

The cruse may be cancelled, but the demons may remain

Just as other demons do not automatically leave at the time of salvation, neither do the demons that you get from your ancestors automatically leave you either.

Let's say that you accepted Jesus at age 15. Because you were born a sinner and outside of God's covenant, you were still living under the curses handed down to you and demons can enter you through those curves. Once you have accepted Jesus, those curses are broken automatically, but often the demons that entered in before you accepted Jesus still need to be cast out. In other words, the curse is already broken, and there is no need for you to break any generational curses. But the demons who entered into you through those curses before you accepted Jesus may still need to be cast out. So you need to do the gesture. Pray and fast. Identify the sins, the Spirits that are bothering you. Repent, renounce and rebuke them, in Jesus' name. That is why it seems so many believers are living under generational curses, when the Bible makes it clear that we have been freed from any curses handed down from our forefathers!

FOR BIBLE STUDY

BREAKING GENERATIONAL CURSES

I. “What does the bible say about breaking generational curses?”

The bible mentions “generational curses” in several places (Exodus 20:5; 34:7; Number 14:18; Deuteronomy 5:9). God warns that “He is a Jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the fathers to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Him”.

It sounds unfair for God to punish children for the sins of their father. However, there is more to it than that. The effects of sin are naturally passed down from one generation to the next. When a father has a sinful style, his children are likely to practice the same sinful style. Implied in the warning of Exodus 20:15 is the fact that the children will choose to repeat the sins of their fathers. This passage refers to “ungodly fathers” and “rebellious children”. So, it is not unjust for God to punish sin to the third or fourth generation- those generation are committing the same sin their ancestors did. Deuteronomy 5:6-15 they disobeyed and dishonoured the 10 commandments of God, especially commandments 1 to 4.

The cure for generational curses has always been repentance. When Israel turned from idols to serve the living God, the “curse” was broken and God saved them (Judges 3:9,15; 1 Samuel 12:10-11). Yes, God promised to visit Israel’s sin upon the third and fourth generations., but in the very next verse He promised that He would “show” love to a thousand (generations) of those who love me and keep commandments” (Exodus 20:6) in other words, God’s grace is last a thousand times longer than his wrath.

For the new generation, Christian who is worried about a generational curse, the answer is salvation through Jesus Christ. A Christian is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17). How can a child of God still under God’s curse

Romans 8:1-4

v.1 – Therefore, there is no condemnation for those who are in Jesus Christ

v.2- because through Jesus Christ the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

v.3 – for what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh

v.4 – in order that the righteous requirements of the law might be fully met us, who do not live accordingly to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Take note v.4b

The cure for a ‘generational curse’ is repentance, renouncement of our sins, faith in Christ and a life consecrated to the Lord

Romans 12:1-2

v.1 – Therefore, I urge you brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, this is your true and proper worship.

v.2 – Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind then. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is- his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Ephesians 1:3- Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

Ephesians 1:8-22 - **8** that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding. **9** And he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, **10** to be put into effect when the times will have reached their fulfillment--to bring all things in heaven and on earth together under one head, even Christ. **11** In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, **12** in order that we, who were the first to hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. **13** And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, **14** who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession--to the praise of his glory.

Thanksgiving and Prayer

15 For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, **16** I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. **17** I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. **18** I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, **19** and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is like the working of his mighty strength, **20** which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, **21** far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. **22** And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church,

II. Examples

After the exile of the Israelites from the book of Exodus, Prophet Nehemiah became the governor. God has placed in his heart to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. But Nehemiah can not do this task without repenting, renouncement of their sins and wickedness of their forefathers.

Nehemiah 1:5-7

v.5 – Then I said:

Lord, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, who keeps his covenant of love with those who love him and keep His commandments.

v.6 – let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer your servant is praying before you day and night for your servants, the people of Israel. I confess sins we Israelites, including myself and my father's family, have committed against you

v.7- We have acted very wickedly toward you. We have not obeyed the commands, decrees and laws you gave your servant Moses.

