

# **DON'T FOCUS ON THE CURSE, FOCUS ON THE BLESSING**

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## **WHAT A CURSE IS**

A curse is an evil and negative word spoken over a person for his injury and affliction. A curse is a solemn appeal to a supernatural power to inflict harm on someone or something. A curse is an offensive word or phrase used to express anger or annoyance.

A curse is a negative statement uttered to self or another's injury. A curse is a word, phrase or sentence calling for the punishment, injury or destruction of something or somebody.

A curse is an enchantment or evil divination against another with the intent of causing harm.

A curse is the cause of misfortune or ruin. Curses are forces in the unseen realm and they have power to bring evil to come to pass.

- Curses imprison people and their destinies.
- Curses produce frustrations and embitter the cursed.
- Curses cause failure and disappointment.
- Curses produce misfortune (bad luck) and generate hatred towards the cursed.
- Curses make man toil without success.
- Curses make men to live an aimless and wandering life.
- A curse can make a man to lose all he has labored for all his life in a chain of events that one cannot really explain.
- A curse can make a man to lose his employment, important documents and permits and close doors against the man.
- Curses make men grind their teeth in agony and pain. It makes life unbearable and unnecessarily tough and difficult.
- Curses make men take wrong decisions that will complicate, create problems, destroy their marriages, relationships, business, jobs, and make them lose their marriages business, jobs, good friends, clients and everything going for them.
- Curses make men to hit invisible obstacles when they are almost succeeding in their pursuits.
- Curses close doors of blessing and progress and make poverty become a man's experience.
- Curses make man to put in much effort and get little out of it.
- Curses make a man's immune system to collapse, thereby opening him up for sicknesses and diseases.
- A curse can give one an incurable disease that will defy all medications and treatment.
- Curses make men to die before their time.
- Curses make men to lose their honor and make them slaves and prisoners – They suffer oppression.
- Curses increase the risk of failure and disappointment.

- Curses build strongholds on a man's life and his lineage – It transfers to all in his or her lineage.

*Isa 42:22*

*22 But this is a people plundered and looted, all of them trapped in pits or hidden away in prisons. They have become plunder, with no one to rescue them; they have been made loot, with no one to say, "Send them back."*

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### **THE REALITY OF CURSES**

Curses are real. The Bible is filled with accounts of those who were cursed and the fulfillment of those curses. These are written down as examples and as warnings for us, on whom the fulfillment of the ages has come (1 Cor 10:11).

1. Jacob cursed Reuben for sleeping with Bilhah his concubine and it came to pass (Gen 35:21-22; Gen 49:1-4; 1 Chron 5:1-2).
2. Joshua cursed any man who will attempt to rebuild the city of Jericho and it came to pass (Josh 6:26; 1 Kings 16:34).

It took about 575 years to fulfill the curse. The curse never died. It was waiting for the day someone will arise to rebuild the city so it can fulfill itself. And it did just as Joshua decreed.

3. Elisha the prophet of God cursed the king's officer that he will see the miracle of God's provision for Judah, but he will not taste out of it when he doubted God's ability to make provision such that the cost of food items will fall drastically as Elisha predicted (2 Kings 7:1-2; 2 Kings 7:17-20). It came to pass as Elisha said.

Elisha cursed some forty two youths that were jeering at him (2 Kings 2:23-25). They were all killed by two she bears that just appeared from the woods after the curse was pronounced. None of the youths escaped.

So many people today are laboring under one curse or the other. May be you are one of them. You need to pay close attention and discover the curse working in your life, and deal with it in prayer using the scriptures to break it.

### **A CURSE WITHOUT A CAUSE (REASON) CANNOT WORK.**

*Prov 26:2*

*2 Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest.*

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A Curse without a cause will not work. Therefore, for every curse that anyone is experiencing in his life there is a cause. And when that cause is discovered, and taken care of the curse is broken.

Satanic curses most of the time are placed on people without a cogent reason. Because they love wickedness, they break the law of placing of curses and attack and afflict innocent people for stupid and flimsy excuses that they present as reasons for placing curses. This is the reason why Jesus was anointed with the Holy Spirit and power to deliver them that are oppressed and wrongly afflicted of the devil.

*Acts 10:38*

*38 how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.*

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**Not all curses answer to prayer.** Some, you have to locate the cause and deal with it either through repentance, restitution or peacemaking before the curse is broken.

