this is as a result of a generational curse. Recognizing a curse is a fundamental step in obtaining liberty in your life. Unless you are able to do so, you will miss any and every opportunity to put an end to the such evil powers that continue to torment your family. If you do not recognize and acknowledge that there is a curse over your family, then how can you deal with it? How would you be able to bring it to an end? How will you be set free? If you can’t recognize the problem then how will there be a solution? That’s one of the reasons why many families are running like a chicken with its head cut off, all over the place; to every therapist/psychologist and anyone
they feel can help them with their problems. They realize that they need help for something and that a change needs to be made. Some may also realize that what is happening in their family is not normal and they need help. The unfortunate thing is that they are seeking fleshly and worldly solutions for a problem that can be cured by no doctor, lawyer, therapist, witch doctor or counselor. The Bible emphasizes the point that the problem is not a physical one; it’s not one that we can conquer in and by ourselves. Rather, it is spiritual and can only be broken with a spiritual solution. Many are confused by this and so they live in frustration when the sources that they turn to for help cannot give them what they need.

A family curse is a payment or recompense for iniquity. In Lamentations 3:64-66, it is written “Render unto them recompense O Lord according to the work of their hands. Give them sorrow of heart, thy curse unto them. Persecute and destroy them in anger from under the heaven of the Lord”

If you are to be set free and remain free, you have to admit that you have a problem and you must know what that problem is. As simple as it may sound, it is true. Many people also live in denial, they really
do not want to accept the fact that their parents, or fore parents may have been the reason for their conflict. Others totally reject the message of Christ and do not want to believe that Jesus is the only answer if they are to break free of their spiritual bondage. In these instances they may try to put the problem away in their subconscious, continue to reject Christ and live their whole life as an exercise in futility. In some cases people turn to the same problem to ease their pain; the alcoholic may drink more and the drug addict indulge in more destructive behaviors. As we live day by day, let us not do so in denial.

A curse can be recognized by repeated cycles or patterns of negative things in one’s life, family, community or nation at large. Here are some examples of things to look for:

- **Addictions e.g. Alcoholism** - Examine your family line. When you look down through the years, do you see a pattern of alcoholism, addiction to cocaine, heroine, LSD and other drugs in your family, perhaps father, mother, grands, brothers, sisters etc.?
• **Promiscuity** - Have you come to the point where you can’t seem to stop yourself from having casual sexual relationships with several partners? Even though you may be married and possibly even know that it is dangerous and wrong. Do you find yourself lusting after every man or woman who you see and no matter how hard you try you just can’t seem to stop?

• **Gambling** - Despite all your efforts including attending gamblers anonymous and trying to stay as far as you can from the casinos or race tracks, you just can’t seem to remove the longing and desire to gamble. You do this inspite of the fact that everything around you is falling apart?

• **Continual oppositions** - Are you coming up against brick walls, time and time again in your life? Do you meet opposition on every hand? Maybe you have almost reached your goals on many occasions but just when it seems as though you are going to make it, someone comes and opposes your plans.

• **Hampered performances** - You are full of potential and ready to achieve but you never
actually make it. On every occasion you were almost there but somehow for some reason your performance just isn’t good enough.

• **Premature death** - Don’t take it for granted that no males and/or females in your family ever-live past a certain age. That could be a sure sign of a generational curse that must be broken. This happened to Eli’s lineage in the Bible, several generations paid for the abominations of his sons. In 1 Samuel chapter 2- Eli’s house was cut off and not one male in that lineage lived to an old age.

• **Continual lack of prosperity** - Why is it that your family seems not to be able to rise from the clutches of poverty, while other poor families make their way up the ladder. A generational curse could be creating a cycle of poverty. This needs to be broken. Look carefully and see if the same mistakes made generations before are being repeated down the line. That is a sign of demonic activity and a generational curse on your family.

• **Business failure** - You may have tried one business after the other. All of them had great
potential—the ideas were fantastic. Yet somehow you always seem to fail. When you look back though you realize the same thing happened decades ago with other relatives; that could also be a sign of a curse.

• **Chronic strife** - Is there strife every where around you; no peace at home, work or even play? Does trouble always seem to find you no matter how far and fast you run from it?

• **Torments & Arguments** - Constant torments about the past may be creating conflict in your life. You seem not to be able to resist arguments and bitter ones at that, whether warranted or not. Every conversation you are in always end up in an argument. Is this happening to you? Take a moment to reflect on the life of other members of your family, their behaviors and attitudes and see whether you may have inherited a curse.