Nehemiah 9: 1-10

v.1 – On the twenty fourth day of the same month, the Israelites gathered together, fasting and wearing sackcloth and putting dust on their heads

v.2- Those of Israelite descent had separated themselves from all foreigners. They stood in their places and confessed their sins and sins of their ancestors.

v.3 – They stood where they were and read from the Book of the Law of the Lord their God for a quarter of the day, and spent another quarter in confession and in worshipping the Lord their God.

v.4 – Standing on the stairs of the Levites where Jeshua, Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Bunni, Sherebiah, Bani and Kenani. They cried out with loud voices to the Lord their God.

v.5 – And the Levites--Jeshua, Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah and Pethahiah--said: "Stand up and praise the LORD your God, who is from everlasting to everlasting." "Blessed be your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise.

v.6 - You alone are the LORD. You made the heavens, even the highest heavens, and all their starry host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them. You give life to everything, and the multitudes of heaven worship you.

v.7 - "You are the LORD God, who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and named him Abraham.

v.8 - You found his heart faithful to you, and you made a covenant with him to give to his descendants the land of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Jebusites and Girgashites. You have kept your promise because you are righteous.

v.9 - "You saw the suffering of our forefathers in Egypt; you heard their cry at the Red Sea.

v.10 - You sent miraculous signs and wonders against Pharaoh, against all his officials and all the people of his land, for you knew how arrogantly the Egyptians treated them. You made a name for yourself, which remains to this day.

III. Can God break the cycle of generational sin?

The Lord created families as beautiful extension of His image. Sadly, in our fallen world we are born in a sinful state and can only be redeemed by our Creator. Our natural state is selfish at the best and pathological at its worst. Dysfunction comes naturally to us.

That is why salvation through Jesus is the first key to break generational sin. Jesus offers us forgiveness, cleansing of sin, and real, unconditional love (John 1:9 - Now this was John's testimony when the Jews of Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to ask him who he was.). Jesus gives His followers the power to love like He does, a love that is filled with grace and compassion. He is our example for how to love rather than loving ourselves or pleasure (John 13:34 -"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another.)

James 5:16 "Repentance and Renouncement"

Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

Romans 12:1-2

v.1- Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God--this is your spiritual act of worship

v.2- Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.

2 Corinthians 5:17-18

v.17 -Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

v.18 - All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:

The second key is to live a life worthy of our calling as His children.

Jeremiah 32:18 (You show love to thousands but bring the punishment for the fathers' sins into the laps of their children after them. O great and powerful God, whose name is the LORD Almighty,) **says** that the consequences of sin from one generation are visited on the next generations. Sin's destructive consequences hurt the person committing the sin as well as those around him. Each generation has the choice to let their natural inclination "repeat the cycle" or "to find a better way". People often want to break negative cycles but do not know how because they way of thinking that they were raised with has confused them. In addition, breaking the cycle can divide families when a person want to follow Jesus instead of family traditions (see **Luke 12:51-53-51** Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. **52** From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. **53**They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."). **Some** family members will choose Christ and be rejected by their relatives for doing so.

Even without adversity from family members, it can be very difficult to recognize and break sinful patterns in families. The truth is that without "JESUS", no one can break the grip of sin.

IV. First Key: Salvation through JESUS CHRIST (Spiritual and Physical)

Without Jesus humans do not see or comprehend the depth of man's depravity. Therefore, salvation is the ultimate in breaking the cycle of generational sin. Then as the new generation begins a family must seek to follow the biblical model for marriage, parenting and living in order to replace the old destructive ways.

Ephesians 5:21 (Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ) summarizes God's instructions for how family members ought to treat one another: "Submit to one another to honor and love another, caring for each other's needs as they care for their own. When family members submit to God's command, the result is peace and fulfilment through loving relationships as God intended.

God created a perfect family system, but sin has damaged it. Our only way to have a family that bears fruit is to follow Christ. Instead of a cycle of pain, the generation that chooses to follow Jesus sows blessing for the generations to come. They will actually begin a cycle of blessing rather than dysfunction. God's principle is that **we reap what we sow (Galatians 6:7-9 -7** Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. **8** The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. **9** Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.). **Parents who invest their lives in loving and training their children will see adult children who thrive and walk with Christ (Proverbs 22:6** -Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.) Children who loved and valued will honor their parents. But sowing seeds of instant gratification and irresponsibility will reap a harvest of heartache.

Wounds from past hurts can be difficult to overcome. Some believers struggle with generational sin, especially if they are the first generation to follow Christ. It is difficult to honor those who have wounded us and to sacrifice our desires for the good solution of our children. Often, the old thinking patterns and beliefs cloud judgement. The weapon against being fooled by our natural pride and selfish point of view is the Bible. The Bible transforms our thinking. Knowing facts from the Bible is not the same as surrendering to the truth of the Bible. Victory comes through seeking a relationship with Jesus and examining ourselves to confess areas that need redeeming.

