



## CELL GUIDE

TOPIC Effective Prayer (Part 5)

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

This week, SP Daniel Foo reminds us that even as we have learnt about the legal grounds upon which Satan may use to curse us, we also need to know the blessings that we all have as children of God.

As we learn about how we have been blessed as people of God, and also about how curses might affect us, SP also taught us how to put an end to any curses that we might be under and replace them with blessings instead.

## UNDERSTANDING BLESSINGS & CURSES

1. **Blessings belong to the people of God for generations:** Right from God's promise to Abraham (Gen 12), and to all who belong to Christ (Gal 3).
- 2A. **Blessings are conditional on our obedience:** If we diligently obey. (Deut 28:1-2)
- 2B. **Blessings must be appropriated for us to receive it. It is not automatic:** Just as for Salvation (Jn 3:16) and Forgiveness (1 Jn 1:9), so it is for Blessings (Gal 3:13-14). In God's Sovereignty, He has already allowed/ permitted/ sanctioned/ authorised the (i) Free Will of Man, and the (ii) Laws and Principles of Life for Man on earth. We reap positive outcomes (blessings) when we obey the Laws and Principles of Life. We reap negative outcomes (curses) when we disobey the Laws and Principles of Life.
3. **The devil is constantly looking for grounds to curse us so that we are weakened and defeated:** The devil acts as (i) One who brings a law-suit against us. (ii) One who makes a complaint against us in the courts of heaven. (iii) A strong man with legal rights that we need to bind so that we can remove him.
4. **Curses typically find a Place/ Legal Ground/ Doorway/ Foothold in order for it to have any effect on us:** If there is none, then the evil one cannot curse us. (Prov 26:2)
5. **Curses are a reality since the Fall and will only be fully removed after the millennium in the New Jerusalem:** And there shall be no more curse. (Rev 22:3a)
- 6A. **When curses have legal grounds, it will block the destiny God intends for us personally. (Psa 139:16)**
- 6B. **Curses are aggressive. 6C. Curses will come upon us to pursue, overtake and destroy.**

6D. They will not stop until we stop them. (Deut 28:20-25)

6E. Curses affect the mindsets in our lives, homes, work places, community, church and nation.

6F. Curses create the culture over our lives wherever we are.

6G. Curses are strongholds of thinking that are reinforced by demonic spirits. (2 Cor 10:4-5)

### HOW TO STOP A CURSE?

1. Curses come off when we confess and repent of the root causes of the sins – legal ground given to the evil one. (1 Jn 1:9, 2 Cor 7:1)

When we confess and repent, we receive forgiveness, cleansing, and covering from the Blood of Christ.

2. Curses come off when we obey and walk in authority to present cases in the Court of Heaven (Prayer). (Js 5:16, 2 Ki 2:19-22)

3. After applying the Blood, then declare-claim the specific blessing / grace to replace the curse. (Heb 4:16, Prov 18:21, Num 23:19)

Come boldly to the throne of grace for help in times of need.

4. No condemnation. Focus on the love and grace of God.

When we know the root cause, deal with it.

When we do not know even after going through Ps 139:23-24, do not be sin-conscious, be God-conscious. (Deut 29:29) Trust in the Lord and in His grace. (Prov 3:5-6, 2 Cor 12:9a)

### CONCLUSION

We are reminded that Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law and that the blessings of Abraham are also meant for us. (Gal 3:13-14)

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. (Rom 8:28)

# QUESTIONS

**1. How have you experienced the blessings of God in your life? Take a moment to reflect and acknowledge your blessings and give thanks to the Lord.**

**2. What are the areas in your life where God has been calling for your obedience recently? What are some mindsets, habits and choices we have to change in order to walk in obedience?**

**3. How can we grow in God-consciousness so that we will continue to grow in faith and obedience, even in times where we may not have all the answers to our life struggles and challenges?**