Achan for instance brought a curse on Israel by taking for himself an accursed thing which the LORD has instructed them through Joshua that they should not touch. Because of Achan, Israel suffered defeat in the hands of Ai for God had abandoned them to their enemies. Their prayers alone could not change the situation, until Achan was discovered, he and his family and the accursed things he took was destroyed. It was after this, the curse was lifted (Joshua 7).

In 2 Samuel 1:21, David placed a curse on mountain Gilboa because it was there king Saul and his son Jonathan was killed.

*2 Sam 1:21*

*21 "O mountains of Gilboa, may you have neither dew nor rain, nor fields that yield offerings [of grain]. For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul-no longer rubbed with oil.*

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That is over 3000 years now. But till date, that mountain has nothing green on it. No rain falls there. It's eternally dry as it were, just because of a curse placed on it.

Ask God to search you and reveal the curse upon your life and the cause (Reason for the curse) (Ps 139:23).

A greater percentage of our problem is self caused. Even the devil cannot perform except we let him or rather give him a place.

*Eph 4:27*

*27 and do not give the devil an opportunity.*

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If we will make up our minds to discipline ourselves by making sure we live our lives the way God wants us to live, curses will be averted. When we live contrary to God's laws and commandments, we bring curses upon our lives, and we blame someone or the devil for our misfortune.

All curses are rooted in anger over something and in some cases envy. Curses if not dealt with and broken outlive the curser and cursed and transfer to the children of the cursed and generations after him until it is broken.

Once a curse has been dealt with using the word of God, blood and name of Jesus Christ and the spirit executing the curse bound and cast out, the curse has to be forgotten. The breaking of a curse or curses begins with repentance and accepting and receiving Jesus Christ into one's life as Saviour and Lord. This act of repentance and faith releases the life and blessing of God on the new convert. After ministry has been received from an anointed man or woman of God breaking the evil and generation curses known to be in existence on one's life or family using the scriptures, blood and name of Jesus Christ, it is very important the believer forget about the curse and focus on the blessings of the Almighty God which has now become His in Christ Jesus. The blessing of God is higher than any curse that was in operation because God is the highest authority and His Word and Will supersedes every other evil word or spell by anybody.

#### **THE BLESSING OF GOD**

To be blessed is to be empowered to prosper. To be blessed is to be empowered by God to succeed. To be blessed is to be favoured by God.

To bless is to make holy and set apart for God. When God blesses a man, He cleans up the man to make it possible for the man to have continuous fellowship with Him, sets him apart for Himself, and empowers him to walk with Him in close relationship and holiness. Salvation through Jesus Christ is the blessing of God. Anyone who has received the salvation of God through faith in Jesus Christ is blessed – sanctified, made holy and set apart for God.

The blessed are protected by the very God who has blessed them, because the blessing includes protection. To bless is to watch over protectively. Anyone blessed by God is safe.

To bless is to wish well - to declare approval and support for somebody or something. When God blesses a man He declares His approval and support for that man and all that concerns him. This guarantees heavenly backing and success in all his life endeavours.

To bless is to confer or input personal abilities or benefits on a person. It is to give somebody a desirable quality or talent needed to achieve greatness and fulfill destiny. If God has blessed a man, it means He has inputted into him all that he will ever need to live life successfully if utilized.

*2 Peter 1:3*

*3 His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.*

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To bless is to make happy. It is to cause the things that will make a man to be happy to happen in his life by the divine power of God working in and through the blessing.

Blessing is inherited – passed from father to child. Abraham passed the blessing to Isaac when he blessed him. Isaac passed the blessing to Jacob when he blessed him thinking he was Esau because of his failed vision, and he couldn't reverse it when he discovered that Jacob had deceived him. Israel blessed his sons and the sons of Joseph. The same way causes are transferred by inheritance, blessing is transferred. Through Jesus Christ the blessing is transferred to the believer. We are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. What He has access to as a Son of God, we too as sons of God have access to them. The blessing is ours and we can and will succeed in all things as Jesus did.

