

“Family Ties” *Bible Study Series*

“Generational Curses”

“Thou shall not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth [generation] of them that hate me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.”

-Deuteronomy 5:9-10

Consequences. In most cases, the cost of punishable actions is directly charged to the offender. However, we must remember that though we may pay the immediate price, the ultimate cost of our actions may far exceed our lives. As one writer stated, “we are not an island.” Our actions affect those around us—most importantly, our families. Therefore, it is mandatory that we be very mindful of all that we may consciously and inadvertently pass onto our children through our actions, precepts, and conversations. This study is to make us aware of the dangers of distributing traits to our children that could guide them into lives that cause them to experience curses in and upon their lives/homes. Also, it is to act as a ray of hope for those that may be experiencing curses that are a result of embracing wrongful actions—designed to let remind them of the Divine provision made to move them from curses to blessings.

Curses originate from disobedience to God’s Word

God allows curses into the lives of those that are living contrary to God’s word—Deuteronomy 11:26-28, 28:15-45
As we are disobedient, the curse comes upon/into our homes—Joshua 6:18, Job 5:1-5, Proverbs 3:33, Malachi 3:8-11

The effect of the curse will be clearly noticeable—Job 21:17-21

Disobedience (and corresponding curses) can be learned and passed to future generations

Disobedience can be adopted and repeated by future generations—Deuteronomy 7:26

If the future generation continues in the sins of their fathers, they will experience the same curses—Exodus 20:5, 34:7, Leviticus 20:5, Numbers 14:18

Every generation has the ability to determine their actions

God doesn’t hold the children accountable for the sins of their fathers—Deuteronomy 24:16, Ezekiel 18:1-4

The next generation doesn’t have to commit the same sins as their father—Ezekiel 18:20-21, Psalm 78:2-7

Curses are reversible

God will honor confession of and repentance from sin—Leviticus 26:40-45, Deuteronomy 4:28-31, 30:2-10, 2 Chronicles 7:13-14

If we return to the LORD, God will pardon—Isaiah 55:6-7

In Christ, our curses are paid and reversed

We are free from curses when Christ is our Lord—Romans 8:1-2, 12:1-2,

Christ pays for our curses by bearing our curse on the cross—Galatians 3:13

Christ breaks the curse and positions us for blessings—Galatians 3:14, Colossians 1:19-22, 2:11-15