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***God's Generational Curses
Don't Exist Any More***

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Where are we at?

Generational curses are important concepts for the healing, spiritual warfare and intercessory segments of the church.

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It is taught that alcoholism, drug addiction, lust, rage, and an innumerable swag of other bad habits are connected to you through parents' sinful habits – even your grandparents sinful habits or those many generations in the past.

What does the Bible say?

Generational curses are mentioned in Exodus 20:5; 34:7; Numbers 14:18; & Deuteronomy 5:9.

God warned the Israelites that he was a jealous God, “punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me,” (Exodus 20:5 NIV)

What about the New Covenant?

God actually changed this rule before the New Covenant even arrived!

So, before the NC:

“Why do you cite this proverb when you talk about Israel’s land: ‘The fathers eat sour grapes but it’s their children’s teeth that have become numb’. As long as I live”, declares the Lord, “you won’t use this proverb about Israel any more. Look! Every living soul belongs to me – the father’s as well as the son’s. So pay attention! The person who keeps on sinning is going to die.”

Ezekiel 18:2-4 (ISV)

What does this imply?

In this passage God had already begun to relate to individuals and not based on their ancestry.

This was before the change from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant.

Here's the thing!

Under the Old Covenant, it was God who sent the curse against a family line for 3-4 generations.

What happens today with this knowledge?

Strangely, when a person prays for an individual who is a 4th generation alcoholic, you never hear them say, “God has cursed you with alcoholism. You need to repent so he will remove his curse on you. This will stop him causing you to be an alcoholic.”

What is normally stated?

“You have a generational curse. This curse causes a propensity to be an alcoholic. God wants you to be free, so you must repent and pray so you can be released.”

What about the NC's effects?

It was God who cursed under the OC, but under the NC he isn't bringing curses on anyone many more!

What are the implications?

We need to stop referring to these forms of problem as generational curses. If we don't, we are lying to those we are prying for, to our counselling clients and to ourselves.

Why has this happened?

Firstly: the term 'generational curses' have been propagated by teaching sessions and books.

Why has this happened?

Secondly: People have prayed for others (*as is prescribed for dealing with generational curses*) and there has been dramatic changes in them.

What's really happening?

Because the person has rejected lies and comes into agreement with the truth there has been a healing. It isn't the result of spiritual words which has released them from a so-called generational curse that God has visited on them.

What's really happening?

When a person comes into agreement with the truth and renouncing lies, this is powerful enough to set them free.

What's really happening?

God isn't cursing anyone these days. No one is under a generational curse visited upon them from God the Father as it was for Israel in the OT.

So we should ask:

How does it seem that family lines can have recurring sinful lifestyles & certain propensities?

Here's how:

What happens is that a demonic spirit attacks a family's line. These are known as 'familiar spirits'. These demons come along time after time, bringing the same temptation that is familiar to a person's family line.

What does this mean?

If an person struggles sinfully in a particular area, it may be because their family has a propensity toward that type of sin. A familiar spirit can bring this sort of temptation on them and their family members.

So, where is effort to be applied?

It is always best to deal with the cause rather than the effect.

What does this involve?

Deal with root lies to break agreement with demonic spirits. This will bring a person into agreement with the truth.

This is not a new concept.

This is how Theophostic Prayer Ministry (TPM)
works

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This is not saying that curses can't be sent by people today!

Curses are still real, but they are released by people through:

- Cursing
- Witchcraft
- Masonic curses
- Negative talk
- Soulsh prayers

Conclusion

We are not trying to remove a curse from God, like the Old Testament people were struggling under.

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Continuing to use 'generational curse' language is inaccurate at best. At worst, it accuses God of sending a curse upon a believer that he doesn't do.

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So, it's your challenge to get to grips with this information

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