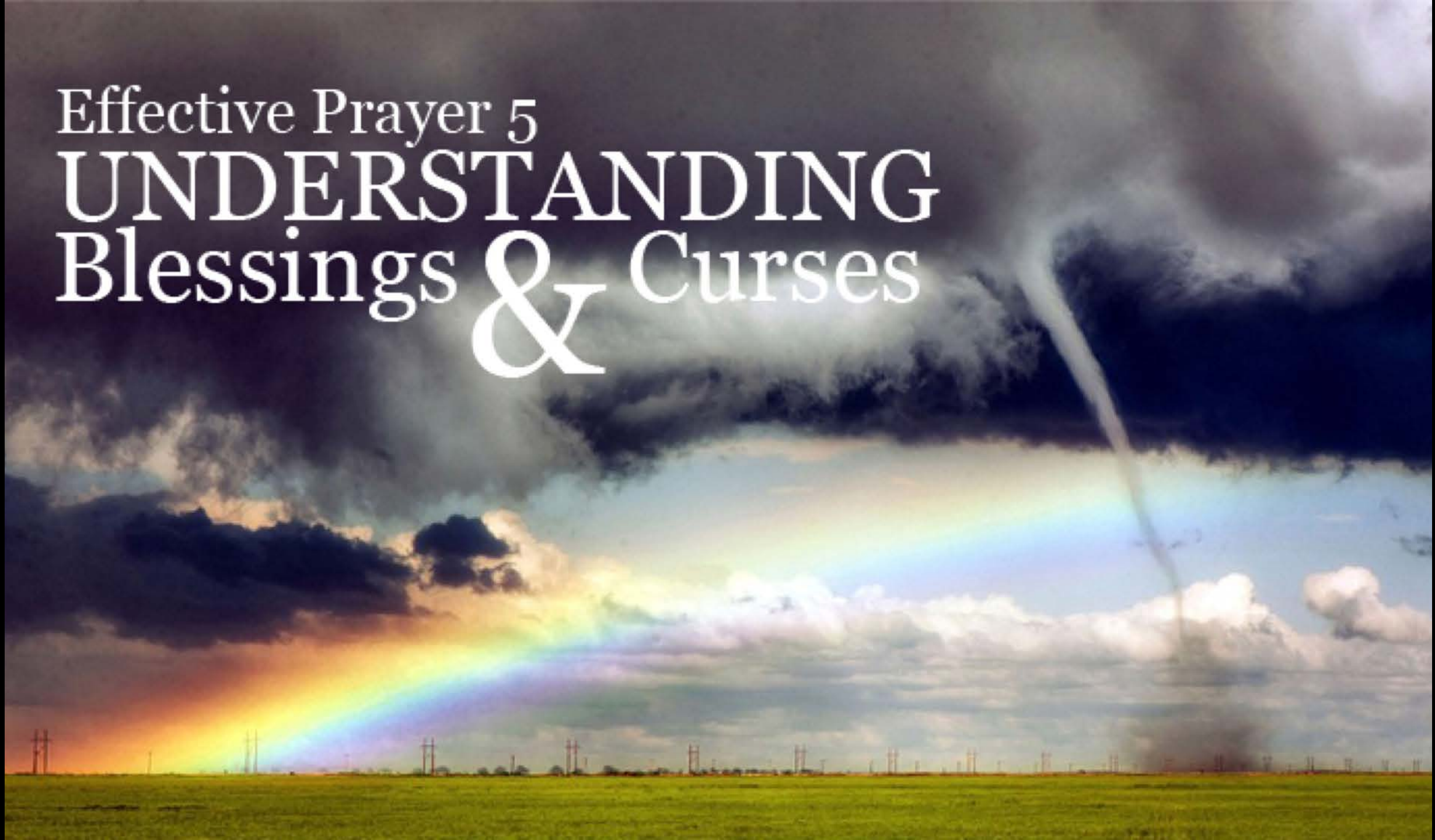


Effective Prayer 5  
**UNDERSTANDING**  
Blessings & Curses



A close-up photograph of two hands clasped together in a prayerful gesture. The hands are positioned with fingers interlaced, and the palms facing each other. The lighting is warm and focused on the hands, with a dark, blurred background. The skin tone is light, and the texture of the skin is visible. The hands appear to be belonging to different people, as the fingers and skin tones are slightly different.

