

Curses = Opposite of Blessings

A <u>reaping</u> of what is <u>sown</u> that violates the <u>harmonious-order</u> and <u>good principles</u> of life that God originally ordained.

Romans 3:23



Family

Finances

Relationships

Accidents

Work

Mishaps -Harm -Dangers Physical Health

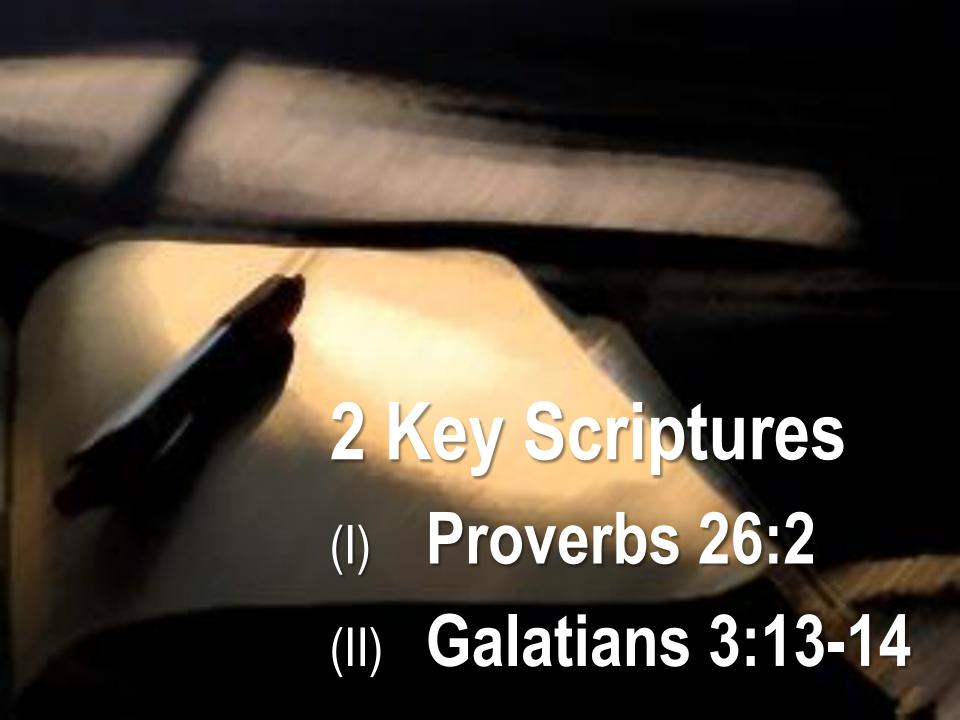
Friendships

Failing mentally-emotionally-spiritually

Whatever you do go wrong!

Things going wrong and against you

Injuries







The Principle of **Ground/Doorway/Foothold**

1 John 5:18b [NRSV]

... but the one who was born of God protects them, and the evil one does not touch / harm them.

Even witchcraft - charms - curses - spells directed at you

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Ezekiel 13:20-21

20'Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold,
I am against your magic charms by which you
hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms,
and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds.
21I will also tear off your veils and deliver My people out of
your hand, and they shall no longer be as prey in your hand.
Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

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Ephesians 4:27

nor give place / foothold / ground to the devil.

Psalm 91:1

He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High shall abide / rest under the shadow of the Almighty.

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When there is a ground given, the believer is vulnerable to Demonic Oppression/Harassment

Ways Ground are Given:

Sins

Broken Marriages

Pornographic Materials

Unforgiveness

Giving in to Lusts

Persistent worries and fears

Disorder in families and nations

Absent-abusive fathers

Possessing Items / Souvenirs contaminated by the occult

Deep Anger

Dysfunctional Families

John 10:10a

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy.

1 John 3:8b

... The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

from spiritual passivity to direct oppression



2 Key Scriptures

Galatians 3:13-14 13Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"), 14that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

In the OT [Deuteronomy 28]:

- A. Blessings come with <u>obedience</u> to the Word of God.
- B. Curses come when there is <u>rebellion</u> against God and to the Word of God.

the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

16"Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.

17"Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.

18"Cursed shall be the fruit of your **body** and the **produce** of your land, the increase of your cattle and the **offspring** of your flocks.

- 19"Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.
- 20 .. cursing, confusion, rebuke .. destroyed
- .. perish quickly ...
- 21 .. plague cling to you ..
- 22 .. consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew ..