• **Barrenness (Physical and spiritual)** - It is very possible that someone before you may have committed a sin that has not been repented of, maybe a parent, grand or great grandparent or even someone further up the line. Their sins may have caused infertility to run in your family
but God wants to bring healing, he wants to stop the barrenness so that you and your seed can produce and continue the lineage.

• **Repeated afflictions** - Is sickness plaguing your family? Are you running in fear because you think that you may be next? You do not have to. This too can be broken. The power of God is with us and any oppression of the enemy can be demolished so that you and your family can live happy and healthy lives.

• **Confusion and depression** - Depression seems to be a common manifestation of demonic activity. Many people including children struggle with this, even to the point of committing suicide. There is hope! Just because you can see this pattern coming down the line, through your great grand mother, grand mother and mother, doesn’t mean that you have to experience the same problem. You can be the one to put a stop to this for your sake and that of future generations.

We all have a responsibility for our lives no matter what has happened to us. The decisions and choices that we make will determine whether we live
victorious or defeated lives. Each of us are responsible for those choices and decisions. If we recognize that the problem that we are facing is as a result of a curse and we do nothing about it then we are responsible for the outcome, whether it be upon our children and their children or on ourselves. However, if you are desirous of seeing and making a change, then Almighty God has already made the way clear for you to do it. If you really want to be free, you will accept that responsibility.

In other words there are pains and sufferings that are passed from one generation to the next generation and the next. It could be a heart problem, asthma, obesity, laziness, mental illness, or any one of many physical and mental illnesses. Yes, I am aware that society teaches you that these things just run in the family and you are stuck with it. But that is not true. You see society is only interested in society. God is interested in you. These curses run in your family because of some offense one of your ancestors did to God and you are paying the price for the offenses committed. It could also be relationship problems. Such as you keep dating the wrong type of person or you can't relate to certain types of people. You don't have to be stuck with it.
When you disobey God, you get cursed for disobeying God’s direct commandments.

You can get a generational curse from God when you swear an evil oath and the results of your disobedience can affect others and their offspring after them.

Not evil but a great evil, this has effects that are felt throughout the Kingdom of God. Now if you don't believe God created man then you won't believe in generational curses. Because the Bible clearly says that God put generational curses on Adam and Eve for disobeying the direct commandment from God not to eat from the tree of knowledge of good and evil and these curses bring pain and suffering into our lives. In the book of Genesis 3:15 it says: "And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers;” The Bible goes on to state some other curses, in the book of Genesis 3:16 To Eve, God said, "I will greatly multiply thy sorrow in childbirth, when thou bring forth children." And in verse 17 to Adam God said, "I will curse the ground and you shall painfully work the ground to get your food." You know this still holds true today. And these curses have been passed on to generation after generation or offspring
after offspring.

The facts are that you cannot go back and choose the family that you were born into; that is already signed, sealed and delivered. You cannot choose your relatives any more than you can choose your skin color, gender or race. If that was possible many people would have made that switch. However, that does not mean that you have to continue to suffer because a relative may have committed some atrocity against God, made some oath to demons or offered up your soul in some devilish ritual. Someone up the family tree could be the cause for a generational curse, that is true. But Jesus came and died so that the curse of sin can be broken from the life of every man woman and child. His blood is sufficient for you to conquer.

Once you have recognized that the negative patterns are more than just things inherited because of genetics, the next step is to admit that the help you need is beyond what any person on this earth can give you. The only weapons that can breakdown the strongholds of the enemy are those created by God. Therefore in your time of need, go boldly before the throne of grace, God is waiting and willing to empower you, so that you can be victorious and
break the curse.
“For dominion [all power and authority] belongs to the Lord…” Psalm 22:28

We have established that many of the challenges and negative patterns of behaviors and events that exist in our lives and that of our offspring may be as a result of generational curses. However, when we look to the Scriptures we realize that the situation is not hopeless; we do not have to remain in a state of spiritual bondage, neither do we have to watch helplessly on the sidelines. Jesus Christ came to break every bondage and curse that has ever been set on us. Luke 4:18 says "The Spirit of the LORD is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring Good News to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim that captives will be released, that the blind will see, that the oppressed will be set free.” Jesus is the one to champion your cause; if you let Him.

Any attempts to be set free from a generational curse must first be done by establishing the blood of Jesus Christ as your protector and as having the
power to cleanse. 1 John 1:7 “… the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” After we have acknowledged the importance of the blood of Jesus in breaking curses then the next step is to accept and admit that you do have a problem in your life and in your family that requires divine intervention and the application of the blood of Jesus to destroy.