## Theme Verse

**James 5:16** Confess  
your trespasses to one another,  
and pray for one another,  
that you may be healed.

**The effective, fervent prayer of  
a righteous man avails much.**



# Blessings & Curses

1. Blessings belong to the people of God for generations.

Genesis 12:2-3

2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.

3 I will bless those who bless you,  
and I will curse him who curses you;  
and in you all the families of  
the earth shall be blessed.”



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Genesis 22:17-18

17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. 18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.



1. Blessings belong to the people of God for generations.

Galatians 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The Blessings of Abraham are **ours** to claim

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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Numbers 6:24-27

24 The Lord bless you and keep you;

25 the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you;

26 the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace.

27 So they shall put My name on the children of Israel, and I will bless them.



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➡ **FAVOUR**

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**GRACE** ←

**be gracious  
to you**



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**MERCY**

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give you  
peace

PEACE



1. Blessings belong to the people of God for generations.

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

Titus 1:4 To Titus, a true son in our common  
faith: Grace, mercy, and peace from  
God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ our  
Savior.



1. Blessings belong to the people of God for generations.

2 Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, a beloved son: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 Timothy 1:2 To Timothy, a true son in the faith:  
Grace, mercy, and peace from God  
our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord.





1. Blessings belong to the people of God for generations.

**1 Thessalonians 1:1** Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Colossians 1:2** To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ who are in Colosse:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.



# Blessings & Curses

2A. Blessings are conditional on our obedience.

## Deuteronomy 28:1-2

1 Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently

obey the voice of the Lord your God,  
to observe carefully all His commandments ...

2 And all these blessings shall come  
upon you and overtake you,

because you obey the voice of  
the Lord your God.





**2B.** Blessing must be **appropriated** for us  
to receive it. It is **not** automatic  
- e.g. #1 - **Salvation**

**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.

Romans 10:9-10

John 1:12





**2B.** Blessing must be appropriated for us to receive it. It is not automatic - e.g. #2 - **Forgiveness of Sins**

**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.





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- e.g. #3 - **Blessings**

**Galatians 3:13-14**

**13** Christ 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”) **14** that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

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**2-Key Truths** to know from the Sovereignty of God.

In God's Sovereignty, He has already allowed / permitted / sanctioned / authorized:

A. The Free Will of Man.

B. The 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.



# Blessings & Curses

3. The devil is constantly looking for ground to curse us so that we are weakened and defeated.

A. One who brings a law-suit.

**1 Peter 5:8** Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

**Adversary** = “**Anti-dikos**” in Greek, which means one who brings a “lawsuit”. “**Anti**” means to deny and “**Dikos**” means rights.



# Blessings & Curses

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B. One who makes a complaint in the judicial system  
- courts of heaven.



**Revelation 12:10** ... for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.

Accuser here is “**Katagoros**” in Greek which means a complainant in the judicial system, or one who is bringing a case against someone judicially in a court system.



## Blessings & Curses

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C. Is a strong man with legal rights.

Matthew 12:29 Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house.



To bind the strong man is to remove / nullify the legal rights / power base of the strong man!

# 6 Keys to walk in Freedom and Victory



Walking it out daily (Discipleship)

**Door #1**  
Sins of the  
Fathers &  
Resulting  
Curses  
(SOFCs)



**Door #2**  
Ungodly  
Beliefs  
(UGBs)



**Door #3**  
Soul-Spirit  
Hurts  
(SSHs)



**Door #4**  
Demonic  
Oppression  
(DO)



**Forgiveness** - (a) Will (b) Be Healed (c) Release Judgment



# Blessings & Curses

4. Curses must find a place - legal grounds - doorway - foothold in order for it to have any effect on us.

**Numbers 22-24** Balak sent for Balaam to curse Israel. Failed!

**WHY?**

**Numbers 23:23** For there is no sorcery against Jacob, nor any divination against Israel. It now must be said of Jacob and of Israel, 'Oh, what God has done!'

## Blessings & Curses

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Numbers 23:21 He has not observed iniquity in Jacob,  
nor has He seen wickedness in Israel. The Lord his God  
is with him, and the shout of a King is among them.

