

Are Curses A Reality?

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Are curses still applicable today? Deuteronomy 28:45-46 says Yes!

"All these curses shall come upon you, pursuing and overtaking you until you are destroyed, because you did not obey the Lord your God, by observing the commandments and the decrees that he commanded you. They shall be among you and your descendants as a sign and a portent forever."

Most believers understand how the sins of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden brought about a curse upon humanity and the world in which they lived. The Lord pronounced specific curses that were related to the serpent, the woman and the man.

1. **The serpent** - would crawl upon his belly and enmity would be place between him and the woman and between his offspring and hers. (Gen 3:14-15)

2. **The woman** - would have pain in child birth and was placed under the authority of her husband (Gen 3:16).

3. **The man** - representing humanity was cut off from the tree of life, and the ground was cursed with thorns and thistles so that man would have to toil with great difficulty to produce crops until he died (Gen 3:17-19). The man and the woman were driven out of the garden of Eden and God had the entrance guarded by cherubim and a flaming sword. (Gen 3:24)

Are the results of these curses still existent today? Yes, they are and we continue to suffer because of them.

Suddenly the quality of Adam and Eve's lives changed. They would not continue to have the comfort they had in the garden and in the Lord's presence. Their blessings were taken from them as their circumstances were reduced.

These are the effects of curses (1) blessings lost, (2) abilities limited, (3) position and circumstances reduced, (4) the quality of life affected, (5) future posterity also affected

Spiritual bondage has all these effects. Each of us has a CHOICE between blessing and curse.

"See, I am setting before you today a blessing and a curse - the blessing if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving today; the curse if you disobey the commands of the Lord your God and turn from the way that I command you today . . . " (Deuteronomy 11:26-28)

"This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live and that you may love the Lord your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him." (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)

Only when Christ returns and establishes His kingdom will there no longer be any curses. **Revelation 22:3 (NIV)** No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him.