

# Curses and Blessings

Few realize how powerful the effects of curses and blessings are in peoples' lives today. Curses and blessings release spiritual power which influences the course of events in people's lives in many ways, and usually affects the way they are, too.

## What is a blessing?

A blessing is a positive declaration over someone or something. When God blesses a person, He declares good concerning them which will surely come to pass. God is a great King, and as the Scripture says, "Where the word of a king is, there is power, and who can say to him, 'What are you doing?' ". Our ultimate concern should be to please and glorify God. He certainly deserves it. However, in truly doing this, we will attract God's blessings and we will attract God's favor. A good example in the Bible of someone who attracted God's favor was David. Although David did some really wrong things at times, and was quite bloodthirsty and shrewd, the fact that he worshiped God with all his heart made him one of God's favorites. We will attract God's favor and blessings if we worship, praise and thank the Lord from our hearts also.

The Bible gives many examples of the effects of blessings. For example, "The blessing of the Lord makes rich, and He adds no sorrow with it" (Proverbs 10:22). When God bestows good things on us, they are blessings. It is very easy for God to bless someone He wants to favor. All God has to do is speak the word, and the blessings come to us. The way God distributes and administrates these blessings is ultimately up to Him, but we do know that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him (Hebrews 11:6). Do you believe that? He is looking to bless those with a heart after Him - those who love Him more than they love themselves, anything or anyone else.

Blessings can come through people, also. Christians are instructed to bless others, and not curse them (Romans 12:14). Just praying the Word of God for someone can release real blessings to them, but we can also SPEAK out blessings as the Spirit of God leads. We should speak out blessings over people according to the good promises of the Word of God. God's angels will be assigned to bring these words to pass, if we have done this thing in union with God.

God commands blessing to come when Christian brethren dwell together in unity (Psalm 133). We need those blessings. When we are in unity, God is going to pour out blessings. The only true Unity is based on the Spirit of God, and comes as we all look to Jesus and worship Him in Spirit and Truth. Jesus went so far as to say that when two or three on earth harmonize about something in His name, God will do it.

Speaking and confessing the Word can release blessings over us and also over others. There are many personalized confessions of God's Word on this site which you can use to release God's blessing. They help because they cause us to hear God's word for ourself, which produces faith. (Romans 10:17)

All spiritual blessings are available to us in Christ (Ephesians 1:3), and we should avail ourselves of them by walking with the Lord and not separately from Him. Blessings like peace, joy, love, wisdom, faith and other choice things are vital in an effective spiritual warfare against Satan. God does not want us miserable. Satan is happy to see miserable and sad Christians.

## **Curses**

Curses come either through generational or family influence, or by someone who speaks negatively of us. If God speaks negatively of us, we are in trouble. His Word declares many judgments on sin, rebellion and disobedience. God is slow to anger though, but at times all that is necessary is for us to open the door through sin and then people can curse us - and it does generally have an effect. Repentance, humility and faith combined with right words can set us free from curses and the reality is that Christians often need deliverance from the effects of curses. This is even true of experienced and mature Christians.

For more information on the subject of Curses and Blessings, I recommend Derek Prince's book on the subject..

I hope you will take the time to do some Bible research into this vast subject. It will change your life if you do.

God bless you!

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