

Inheriting the Wind?

A Teaching on Generational Curses

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One of the most tragic things that we see in our society today is the increasing number of children in trouble. Not only are we seeing children abused by parents and other caregivers, we are also seeing young children indulging in acts of horrid and senseless violence that most adults would never dream of committing. Something quite radical has changed in the makeup of American society between 1960 and the 1990's. In 30 short years, we have seen a social disintegration in our culture that is unparalleled in modern history.

People from many faiths are seeking solutions. *Where do we place the blame?* Some blame the media. Others talk about poverty, poor education and schools that are bereft of payer and the Bible. Still others blame the phenomenon of the latchkey child who is left home by working parents, with no baby-sitter but MTV. Then there are the increasing number of children raised in single-family homes with no influence from a father.

Of course many Christians blame the taking of values out of our schools and the rise of secularism or progressive thought as an “official state religion”. Others blame rock music or the rise of New Age spirituality and witchcraft which emerged during the sixties “hippie” era.

Are We Missing Something?

To be certain, each of these issues is a major contributing factor to the moral disintegration of American society. Those who work to combat these issues are to be commended. But in spite of all this, there is a key area that is a major contributing factor to the deterioration of our society; one that many Christians even neglect. In Proverbs we are told : *“He that*

troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind.” **Prov. 11:29**. The sins of the fathers can truly come down and impact the children negatively (**Ex. 20:5**). This means that if you, your parents or grandparents were involved in serious sin, then that influence can cause you or your children to be prone to the same sins.

Now this doesn't have anything to do with salvation. One can be saved and on their way to heaven, but still have some significant issues that will cause stumbling blocks in their lives due to their ancestors. We believe this is a big reason why many Christians today and their children are struggling.

Nor is this Biblical principle confined to your children's moral life' many times the sins of the parents manifest as illnesses or psychological problems. We had one situation where a child was diagnosed with "Attention Deficit Disorder". His parents were reluctant to commit him to a prescription drug treatment without first consulting the Lord.

After praying, they had our book, *Masonry: Beyond the Light* come into their hands. The child's father prayed and renounced his Masonic membership (he had been an inactive Lodge member for years) and the learning disorder *cleared up in days*.

Of course, it must be said that all illnesses or problems are not necessarily related to generational curse. But it something we encourage people to seriously investigate in their search for remedies. Many times, a simple prayer can do more than years or drug treatment.

A Theological Question

Some people will say, "...but that is all Old Testament stuff! Weren't all those curses and things done away at the Cross? That is an important

question, but let me just explain. When Yah'shua (Hebrew name of Jesus) died on the cross, He undid the curse of the Law (**Gal. 3:13**). However, many people misunderstand the impact of that fact.

Though a regenerated individual is free of the curse of the Law, right now, that only applies to the spirit man. The physical creation (including our bodies) still waits for its full, millennial redemption:

For the creature was made subject to vanity; not willingly; but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, ²¹ Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God. ²² For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. ²³ And not only they; but ourselves also, which have the firstfruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body: ²⁴ For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?¹ – Romans 8:20-24

This is easy to establish empirically. If the folks who state that the curse of the Law is done away with completely, why do women still travail in great pain in childbirth? Shouldn't Born Again women have effortless childbirth? Why do Christians die? Why do men still have to earn their bread by the sweat of their brow?

We are redeemed spiritually if we are saved, but our bodies and souls still await full redemption, which will only come at the glorious restoration of all things. (**Acts 3:19**) Thus, things like generational curses can still have an impact on your family for many generations - some up to ten generations!

Shaking the Family Tree

¹The Holy Bible: King James Version. 2009 (Electronic Edition of the 1900 Authorized Version.) (Ro 8:20–24). Bellingham, WA: Logos Research Systems, Inc.

In our ministry, Masonry is a big culprit, but not the only one. We have had many families contact us because their kids (raised in Christian homes) are out of control, either through drugs, rebellion, occultism or sexual sin. A quick investigation revealed that grandpa was a Shriner or dad used to be a Mason. Perhaps mom had been in Job's Daughters. Prayers were offered to the Lord to renounce that sinful generational link, and the child's behavior improved remarkably, sometimes almost overnight.