**STEPS TO BREAK THE CURSE**

1. **Complete Submission and Surrender to God**

There are no short cuts to your deliverance. If those spiritual chains are to be broken you have to begin the process by totally surrendering your will and your life to Almighty God. It is only when you cease from resisting his Lordship over your life and you give way to his control and power that you will see results.

The reality is that the battle for your life is not a physical, carnal battle but it is a spiritual one against principalities and powers and spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians chapter 6:12 “For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world,
and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.” Your enemies cannot be seen with visible eyes and any attempt to fight them with physical weapons will be futile, frustrating and a failure. War against spiritual enemies can only be fought with spiritual weapons and to be armed with such weapons you must get them from the source; Jesus Christ. In order to win there is only one way; you have to be walking and functioning in full surrender to the Lord. Before you can even begin to think about doing battle with the demons you must adhere to that fundamental rule. If you are not willing to fully surrender to God and allow Him to take over and lead your life in the direction that He wants you to go, then there will be no deliverance.

This principle is found in James chapter 4:7 “Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.” Do you want the devil to flee?

This verse goes straight to the point and rather than giving you a choice we are commanded to submit to God. Clearly there are no ifs, buts or maybes if we are serious about breaking the curse. The word “submit” speaks of yielding oneself to a force that is superior or to the authority or will of another person. In this instance the superior being with that
authority is God. Of much import in this verse also is the order in which we are told to win against the wiles of the enemy.

It is common as human beings to try to fight our own battles and work things out on our own - indeed we like to be in control. So our first tendency is to do it the opposite to what God requires and start resisting the devil first. That would be putting the cart before the horse and we would be doomed for failure. The Bible commands us to give up control first and then resist. Why? Because something miraculous happens when you give God control. In the book of 2 Chronicles chapter 20 Jehoshaphat submits, surrenders to God and defeats the enemies Moab, Amon and Seir with a singing choir. Gideon won the battle against the Midianites and the Amalekites after God instructed him to reduce his army from 32,000 men to 300 men. No doubt he probably wondered how he would defeat such a large army with only 300 men but he submitted to God. It took total surrender, a faith and trust in God and he defeated his enemies miraculously. You have to be willing to fully surrender your body, soul, and spirit over to Him; every part of your being.
2. Confess the Sins of Your Sinning Parent to God the Father

Step 2 in the deliverance process is to deal with the sins of the parent who produced the curse in the first place. This means that their sins must be acknowledged and confessed to God. The Scripture tells us of the importance of confession when seeking deliverance and forgiveness of sins.

“But if they confess their iniquity and the iniquity of their fathers, with their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, and that they also have walked contrary to Me … then I will remember My covenant with Jacob, and My covenant with Isaac and My covenant with Abraham I will remember …” (Leviticus 26:40, 42)

We are warned about the dangers of concealing our sins.

“People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.” (Proverbs 28:13) Here we see that if we hide our sins we will not prosper, that also goes for our descendants. Satan uses many strategies to keep us in bondage and the mere fact that the generational curse in your family has continued,
suggest that your fore parents have not acknowledged or confessed their sins. Confession says that you recognize that the sin was committed against God, that it was wrong and that there is need for grace, mercy and forgiveness. A significant turning point in the breaking of spiritual bondage is to see our lives, our parent’s lives, their actions and sins as God sees them. If a non-challant attitude is maintained or if we continue to hide and justify these sins, we are basically saying to God that nothing is wrong.

You may ask why would God want you to confess the sins of your father or mother when you were not a part of their actions in the first place? Consider the effects that their sins are having on your life and the potential it has to affect your family down the line. The reality is that the sin must be confessed and if your parents or fore parents did not or would not do it, then you need to make intercession for forgiveness, to break the curse from your family.

Moses did this on the behalf of the people of Israel in the book of Exodus. He was not the one who sinned but he went before God acknowledged their sins, confessed them and asked for forgiveness on their behalf. The people themselves did not see the
situation through the eyes of God but Moses did and he understood the consequences of their actions. So Moses went back to the Lord and said, “Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. (Exodus 32:31) Additionally, God wants you to understand why these demons are attacking you in the first place – and that reason is because of the severe sins your sinning parent has committed against the Lord. He wants you to know fully what is going on behind the scenes in the spiritual realm, and by confessing what sins you know your sinning parent has committed against the Lord – you are showing Him that you recognize and accept that these original sins have caused all of these events to occur as they have done in your own personal life.

