

# CURSES

The traditions of men invalidate the Word of God (Mark 7:13) and this is clearly seen in the way most of the church handles curses. Most believe we can't have them because Jesus redeemed us from the curse (Galatians 3:13). At the same time they will instruct people that we suffer as a result of the curses from Adam and Eve and will strongly state that someone who doesn't tithe will be cursed.

The truth is that Jesus did redeem us from the curse AND we are redeemed from the curses when we appropriate the work He did at Calvary to release ourselves from the curse; just like we go to the cross to appropriate salvation, healing, deliverance, etc.

It says we are to bless and not curse in Romans 14:4, indicating we are able to curse one another. It also says in James 3 that we bless God and curse men with the same mouth; and that this ought not to be. The truth is we have power in our words and can literally speak life or death, thereby empowering either angels or the demonic.

Proverbs 18:21

*“Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.”*

We also can be affected by what our parents and other ancestors did, whether negative or positive (Deuteronomy 30:19). The effects can be felt to the third and fourth generation and can even affect our physical bodies.

Numbers 14:18

*“The LORD is slow to anger and abundant in loving kindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; but He will by no means clear {the guilty,} visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth {generations.}”*

Deuteronomy 28:59

*“then the LORD will bring extraordinary plagues on you and your descendants, even severe and lasting plagues, and miserable and chronic sicknesses.”*

Even the New Testament says we can be impacted by our ancestors' sin. Such examples can be found in Revelation 2:23; Matthew 18:25; and Luke 11:50-51. Look specifically in 1 Peter:

1 Peter 1:18

*“knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers”*

So, to find total freedom, we must recognize the reality of curses, go to the cross and break any curses that may be influencing us. Additionally, we need to follow biblical instruction and confess any ancestral iniquity in our ancestral line (Leviticus 26:40-42).