*Rom 8:17*

*17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified together.*

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*Gal 3:29*

*29 And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.*

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### **THE CHILD OF GOD IS BLESSED**

An understanding of the above definitions reveals that the blessing of God is released and made effective when a person renounces his sins and makes peace with God through faith in Jesus Christ. The moment the salvation of God is received, the sinner becomes a saint, a child of God. The power to become a son of God is the blessing. At the new birth, the believer is cleansed, made holy, and set apart for God's holy use. He is immediately, supernaturally empowered by God to live the life of God in this natural world. This singular supernatural act of God inputs into him the righteous and holy nature of God and all that he will need to live a godly and successful life on earth. This act of God empowers him to be a success in life pursuits and in his relationship with God. It activates the favour and support of God on him and his pursuits within the will of God. This blessing guarantees his safety. It gives him protection. He becomes God's responsibility because he has reconciled himself with God. This blessing guarantees God's support in life. So, he is never alone and as long as he walks by the leading of God, he cannot fail or be defeated. This act of blessing works behind the scene to create happy experiences for him.

The believer is already blessed at the new birth. The blessing the men of God pronounces on believers in the prayer and preaching time is calling into manifestation the blessing already

given by God to the believer at the new birth. You as a believer are already blessed by God. You can never be more blessed than you were the moment you gave your life to Christ.

*2 Peter 1:3*

*3 According as his divine power hath given unto us **all things that pertain unto life and godliness**, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:*

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His divine power which is the BLESSING has already given unto us all things (everything) that are required for life and godliness. You are already blessed. All you need to do is to recognize that you are blessed and because you are blessed all you will ever need from time to time will be manifested in your life as you keep trusting and walking with God.

Whether men bless you or not, you are already blessed by God who is the highest authority in the universe. No one is higher or greater than the God who has blessed you, so no curse of man or devils can or will cancel the blessing of God on your life. The words of God and the plan and purpose of God cannot be cancelled, thwarted or frustrated. So the blessing on the believer is forever and cannot be overruled by any one on earth or elsewhere.

The blessing of God overrules the curse that was working in your life before surrendering to Jesus Christ. God has the final say on every subject. His word is final. He has blessed you with His curse free, sickness free, poverty free and pain free life called ZOE (John 1:12-13). No enchantment or sorcery against you will ever work again. So move on with your life by forgetting the curse and focusing on the blessing of God upon your life. It is the blessing that sets you free and brings you into the good life the curse had hitherto denied you. The more you think about the curse, you deny yourself the freedom Christ has given you and you allow the devil to keep you in bondage and oppression. The more you focus on the blessing you activate and release the blessing to work in you and for you. Focusing on the blessing is walking in faith. Faith makes the blessing to manifest, but unbelief which is seeing yourself as cursed or laboring under a direct or inherited curse stops the blessing from manifesting in your life.

### **WHEN BLESSED**

When you are blessed, things work well, obstacles are overcome, mountains are scaled, victories are won, goals are achieved, business grows, the ladder of success is climbed, and life is well lived.

When you are blessed no man can curse you or stop you from achieving all that you are destined and supposed to achieve. You are already blessed in Christ. Believe it. Say it loud and clear from time to time. Never lose focus of that. Always see and speak of yourself as blessed.

When you are blessed though there are challenges, victory is certain. When you are blessed, God fights your battles for you. And when God fights for you, victory is sure.

*1 Sam 17:47*

*47 All those gathered here will know that it is not by sword or spear that the LORD saves; for the battle is the LORD's, and he will give all of you into our hands."*

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*2 Chron 20:15*

*15 And he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the LORD unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but God's.*

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### **TO KEEP THE BLESSINGS**

Just obey the commands of the Lord and the blessings will keep flowing non-stop. Your happiness is God's concern. Follow Him and He will keep the blessing running. All the passages we have considered so far reveal that the blessings run on obedience to God's command - walking in the covenant. Keep the blessing by living by the word of God.

Do not be demon or evil conscious. Be blessing conscious. Change the picture in your head. Do not allow your past sufferings and hardship to cause you not to see yourself as blessed. No curse of man or devils can nullify the blessing on your life as long as you are walking with God. Keep seeing yourself as blessed. Keep speaking of yourself as blessed. Confess you are blessed no matter what you encounter or experience. As you continue to do this, the blessing will speak and manifest for all to see in your life. Do not fear. Do not be anxious or worry about situations. Let God have His way in your life and carry your burdens for you. Let the blessing take over and manifest through your positive mind and faith.

If you have not accepted Jesus Christ I urge you to surrender to Jesus Christ so you can become blessed by God and the blessings of God will start manifesting in your life. The life of Jesus is the blessed life. Do it now and don't postpone it to a later time.