It isn't just the Lodge! Catholicism, occultism, abortion, drug use, adultery or homosexuality – all of these **in the ancestry** can cause significant problems. Remember that today's teens are the children of the "hippie" generation (not that all baby boomers were hippies, but many were). Many boomers were the first generation in their family to use drugs, try illicit sex, sodomy, occultism, or abortion. Such experimentation never happened before on this scale.

As You Sow, So Shall Ye Reap

Now these boomers have teens of their own. Many of these children of the fifties have gotten saved. That is *great!* However, they have never dealt with their sins (as above) in terms of being a cursed legacy to pass through to their children.

Nor have they looked at what might be going on in their own ancestry: Many people after World War I and II dabbled in spiritism, trying to contact their dead sons or husbands lost in the war. This trickles down to the kids or grandkids who are playing with Ouija boards or getting into Satanism. It is *deadly serious*, and major reason why many families are struggling.

After all, who knows the secret sins of our parents, grandparents, or great-grand parents?⁹ All have sinned (**Rom. 3:10**). If there are besetting sins or

problems in your life or your family's life, why take a chance? This is so simple to deal with because the power of Jesus is so great. Otherwise, you as a Christian parent may find your heritage *to be nothing but wind*. You or your children might well be carried away on the hell-borne gales of generational bondage.

What is the Solution?

Listen to this! If you were a Mason or fornicator, or Catholic in the past and have gotten away from those practices after salvation, that is good! If you have formally renounced these practices before Lord on prayer, that is better still. However, if you haven't prayed to break the generational bondage from these practices, they could percolate down into your children (even ones not born yet!). here is how to proceed (of course, this is assuming you are Born Again):

Pray something like this:

"Father God, in Yah'shua's (Jesus') name, I humbly ask you to cleanse me from everything I have inherited of an evil nature from my parents, my grandparents, my great-grandparents, and my great-great-grandparents, all the way back eleven generations (**Dt. 23:2**). I refuse to have anything from Satan in my life. Please BREAK those lines of inheritance and seal them off with the blood of the Lamb, shed on the cross of Calvary.

"Father, in Yah'shua's (Jesus') mighty name, I command any evil spirits which may be troubling me or my family because of generational curses to now leave me at once. I especially come against the spirits of (mention here any known occult or sinful practices in ancestry: Masonry, suicide, adultery, etc.). I renounce, in Yah'shua's (Jesus') name, any oaths taken by my ancestors in sinful organizations (such as the Masons, Mormons, etc.) and declare that they have no more power over me or my family. I command any evil

spirits troubling me or my family because of generational curse to leave US AT ONCE IN Yah'shua's (Jesus') mighty name. I command you to go where the Lord Yah'shua the Messiah tells you to go by the voice of His Holy Spirit”.

If you, yourself, were involved in anything deeply sinful, cultic, or occult, you should also do these things:

1) If you were the formal member of a cult (Masons, Mormons, Catholics, etc.) you need to go to the Lord in prayer and renounce your membership as a sin and ask Him to forgive it. Ask the Lord to remove any spiritual oppression over you *and your family* because of your prior involvement in Jesus' name. If you feel you need help with this, either get our book, BLOOD ON THE DOORPOSTS or contact us (email: sneblen@gmail.com or phone: 563-513-2148)!

Pray something like this:

“Father God, in Jesus' name, I humbly ask you to forgive me more my involvement in _____. I confess this as a sin to you and thank You for your forgiveness. “Father, in Jesus' mighty name, I command any evil spirits troubling me or my family because of this past sin to leave us at once, never to return. I command you to go where the Lord Jesus Christ tells you to go by the voice of His Holy Spirit.”

2) Say the same prayer for *informal* involvement in a sinful practice or organization (i.e. reading horoscopes, going to fortune tellers, studying the occult, committing adultery, abortion, homosexuality, etc.

3) If you were formally in any organization, *quickly* (ASAP!) write them letter requesting formally that your name be withdrawn from their membership rolls. We can help you with this if you need it.

If you have any questions or concerns about whether a certain group or practice is actually a sin that could produce generational curses, contact us and we will try and help.

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