When you pray you need to confess the sins of your parents and even grandparents whether known or unknown. If you can trace back through your family line any type of sins that your grandparents or even great grandparents may have committed need to be admitted. When you get into this part of the prayer, you just simply confess the sins you know that they have committed against the Lord. Include also a prayer about the ones that you do not know, to make sure that you cover all of your bases.
3. Be Willing to Fully Forgive Your Sinning Parent

Because of the transgressions and sins that have been committed against the Lord, you may find a pattern of abuse either physical, verbal, and/or sexual in your family line. In many instances this creates guilt, anger, hatred and unforgiveness in the hearts of the children towards the abusive person. The sad reality is that if these negative feelings are not addressed and dealt with properly at an early stage, they can become like poison to the child’s system. They will embed themselves in their lives and open up the door for demonic activity all the way up to adulthood.

If you are in such a situation you need to come to the point of forgiveness. Yes of course this may be a hard proposition. But you really have no choice. The unforgiveness and bitterness that you hold against that person, which you feel they deserve, will destroy your life. No matter how vile, how bad or how vicious some of their abusive acts may have been towards you it is in your best interest to forgive. You may feel like you can’t do it, but you can - with God’s help – even if you do not feel like your emotions or thoughts could possibly line up
with making this kind of confession before the Lord. All God is asking from you at this time is that you cooperate with Him on a mental level. Do all you can to verbally and mentally forgive your parent before the Lord. This is a primary step that needs to be taken before the demons can be expelled.

Come before God. Tell Him that you are willing to let go of any unforgiveness that you hold towards that parent because you realize that their final judgment rest in His hands. Let it go into the hands of the Lord. Romans chapter 12:19 says, “Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say, "I will take revenge; I will pay them back," says the LORD.” We are reminded not to attempt revenge in this life that it belongs to the Lord – not to us – or any other family members.

Inner healing is possible - you can be made whole - through the power of the Holy Spirit working in you. All the negative emotions, anger and guilt that will do nothing but rob you of your peace, joy, and happiness can be removed and you can be set free! There is healing and restoration from the Lord for you if you are willing to work with Him on it.
God’s desires for us to forgive those who have done us wrong. He knows that it is an essential part of the healing process, it sets us free, helps us to move forward in life and breaks the bondages of anger, bitterness and hatred that attract demonic activity to destroy us.

“And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive your trespasses. But if you do not forgive, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your trespasses.” (Mark 11:25)

If you can’t or won’t forgive those who have trespassed against you, this verse tells us that God in turn will not forgive your sins that you have committed against others. If you cannot get any of your own personal prayers answered with God – then you will have little or no chance on getting Him to deliver you from the demons that may be attacking you. This is why it is so vital that you be willing to fully forgive all of those who have ever hurt, harmed or transgressed against you in any way – which will include both of your parents if they are guilty of this, and any other siblings or friends who may have hurt you in your past.

When you come to the point where you are willing
to take this step with the Lord and fully forgive your parent or parents for whatever wrongs they may have inflicted upon you, no matter how bad or vicious those wrongs may have been, then you can continue the process of breaking the curse.

4. Ungodly Soul Ties must be broken with ungodly Parents

Naturally, a spiritual bond develops between parent and child at birth. Even if any one or both of the parents turn out to be abusers in some way. Unfortunately when a child is abused one of the first reactions they have is believing that they are to blame and that something must be wrong with them for their parents to mete out such bad treatment towards them. With time however, as they start to age they recognize that the real culprit is the sinning parent acting on their very evil impulses. When the child reaches the age where they can understand this, they must take action.

To break any ungodly and unhealthy soul ties that may have been created. The reality is that the person who may have hurt you will always be your natural parent, but you do not have to remain bound spiritually to them and their evil.
Soul ties are not always bad; some of them can be good and healthy, for example in marriage between people who sincerely love each other. They can occur between two friends, two spouses, siblings and of course parent and child. However, a soul tie can also be wicked and destructive with one of the persons being taken advantage of and abused either emotionally, verbally, sexually, physically or otherwise. These types of soul ties invite demons into your life. When you find yourself unable to rid yourself of thoughts about a particular person, you are constantly miserable, confused and tormented when you think about that individual, yet nothing you do seems to help, then those are signs that you are soul tied. You need to take your spiritual authority direct from God the Father and command every inch and every part of this curse line to be completely broken, completely severed and completely demolished in the name of Jesus.

**Here are four major steps in breaking soul ties:**

**Acknowledge** - Admit and accept that there is a problem. Talk to the Lord; ask Him to reveal to you
who you have ungodly soul ties with.

**Confess and repent of your sins** - Confess any sins you may have committed to God and find someone who you can sincerely trust to talk to; perhaps a pastor, church counselor, or elder who can guide you.

