

MOVING BEYOND THE PAST

Lesson 10 Break Every Curse

Introduction: In the previous lesson, we saw the roles that willful sin, unforgiveness, inner vows and judgments play in opening doors to demonic influences in our lives. In this lesson, we will continue our study of the doors that we need to close if we want to walk in the freedom that Jesus came to give us.

I. Doors of entry-Generational Entry

A. " .. .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"
(Exodus 20:5 KJV).

1. In numerous Scriptures such as the one above, as well as in Deuteronomy 5:9 and Numbers 14:18, God says that He will visit the iniquity of the fathers to the third and fourth generations. The NIV phrases it as "punishing the children for the sins of the fathers."
2. This principle is called spiritual determinism and is carried out by demons, or familiar spirits. These often manifest in tendencies in certain families toward particular addictions, sin patterns, illnesses, etc.
3. Iniquity is the effect of sin. It is the pollution that is released because of the sin. Although we may repent of our sin, it is still good to ask God to cleanse us from the iniquity of past sins in our bloodline (see Deuteronomy 28:15-68).

B. Spiritual and emotional trauma - "*He has sent Me to bind up the brokenhearted*" (Isaiah 61:1).

1. Wounds - emotional, spiritual or physical- can be sources of infection and demonic influence.
2. Harsh words, broken promises, rejection, abuse, etc. produce pain, anger, bitterness and hate. Pain in our memories and emotions is evidence that trauma has occurred.
3. Emotional hurts need cleansing, closure and healing through the blood of Jesus.

II. Fourteen root spirits

A. The Bible specifically mentions fourteen "spirits of." These are root spirits that gain entrance through generational curses or traumatic experiences.

- B. The fourteen root spirits are listed below:
- a. Spirit of infirmity (Luke 13: 11, 16)
 - b. Spirit of fear (II Timothy 1 :7)
 - f. Lying spirit (II Chronicles 18:22)
 - g. Spirit of error (I John 4:6)
 - h. Spirit of divination (Acts 16:16-18)

- i. Spirit of bondage (Romans 8: 15)
- j. Spirit of haughtiness (Proverbs 16: 8-19)
- k. Spirit of Antichrist (I John 4:3)
- l. Spirit of heaviness (Isaiah 61:3)
- m. Spirit of jealousy (Numbers 5: 14)
- n. Spirit of sleep/slumber (Romans 11: 8)

III. Conclusion - *"For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil"* (I John 3:8).

A. We must understand that" there are spiritual forces wrestling and battling against us.

1. Revelation 12: 10 refers to Satan as the "accuser of the brothers," who comes before God day and night with accusations against us.
2. Just like he did with Job, the devil will try to find grounds to accuse us before God.
3. 1 Peter 5:8 *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.*
The devil wants to devour you, but if you are sober and vigilant, he has now power over you and every curse will be broken as you walk in holiness.

B. The only thing that has the power to cancel all the arguments of the enemy against us is the redemptive work accomplished by Jesus on the cross.

1. When Jesus died on the cross, He died in our place, thus atoning for our sins. When we embrace this fact, every argument against us immediately disappears. At that point, all demonic powers have to loose their hold on our lives, families, communities and nations.
2. I John 1:9 says, *"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."* Confessing our sins and accepting the finished work of the cross will bring us freedom from every curse and bondage.

C. The blood of Jesus justifies and redeems us.

1. Romans 5:9 *Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.*
Through the blood of Jesus we are saved from the wrath of God-the punishing for generational sin and His punishment for the deeds we have done that opened us up to evil spirits.
2. Ephesians 1:7 *In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.*
We have been redeemed from the curse of mankind. We have been redeemed from the curses of our relatives. We have been redeemed from evil spirits.
3. There is nothing like the freedom Jesus knew as described in John14:30

"... *For the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me.*"
Rise up today and receive the freedom that the shed blood of Jesus purchased for you. Take courage and boldly proclaim, "The devil has no hold on me!"

D. We must choose to walk in victory.

1. Romans 12:21 *Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.*

We choose to not be overcome with evil, but to overcome evil with good.

2. 1 John 5:4-5 *For whatsoever is born of God overcomes the world; and this the victory that overcomes the world, even our faith. Who is he that overcomes the world, but he that believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

As we walk in faith-which is firm persuasion, trust, firm conviction, assurance, we will overcome the deeds of darkness and generational sin. As we believe-which means to trust, rely, depend on Jesus we will walk in victory.

3. James 4:7-8 *Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hand sinners, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double minded.*

we submit ourselves to God and resist the devil, evil spirits will flee from us. As we draw near to God, He will draw near to us, and we are covered by His presence. We must cleanse and purify our minds and hearts and not live a double minded life.

4. 1 Cor 15:58 *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.*

We must make a choice to be steadfast, unmoveable, and always abounding.

In other words, we do not let anything stop us from living a victorious, overcoming life-even in spite of generational curse from the past.