23And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron.

24The LORD will change the rain of your land to powder and dust ..

25The LORD will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth.

27 .. boils of Egypt, with tumors, with the scab, and with the itch, from which you cannot be healed.

28 .. madness and blindness and confusion of heart.
29And you shall grope at noonday, as a blind man gropes in darkness; you shall not prosper in your ways; you shall be only oppressed and plundered continually, and no one shall save you ..

65 .. you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul.

66Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life.

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Who is a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ?

He is one who believes in his heart and acts on the Word of God.

This is coming to God in faith - Hebrews 11:6

To act on the Word of God is to:

Appropriate the Divine Exchange

Stand on the Promises of God

Declare what the Word declares

Be connected to God

Say what Scripture Says

Obey

Be intentional and deliberate with God

In the NT, curses will <u>never</u> come to <u>believers</u> in Jesus Christ.

Q#1: How does the believer live in <u>freedom</u> from curses?

Q#2: How does the believer <u>experience</u> the blessings and favour of Open Heavens?

Galatians 3:29

And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

We must have knowledge and understanding.

Hosea 4:6

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

- I. We must have knowledge and understanding of:
 - our <u>position</u> in Christ.

Romans 5:2

through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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 - 1. our **position** in Christ.

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with
every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places
in Christ ...

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2 Peter 1:2a Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God ...

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Jeremiah 9:24

But let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD, exercising loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth. For in these I delight," says the LORD.

- I. We must have knowledge and understanding of:
 - 3. the **Divine Exchange** provided by the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 1:2b-3

2 .. and of Jesus, our Lord. 3as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue ...

e.g. 2 Corinthians 5:21

- I. We must have knowledge and understanding of:
 - 4. the **Promises of God** in His Word.

2 Peter 1:4

.. by which have been given to us

exceedingly great and precious promises,
that through these you may be partakers of
the divine nature, having escaped the corruption
that is in the world through lust.

e.g. Psalm 46:1

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- 5A. not all so-called Christians are believers.
 - B. scriptures are only of value to us to the <u>degree</u> we believe and act on them.

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- C. we are impoverished to the degree we are ignorant of God and His Word.
- D. ignorance of the Word of God is <u>not</u> bliss.

- II. We must <u>believe</u> in our hearts, <u>confess</u> with our mouths in order to <u>receive</u> the blessings and grace from God.
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John 1:12

But as many as <u>received</u> Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who <u>believe</u> in His name ...

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John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave
His only begotten Son, that whoever believes
in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

2. There is the **connect** between our **heart / spirit AND** our **mouth**.

Romans 10:9-10

Jesus and <u>believe</u> in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10For with the heart one <u>believes unto righteousness</u>, and with the mouth <u>confession is made unto salvation</u>.

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Proverbs 18:21

Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.

3. We must develop this **Spirit** of Faith.

2 Corinthians 4:13

And since we have the same spirit of faith, according to what is written, "I believed and therefore I spoke," we also believe and therefore speak ...

4. To confess is a range of **verbal** activity.



5. The Lord Jesus Christ will only act on what we say / confess from our hearts.

Hebrews 3:1

Therefore, holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, Christ Jesus ...

6. We must confess in alignment with the Lord Jesus - the Word of God.

Hebrews 4:14

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens,

Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

7. We must **hold fast** without wavering to our confession.

Hebrews 10:23

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 6:12

Nations pray for BBTC

III. Guard against a bitter root that will block the grace of God.

Hebrews 12:15

looking carefully lest anyone fall short of the grace of God; lest any **root of bitterness** springing up cause trouble, and by this many become defiled ...

- III. Guard against a bitter root that will block the grace of God.
 - 1. The Fruit is:

Disappointment		Offenses		Hurts
Resentment	Anger		Fights	
Arguments	Quarrels			Etc

- III. Guard against a bitter root that will block the grace of God.
 - 2. The root is **bitterness**.

3. God desires to always bless us but we will miss the blessings when we give the evil one a <u>foothold / ground / doorway / permission</u> in our lives.

Ephesians 4:26-27

26"Be angry, and do not sin": do not let the sun go down on your wrath, 27 nor give place to the devil.

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Do you want to live a life free from all manner of curses?

Come to the LORD Jesus!