**Forgiveness** - We must forgive the abuser if we are to have a better life

**Pray vocally** - Open your mouth and speak it out! Command the ties to be broken in Jesus’ name. Again in the book of Proverbs it says, “Life and death are in the power of the tongue.” The spoken word is a declaration a pronouncement of the power of God to break every evil tie to your past.

As long as you are willing to completely break any ungodly and unhealthy soul ties that may have developed and formed over the years between you and your sinning parent, then you can move forward in fully breaking the curse line that the demons are operating on, giving them full legal right to be able to torment and attack you.

**5. Break every Demonic Curse Line**
When you have completed the preceding steps, then it is the time to fully break the generational curse line that has given the devil authority in your life. As you have been obedient to God in submitting and surrendering, forgiving and severing every evil soul tie, you can now take His authority and His power and verbally command this curse line be fully broken in the name of Jesus Christ.

We have this authority from the Scriptures. In Matthew 16:19 we are told “And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” God has already given us what we need to stomp and trample the power of Satan and every demonic spirit. He has given us His power, authority and anointing!

6. Verbally Command the Demons to Leave You in the Name of Jesus Christ
Do not tolerate any strongholds in your life; Satan and his demonic forces hate you. The evil that you may play around with hates you. Break the curse line fully; leave nothing unturned, otherwise they will return to be a thorn in your flesh. Cover your life with the blood of Jesus Christ and fully break this curse line. Command the demons to leave you now in the name of your Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Verbally speak to them with the authority of God’s Word which is quick and sharper than any two-edged sword.

Once you have been obedient to the steps above you and your family line will be set free from the bondage of generational curses set on your lives by parents and fore parents.
Reversing A Generational Curse

The Bible gives the assurance that any curse on your life can be reversed. God’s power is greater than any evil. Of course Satan will come with his number one strategy to plant seeds of doubt in your mind about the ability, authority and omnipotence of God. He will tell you that there is no hope for you, that you could never be set free from alcoholism and other drug addictions and the other ills in your life. He will make you think that you are forever doomed because you were ill treated and abused by your own parents and those you trusted. Believing in Jesus is very crucial to your deliverance. Adam and Eve’s fall was because of their failure to believe in God. Instead of believing what He said they traded His truth for the lies of the enemy. They trusted in the lies of the enemy more than the truth of the Creator. You must guard your self from this subtle and dangerous trick of Satan. Mankind has paid the ultimate price for this dishonor and treason committed by our fore parents. Just like you may be paying for the sins committed
by your fore parents. However, the good news is that Jesus is still the deliverer. He rescued us from the curse that was pronounced on mankind after the fall. The wages of sin is death but He came and declared that He is the resurrection and life and those who believe in Him shall never die. So even though we still die physically, for all who believe in Him there is eternal life.

That precious blood of Jesus extends not only to break the curse of Adam and Eve, but also any generational curses plaguing your family. No matter how long ago it was committed, no matter who did the sinning, complete reversal and removal is possible for you. “But Christ has rescued us from the curse pronounced by the law. When he was hung on the cross, he took upon himself the curse for our wrongdoing. For it is written in the Scriptures, “Cursed is everyone who is hung on a tree.” (Galatians 3:13).

You have made a remarkable decision to come to God. To present your case before the everlasting Judge of all creation, before the King of Kings and Lord of Lords, to the spirits of righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant. This step is significant because it shows that you
recognize that God is the only person who can help you. We are encouraged to come boldly before the throne of grace so that we can receive mercy from God and find grace to help us when we need it. “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.” (Hebrews 4:16)

Who we turn to for help at this stage in our life is very critical. Some people make the mistake of putting their lives and circumstances in the hands of those who only seek money. Others resort to magic and witches for an answer only to find themselves deeper and deeper in trouble. That’s exactly what King Saul did in the Old Testament. Then there are those who trust in their wealth or the wealth of others or their physical might to get them out of bondage. However, if you take any other route you will soon find that they too will fail and you may actually open up your life to more curses. Isaiah 31:1 warns of the dangers of looking to others for help and forgetting the Lord God. “Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD!”
That three letter word “woe” speaks of great sorrow, stress, desperation and despondency, that is what is promised to those who refuse to seek God for their help but trust in their own might and that of others.