Second key: Living a life worthy of God (Physical and Spiritual)

Jesus tells His followers to deny self and live for Him (**Matthew 16:24-25** ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. **25** For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me will find it). This means we will be no longer live for what pleases us, but for what pleases Jesus. Jesus gives wisdom to those who follow Him so that they can make choices to obey in everything (**Luke 1:17** -But they had no children, because Elizabeth was barren; and they were both well along in years.; **James 1:5** -If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.; **3:17** -But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.). When we follow Christ, everything will eventually work in our favour and for our good (**Romans 8:28**- And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose) As a result of our relationship with Christ, we can now act like sons and daughters of God (**Romans 12:2** -Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will. ; **2 Corinthians 6:17-18** ¹⁷ "Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you." ¹⁸ "I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty."). Our true family is the body of Christ, and God is a Heavenly Father to His children. Our choice to follow Christ is the greatest gift we can give to future generations.

Questions: "Does a son bear any responsibility for the sins of the father"

Answer: Ezekiel 18 makes it clear that God holds each individual responsible for his or her own sin. Verses 1 through 4 say, "The word of the Lord came to me: "What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: "The parents eat sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge"? As sure as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb in Israel. For everyone belongs to me, the parents as well as the child-both alike belong to me. The one who sins is the one who will die." At the same time, Exodus 20:5-6 says " For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. "So, do children bear responsibility for their sin? Yes or No.

Yes! If your are still under the law. No! If you have the keys (the new covenant)

God judges the heart of each individual. In both the old and new Testaments, we see God interact with people based on their own faith. In Genesis, we see God treat Cain differently from Abel, based on their difficult actions. **Ezekiel 18:30** says, "Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge each of you according to your own ways." **John 3:16** says that "Whoever believes in Jesus shall not perish but have eternal life (emphasizes added). **Verse 18** says "Whoever believes in Him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only son". Clearly, salvation is offered to all, regardless of the actions of one's parents. Also **Matthew 6:33** says that "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. "

V. EXAMPLE

On the other hand, it is obvious that the sins of parents do affect their children. David and Bathsheba's first born son died after birth due to their sin. The Israelites, as a nation, were punished by God for their sin, and that punishment sometimes affected the children as well. Today, we see how parental sin affects children. Those who grow up watching sinful behaviour are often more likely to engage in it themselves. Certain sins take parents out of the home or inhibit their ability to be loving caregivers, setting the children up for possible problems in the future. Addiction often has genetic components. The relatively new field of epigenetic is suggesting that trauma can leave "molecular scars" on our DNA- and that those scars are passed down genetically to the third and fourth generation. Even more obviously, Adam and Eve's sin has affected all of us. We are all born with sinful natures because Adam chose to disobey God. His sin was "passed down" to us.

Sin is never a private issue. It always affects those surround us. This is especially true in families. The sins of the parents will affect their children. However, God is gracious and merciful. We are all marred by sin (**Romans 3:23** -for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,). We are all given the option to accept Jesus' cleansing (**Romans 6:23** - For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.) WE can be adopted into God's family and inherit a new nature. The bible even speaks of being born again in genetic terms: "No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in them" (**1 John 3:9** -No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God., emphasis added). God forgives sin when we accept the sacrifice of Jesus. "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God" (**2 Corinthians 5:21** -God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.)

VI. Another factor to consider

A. “Transferring of Spirits”

Transferring of Spirits is another source of bondage. There are other things that can “seem” like generational curses, but are not. Perhaps the most common is if there is an ungodly soul tie formed between you and one of your ancestors that can also allow for the transferring of Spirits. (Witchcraft/spell/Satanic activities)

B. Ignorance: Another source of bondage!

I also believe that some people can live under what SEEMS like a generational curse, simply because they believe it is still in effect! We need to know that is NO LONGER in effect, and we have been FREED from any generational curses we use to live under! Jesus makes it very clear that we can be held in bondage to sin through ignorance (John 8:31-36) and I believe the same is true with bondage to generational curses.

If you know that you are saved (first key) and living a life worthy of God (second key) then believe! Do not doubt!

Christian can be affected by spirits that have entered through those curses before they accepted Jesus. Just like many people’s past actions before they came to Christ and have landed them in demonic bondage and caused them to pick up demons. Those demons are not automatically shed at the time of salvation; they often need to be cast out. The same is true with demons that enter in through generational curses (doorway to demons)

Have you deal with a spirit that has entered through a generational curses is very simple: Mark 16: 7, “And these signs shall follow them that believe; in my Name shall they cast out devils..” Learn of the spiritual authority that Jesus has given you over demons spirits, and by faith, you can command those spirit leave you in Jesus name! If you can not seem to get them out, try prayer and fasting, as Jesus clearly stated, some demons would not come out unless you have a higher level of faith that only prayer and fasting can bring you into **(Matthew 17:19-21 -19** Then the disciples came to Jesus in private and asked, "Why couldn't we drive it out?" **20** He replied, "Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you. " **22** When they came together in Galilee, he said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be betrayed into the hands of men. **23** They will kill him, and on the third day he will be raised to life." And the disciples were filled with grief.

