

Breaking the Curse of Poverty Part 1

Overview: When Adam sinned, God declared that there was a curse on the earth and Adam would eat of it in sorrow all the days of his life (Gen 3:17). But after the flood cleansed the earth, Noah offered to God burnt offerings of every clean beast and God said, “I will not again curse the ground any more for man’s sake.” (Gen 8:20-21). But the curse continues on earth to this day because of sin due to the fact that the defeated satan is still being accepted by many as the god of this earth (2 Cor 4:4).

A. Curses before the Law.

1. Pre-law was from Adam to Moses.
 - a) For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Rom 5:13
 - b) Nevertheless death reigned from Adam to Moses. Rom 5:14
2. The Curse.
 - a) Cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shall you eat of it all the days of thy life. Gen 3:17
 - b) Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Mal 3:8
 - c) Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation. Mal 3:9
 - d) God said that He would heal our land if we repented 2Chr 7:14
 - e) All of creation is groaning, waiting for the manifestation of the sons of God. Ro 8:19-23
3. The Remedy.
 - a) Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. The LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. Ge 4:3-5
 - b) Tithing breaks the curse on the earth. Mal 3:10
 - c) Tithing makes God your partner. Mal 3:11
4. The Benefits.
 - a) Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it. Mal 3:10
 - b) I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes, and he shall not destroy the fruits of your ground; neither shall your vine cast her fruit before the time in the field, saith the **LORD of hosts.** Mal 3:11

B. Curses under the Law.

1. The Law was from Moses to Jesus.
 - a) For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. John 1:17
2. The Curse.
 - a) But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: Deu 28:15
 - b) Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Deu 28:16
 - c) Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. Deu 28:61

3. The Remedy.

- a) Hearken and do the commandments of God. (17x) De15:5-6
- b) Obedience is better than sacrifice. 1Sa 15:22
- c) If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land. Isa 1:19
- d) God delights in the prosperity of His servant (i.e. one who serves Him obediently). Ps 35:27
- e) As you serve God, He blesses your bread and water. Ex 23:25

4. The Benefits.

- a) It shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: Deut 28:1
- b) And all these blessings shall come on thee, and **overtake** thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God. Deut 28:2
- c) Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. Deut 28:3

C. Curses under Grace.

1. Post-Law, under Grace, is from Jesus until now.

- a) And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth. John 1:14

2. The Curse.

- a) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: Gal 3:13
That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. Gal 3:14
- b) Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, **should live unto righteousness**: by whose stripes ye were healed 1 Pet 2:24
- c) The wages of sin is death. Rom 6:23
- d) Every sin has a curse down to the 3rd and 4th generation. Ex 34:7

3. The Remedy.

- a) The curse causeless cannot come to rest, which means that a curse cannot affect you unless you allow it (i.e., give it an opening). Pro 26:2
- b) Reckon yourself dead to sin but alive to God. Rom 6:11
- c) You are the righteousness of God in Christ. 2Cor 5:21
- d) The Law of the Spirit of Life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the Law of sin and death. Rom 8:2
- e) Since you are dead to sin, you should no longer live in sins. Rom 6:2
- f) Flee sins. 2Tim 2:22

4. The Benefits.

- a) You own everything which God has (i.e., you are joint heirs with Jesus). Ro 8:15.
- b) You have authority and dominion in three worlds. Phil 2:10
- c) You have been healed by the stripes of Jesus. 1Pet 2:24
- d) You have been made rich by the poverty of Jesus. 2 Co 8:9