It is time for you to stop dealing with the same situation year after year, struggling with the same addictions, fighting the same battles, trying to get out of the same relationship which you are bound to because of evil soul ties, being defeated by lusts and the desires of the flesh and stumbling and falling over and over again at the same point. The only power that can break the curse of the enemy is the blood of Jesus. These demons must be sent back to their source, from whence they came. They belong to their father the devil and should not have any strongholds in your life whether present or in the future. Your faith in God regarding your situation can turn your life around; God wants to turn your curse into a blessing. In 2 Kings chapter 2:19-22 we see Him heal the waters that were creating barrenness and death in that place. And Elisha declared what God said to him about the situation, he said, “I have healed the waters and there shall no longer be any barrenness or death.”
That declaration can be yours if by faith you obey and believe that Jesus Christ is the answer to breaking and reversing whatever curse has been placed on your life. You will be able to declare that the curse has been lifted from your family and that all the negative patterns of barrenness, sickness, addiction and death no longer dwell there. You shall declare that you have been healed. When you are no longer a bitter man or woman your spirit will no longer be poisoned by unforgiveness and hatred for those who may have hurt you. Your bitter waters will be sweet and bring life to those around you.

Recognizing that that you have a problem and fighting back not in your strength but with the spirit of God and the covering and protection of the blood is not just for your life. But it is also to save your children and their seed. The same way that curses travel down the line so too are blessings. You can start a new line of blessings, healing and prosperity in your family.

In Hebrews 12:23-25 we are told that the Blood of Jesus speaks a "better word" than that of Abel. Why is this important to note here and what does this mean to us today? Let's consider Abel for a moment. The Bible states, "By faith Abel brought
God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead" (Hebrews 11:4).

So we see that Abel is considered by God as a righteous man who offered the best of what he had as a sacrifice to the Lord. As we turn to the narrative in Genesis 4, we see the unfolding of a tale of the two brothers, Cain and Abel, before the altar (a place we will define as a meeting point between God and man, where sacrifice or gift is offered, where God responds in covenant blessing to the pure and upright heart).

Cain worked the soil and, in the course of time, he brought some of the fruits of the harvest as an offering to the Lord. Abel, on the other hand, kept flocks, and he brought fat portions of some of the firstborn of his flock for the Lord. God looked with favor on Abel, but not so with Cain. One brother gave the best, but the other compromised on what he offered to the Lord. Are we guilty of Cain's sin of omission? Do we bring the best of who and what we are as love offerings to God, or do we scrimp and have an ungenerous heart toward God?

As a result of the Lord's rebuke, Cain became sullen
and angry. The Lord spoke with Cain and instructed him to do what was right and to bring an appropriate sacrifice, but God also warned Cain that if he did not do what was right, that sin was crouching at his door and threatened to engulf him: "it desires to have you, but you must rule over it" (Genesis 4:6b).

Cain had an opportunity to change his life, but instead he was overcome by sinful thoughts and he lured his brother into the field where, tragically, he attacked and murdered Abel. None of this was hidden from God's sight, and indeed Abel's innocent blood "spoke" and cried out from earth to Heaven, and in response Heaven spoke to earth:

"What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground." (Genesis 4:10).

The blood of Abel had reached to our Heavenly Father and He could not ignore that innocent blood had been shed. The blood of Abel testified of his innocence and spoke of his acquittal of guilt before God; the blood of Abel was a witness to his righteousness and simultaneously was a witness of Cain's unrighteous action and sin.

God said to Cain, "Now you are under a curse and
driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth" (verses 11-12).

Cain was driven from God's presence as a result of his sin; he was to become a homeless wanderer, whose life would be barren and fruitless. The curse resulted in spiritual death in Cain's life.

Returning our thoughts to the verse in Hebrews, we reflect again that the Blood of Jesus speaks a "better word" than the blood of Abel. In this we understand that we have come to Christ, the mediator of the new covenant of grace, and that His Blood speaks in Heaven to testify against sin, yet simultaneously, Messiah as the perfect sacrifice testifies for all humankind, and His imputed righteousness acquits the guilty and cleanses us from all sin. The Blood of Messiah also annuls every curse!

No matter what your past, God wants to give you a brighter future. He is ready and willing to heal the waters. He wants to restore everything that the cankerworm has stolen from you. The cankerworm is a destructive creature - though it may not destroy a tree immediately, in most cases with years of
infestation it can slowly bring it down. Repeated stripping of the leaves of the trees eventually weakens them and makes them more susceptible to other stresses, like drought, other insects and diseases. No wonder the Bible uses the cankerworm in that passage “And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the cankerworm, and the caterpillar, and the palmerworm, my great army which I sent among you.” (Joel 2:25) Our lives are like the tree; the cankerworm can be seen as a curse that eats up the best of us. It eats away at our joy, takes away our peace, our passion for life, hardens a once loving heart and takes away our ability to produce. God wants to reverse that. He wants to reverse the curse and bring back the joy and the peace that was stolen from you.