There was **NO** ground-doorway for the evil one



4. Curses must find a place - legal grounds - doorway - foothold in order for it to have any effect on us.

James 5:4, 1-3

4 Indeed the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, cry out; and the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of Sabaoth.

1 Come now, you rich, weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you! 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and silver are corroded, and their corrosion will be a witness against you and will eat your flesh like fire ...

There **WAS** ground-doorway for the evil one

# Blessings & Curses

4. Curses must find a place - legal grounds - doorway - foothold in order for it to have any effect on us.



**Proverbs 26:2 (NKJV)** Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so a curse without cause shall not alight.

**Proverbs 26:2 (NIV)** Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest.



# Blessings & Curses

5. Hence, curses are a reality since the Fall and will only be fully removed after the millennium in the New Jerusalem.

Revelation 22:3a And there  
shall be no more curse.

**Why?**

5. Hence, curses are a reality since the Fall and will only be fully removed after the millennium in the New Jerusalem.
- A. The devil is judged and cast into the lake of fire

**Revelation 20:10** The devil, who deceived them, was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone where the beast and the false prophet are. And they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

John 10:10a



5. Hence, curses are a reality since the Fall and will only be fully removed after the millennium in the New Jerusalem.
- B. Judgment (finality) of men has taken place.

### Revelation 20:12-15

**12** And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. **13** The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. **14** Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. **15** And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

# Blessings & Curses

6A. When curses have legal grounds, it will block the destiny God intends for us personally.

**Psalm 139:16** Your eyes saw  
my substance, being yet unformed.  
And in Your book they all were  
written, the days fashioned for me,  
when as yet there were none of them.



# Blessings & Curses

6B. Curses are aggressive.

6C. Curses will come upon us to pursue, overtake and destroy.

6D. They will not stop until we stop them.

## Deuteronomy 28:20-25

**20** The Lord will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the wickedness of your doings in which you have forsaken Me. **21** The Lord will make the plague cling to you until He has consumed you from the land which you are going to possess.





## Deuteronomy 28:20-25

**22** The Lord will strike you with consumption, with fever, with inflammation, with severe burning fever, with the sword, with scorching, and with mildew; they shall pursue you until you perish. **23** And your heavens which are over your head shall be bronze, and the earth which is under you shall be iron. **24** The Lord will change the rain of your land to powder and dust; from the heaven it shall come down on you until you are destroyed.

**25** The 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.



# Blessings & Curses

- 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 Corinthians 10:4-5

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, 5 casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.