The Temple Tax

24 After Jesus and his disciples arrived in Capernaum, the collectors of the two-drachma tax came to Peter and asked, "Doesn't your teacher pay the temple tax?" **25** "Yes, he does," he replied. When Peter came into the house, Jesus was the first to speak. "What do you think, Simon?" he asked. "From whom do the kings of the earth collect duty and taxes--from their own sons or from others?" **26** "From others," Peter answered. "Then the sons are exempt," Jesus said to him. **27** "But so that we may not offend them, go to the lake and throw out your line. Take the first fish you catch; open its mouth and you will find a four-drachma coin. Take it and give it to them for my tax and yours." Also, ask help! If you are facing heavier bondages, it is recommended to seek deliverance through a man or woman of God who is knowledgeable and working in the ministry of deliverance. But study what the Bible is saying about that.

C. Spoken curses: Another source of bondage!

The type of curses handed down as a result of an ancestors sin is automatically atoned for on the cross, providing we do not hide the sins of our forefathers in our hearts (holding sin in our hearts is never a good idea- whether it is ours or the sins of our ancestors). But there is another kind of generational curse that is handed down, and it is a spoken curse that takes a toll on future generations as well. We can see this kind of curse in action in Genesis 9:24-25, “And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew that his younger son had done unto him. And he said, cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall be unto his brethren. “As the Bible goes on to say, this curse ended up affecting an entire nation! I believe these kinds of curses may need to be renounced and broken. If you are unsure of whether a curse should be broken, I recommend breaking it anyways, just so you know it is broken. It does not hurt to break a curse that is already been broken. Here is a sample prayer you can pray that you can use to break yourself free from spoken generational curses.

“JESUS BROKE THE CURSESS ALREADY BUT MOST OF THE TIME, IT IS YOU WHO IS STARTING AGAIN.”

“In the name of Jesus, and by the power of His blood, I now renounce, break and cut off all curses that have been handed down to me from my ancestors. In the name of Jesus, I now loose myself and my future generations from any bondage passed down to me from my ancestors!

Again, if a curse has landed on you and has been broken, it still does not mean you are not delivered from the spirits that entered in through that curse. You may still need further deliverance of casting out the evil spirits that took advantages of the curse handed to you. These spirits want you to live in a deception and lies they created. Remember satan is the father of lies and deception.

There is a neat story in Mark 9:17-27, where Jesus deals with what is almost certainly a generational curse (verse 21 -). Notice that Jesus did not have the boy confess the sins or iniquities of his ancestors; He cast out the demons that entered in through the curse. That is how I believe we are to deal with the affects of a generational curse; since the curse had been broken, all there is left to do is just cast the demons out that entered into that person’s life back before they became a Christian (before the curse was broken)

VII. Confess what is rightfully yours!

We know that our generational curses have been broken in Jesus' name, but I still like to verbally confess what is going on and what is rightfully ours anyways, because there is "power" in our "verbal confessions", and helps us to realize that we are set free, and also lets the enemy know that he is in trouble! Here is a great sample confessions prayer you can use to do just that:

"In the name of Jesus, I confess the sins and iniquities of my parents (name specific sin if known), grandparents (name specific sin if known), and all other ancestors. I declare that by the blood of Jesus, these sins have been forgiven and satan and his demons can no longer use these sins as legal grounds in my life"

" In the name of Jesus, and by the power of His blood, I now declare that all generational curse have been renounced, broken and severed, and that I am no longer under their bondage"

" In the name of Jesus, I declare myself and my future generations loosed from any bondages passed down to me from my ancestors, AMEN!"

The price for generational curses has been paid!

The good news:

1. That once you accepted Jesus (first key), the transference of bondage stops from your ancestors by means of generational curses. You can no longer receive spiritual bondages in this manner from your parents once you accept Jesus!

Christ was made a curse, so we can be freed from the curses that sin (both our sins and those of our forefathers) has brought us. Galatians 3:13, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree"

Once you become a child of God, no longer will be the sins of your forefathers cause curses to transfer into your life: Jeremiah 31:29-30, "In those days they shall say no more, the fathers have eaten a sour grape, and the children's teeth are set on edge. But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man that eateth the sour grape, his teeth shall be set on edge."

So why there are so many believers who seem to be living under a generational curse? This has puzzled me before I understood how it works too. What may need to be dealt with though, is any bondage that was already passed down to you before you came into covenant with God. The legal grounds are certainly paid for on the cross and therefore broken. The only thing left to do is cast out any spirits that have gained entrance before you accepted Jesus.

2. And once we live our lives worthy of God by faith and obedience in Christ, we can always use the power of God has given us.