Joel 2:26 says "You will have plenty to eat and be satisfied and praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; Then My people will never be put to shame…” the promise does not end there for the Bible goes on to say that at the end of it all, that when your life has been restored, when your passion has been restored that you will go and praise the Lord.

It is important that when the demons of hell are cast
away from you life, when the curse has been reversed that you offer praise and thanksgiving to God at all times. Do not play around with the enemy. Continue to thank God and stand fast in the liberty that he has given to you and your family. Thank him for his deliverance! Pray earnestly and fervently on the behalf of your offspring because the enemy will always lurk around trying to seek whom he can devour. Don’t give the enemy any foot hole in your life again, don’t let jealousy and strife creep in and consume you again because the demons will certainly return with greater force to destroy you.

Your life does not have to remain as it is. Curses have been reversed in the lives of many people and they have been able to see restoration. Soul ties have been broken, demons have fled and lives have been changed in the name of Jesus. When you act in faith and obedience to God and you completely and willingly surrender to Him. You have removed the legal right of the enemy from having authority in your life. You have access to the power and authority of Christ to reverse generational and any other curses that may have been placed on your life.
Chapter 7
Breaking Generational Curses

Living A Life of Obedience

Throughout the Scripture, we see that God requires implicit obedience from us His children. It is a key principle that is highlighted from Genesis to Revelation. Many of the promises of blessings are based on the condition that we are obedient to the commands of God and in some cases those in authority, for example our parents. There is no escape from this reality, if we are to enjoy God’s blessings we must be obedient to his instructions and commands. Think about it for a moment - if Abraham did not obey when God singled him out and asked him to take a walk of faith by leaving his father’s house and his relatives to go to an unknown land, he would not be known as the father of many nations. Genesis 12:1 reads “Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:” Noah in spite of the scoffing and laughter of those around him, built an ark even though there was never rain on the face of the earth at that time. He obeyed God against the
odds and he and his family were saved from the floods and death. (Genesis 6:13-14) In Deuteronomy 28 we see God promising blessings to his people, however, if you note carefully you will see that attached to each of those blessings are instructions to be obedient. There is no doubt that living a life of total obedience to God will guarantee us daily victorious Christian living, which will make us free from satanic interference or generational curses.

**WALKING IN OBEDIENCE**

But what does it mean to walk in obedience? Is it that we no longer sin or make mistakes? Does it mean that we walk perfectly each minute of our lives? No it does not. God’s ultimate goal for us is indeed perfection. It was his plan from the beginning with Adam and Eve, they were meant to produce perfect offspring and continue to multiply with perfect descendants. However, after they fell, man was unable to live perfectly. Nevertheless, God’s goal for us is still that we live in obedience and aim for perfection. The exciting thing about this is that he does make provision in the event that we do fall short; if we do sin. Our atonement for sin is through Jesus Christ and when we confess and repent, there is forgiveness. It is important to
understand that the call to obedience is for our good. Clearly, when we follow the path that Jesus sets out for us, we can reap nothing but blessings. We don't have to be perfect or without mistakes, but our hearts need to be surrendered and pliable towards God. David, whom God called a man after his own heart (Acts 13:22) must have had one of the most exposed lives of all the people in the Bible. We read about his strengths, his victories, his sexual encounters, lust, weaknesses, deceit and a myriad of other aspects of his life. However, David always repented of his sins and from what we read, we see no repetitions of the same. Yes, he was disobedient in many instances but with it also came a broken and contrite heart before God.

We need to be moving forward in the things of God every day of our lives. As we get older we really begin to understand that what we do today affects our future and that today's decisions determine tomorrow’s success or failure. Unfortunately, many of us look back on our lives and as we reflect we can only say two of the saddest words “if only”. We look at the decisions that we make regarding our children - wishing that we had spent more time with them or perhaps, treated them with more love and kindness. Some of us regret the business decisions
that we made and the choice of life partner. Then there are others who regret breaking up their marriages and homes in search of a happier life which has eluded them up to this day. When you look back you see that those choices that you made as a parent, grandparent, husband, wife had a profound effect on your life. But not only on your life but also that of your descendants. Truth is that if you could turn the hand of time, what would you do differently? Perhaps be more obedient to the voice of God?

We talk about miracles; we want to see them in our lives and the lives of our family members. However, if we examine many of the miracles that were performed in the Bible, there was an act of obedience attached to them. In the Old Testament we read in 2 Kings chapter 4 the story of Elisha and the jar of oil. The widow had an enormous problem on her hand; her sons were about to be sold as slaves as payment for a debt that her dead husband owed. Elisha gave her specific instructions; she obeyed every one and received her miracle. When Jesus performed his first miracle, his mother recognized the importance of obedience and she told the servants in John 2:5 “Do whatever he tells you to do” and they did; the result was a miracle.
The disciples were told to cast the net on the other side, the paralytic was told to take up his mat and go home and the man at the gate was instructed to rise up and walk. The list goes on and on. There is a miracle on the other side of your obedience.