**How to**

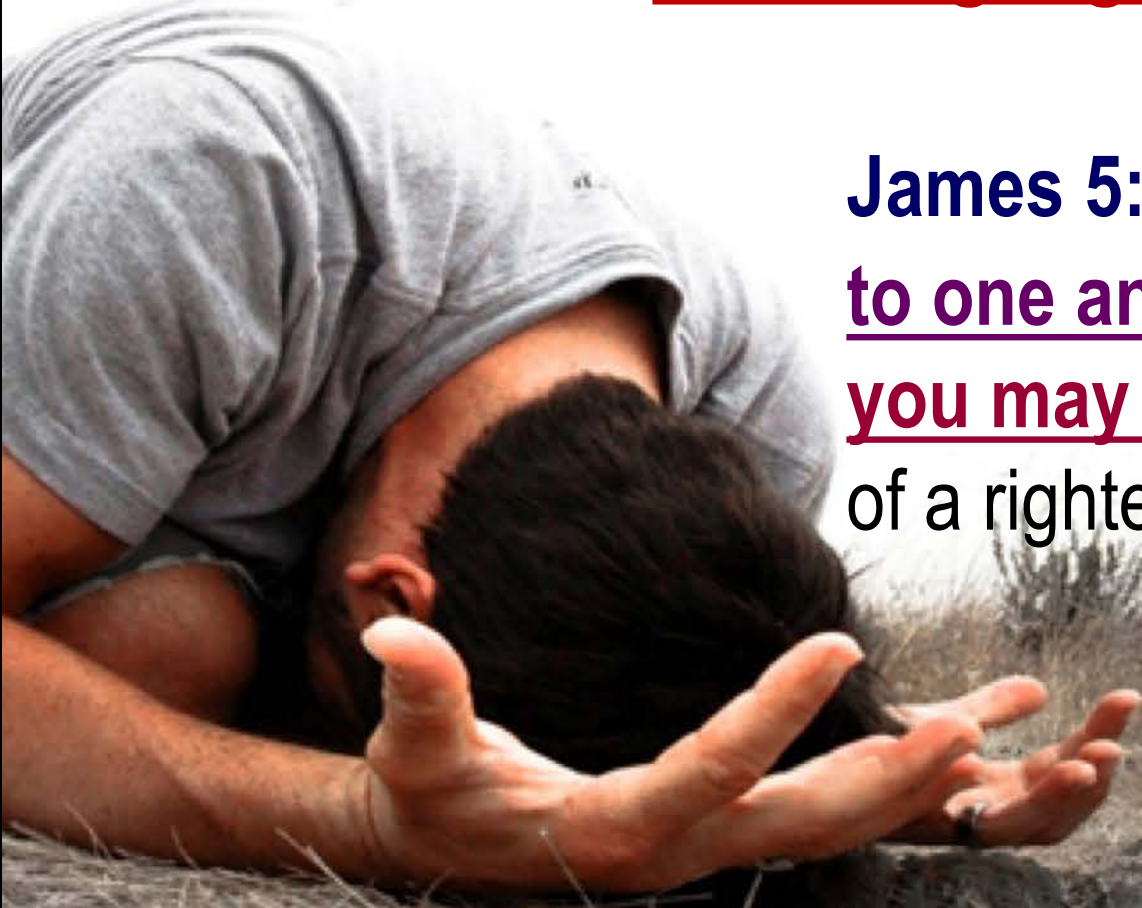


**a curse**



# How to stop a curse

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Body-Life

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**1 John 1:9** If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**2 Corinthians 7:1** Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

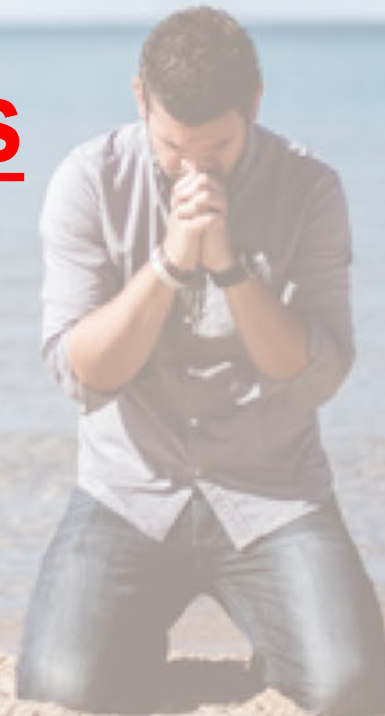
Receive forgiveness, cleansing and covering  
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# How to stop a curse

2. Curses come off when we obey and walk in authority to present cases in the Court of Heaven (Prayer).

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## 2 Kings 2:19-22

19 The people of the city said to Elisha, “Look, our lord, this town is well situated, as you can see, but the water is bad and the land is unproductive.”

20 “Bring me a new bowl,” he said, “and put salt in it.” So they brought it to him. 21 Then he went out to the spring and threw the salt into it, saying, “This is what the Lord says: ‘I have healed this water. Never again will it cause death or make the land unproductive.’” 22 And the water has remained pure to this day, according to the word Elisha had spoken.



# How to stop a curse

3. After applying the Blood, then **declare-claim** the specific blessing / grace to replace the curse.

**Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and **find grace to help in time of need.**





## How to stop a curse

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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.



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**Numbers 23:19** God is not a man, that He should lie,  
nor a son of man, that He should repent.

**Has He said, and will He not do?**

Or **has He spoken, and will He  
not make it good?**



# How to stop a curse

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

- Why still not healed?
- Why the miscarriage?
- Why still single?
- Why lost the job?

- Why parents separated / divorced?
- Why the accident?
- Why my mother died?
- Why my prayer not answered?

A. When we know the root cause, deal with it.

B. When we do not know after going through checklist and Psalm 139:23-24, do NOT be sin-conscious, be God-conscious [Deuteronomy 29:29].

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

Proverbs 3:5-6

5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.

2 Corinthians 12:9a And He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”



# Bottom Line

Galatians 3:13-14

13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law ...

14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus ...

Romans 8:28 (NIV) 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.