You can break free from the curses and walk in the freedom and liberty that Christ desires for you. But in order to do so you must learn to walk in obedience to God's ways.

**THE POWER OF LOVE**

To become people whose lives are transformed by the love of God, we must not only get rid of what holds us captive and keeps us in bondage, but we must also be filled up with love - for God, for self and for others. Unconditional love will release heavenly blessings. To know more of the love of God in your life, love those who have hurt you, those who have opposed you and those who have sinned against you.

Love for God and others was a key teaching that Jesus gave to his disciples; he wanted them to see its relevance to their lives and experience its power. Their love for one another was a fortress in time of persecution; it helped them to remain in one accord
and facilitated the descension of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost. Their love for each other was essential to the furtherance of the kingdom of God. It was the evidence that they were indeed the disciples of God but also for their own quality of life here on earth. John 13:34-35 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”

He set the example by paying the ultimate sacrifice of laying his life down for the world.

**DEVELOP A GODLY ATTITUDE**

Having a godly attitude is a critical factor in determining how successful you will be in life. How we think or feel about someone or something will typically be reflected in our behavior. Attitude is generally a condition of the heart. What we feel on the inside is known by the signs we see on the outside. It can be seen in our walk, our talk, and our gestures how and what we do. The Bible implores us to have the same attitude that Christ had in our relationships with each other. In Philippians chapter 2 we are told what a Godly attitude looks like and two words stand out: humility and obedience. We
are told that Jesus even though he was equal with God, humbled himself and made himself low. It also says that he was obedient to death. So in displaying a godly attitude we must walk in humility and obedience. God is very concerned about how we see life on the inside.

It is true that a good attitude does not make everything go perfectly all the time, for in Matthew 5:45 we are told that God sends the rain on the just and the unjust. But our attitude determines whether the rain will water the seeds of our harvest or wash those seeds away. In other words how we respond to what happens in our lives will determine whether we are victorious or defeated. How we think or feel about the circumstances that we face can either make or break us. The Word of God is a catalyst of change to our attitudes; it can change the thoughts of evil, defeat and dismay and propel us to a new and successful way of life. Get serious about where you are going with God by getting your attitude lined up with His Word, having faith and trusting in Him.

**ALIGN YOUR WORDS WITH GOD'S WORDS**

Never under estimate the power of the spoken word.
Words have life but they can also be death. If you do not understand the degree to which your words can affect your life and that of your loved ones, you may find yourself in a dilemma. Proverbs 18:21 says, “The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences.” Your present and your future along with that of your offspring can follow the course that your words have set. It is important that you speak positive words that would inspire, encourage and motivate others, rather than words that would discourage and depress. If you keep telling yourself that its going to be bad day then chances are that’s exactly how it’s going to turn out. If you keep telling your son or daughter that they are going to be no good, then look out because more than likely they will turn out to be no good. The words that you speak can establish your destiny. Stop speaking negatives into you life. Your words give evidence of your faith, they reflect what you believe and they should show God's good purposes for you. Exchange your negative words for positive words, exchange your negative thoughts for positive thoughts, and exchange your negative actions for positive actions.

**ACCEPT GOD'S ACCEPTANCE**

One of the most painful experiences is to watch the
demise of a person who cannot accept or forgive themselves. We know that God has forgiven us and that Jesus didn't come to condemn us or punish us but for some reason we find it extremely difficult to forgive ourselves. God is the ultimate judge and despite whatever wrong we have done, whatever, sin we may have committed; as long as we repent he has promised to forgive us. It’s time to let go of the guilt and to release yourself of the burden that has weighed you down all these years - forgive yourself. Christ came to give us hope that our lives really can be different. We don't have to live under the burdens of pain, hurt, shame or sorrow. All the power in heaven is available to you to set you free from every chain that binds you.

**HOLINESS**

God desires that we live a holy life and we as obedient children should endeavor to seek holiness and ensuing it with all our passion. In Hebrews 12:14, the scripture says, “Follow peace with all men and holiness without which no man shall see the Lord” To live a life of total obedience to God, a pleasing life and obedient life we need to strive! 1 Peter 3:11, the scripture says “Let him eschew evil, and do good; let him seek peace, and ensuing it”
Your obedience is not complete until all the afore-mentioned points are seen and manifested in your life!