

GENERATIONAL CURSES

I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generation of those who hate Me ... (Ex 20:5-6, 34:7)

- Generational curses go beyond learned behavior (although we can adopt survival skills/ learning mechanisms).
- It is a stressing inner turmoil designed to derail our walk with the Lord. (Lam 5:7)
- Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law (Gal 3:13)

Definition of Generational Curse:

A defilement passed from one generation to the next, taking advantage of legal ground gained by the evil one, through sinful behavior, attitudes, word curses, or unforgiveness (uncleansed wounds). Unforgiveness can block forgiveness of your own sins (Matt 6:15, John 20:22-23)—which grants the evil one an advantage in your own life. (II Cor 2:11)

Each generation adapts: survival skills/coping mechanisms are developed to accommodate the weight of the curse.

Recognizing a Generational Curse:

- Similar sin/ symptoms in at least two generations (parents/as their child, parent/grandparent, parents/ toward your child)
- Siblings struggling with same strongholds and symptoms
- It can show up in the stories we tell (stubbornness, broken relationships)
- It can take place in spiritual families (the Church)
- Through both sins of omission and commission (neglect passed down from one parent can be due to their parenting from a place of void)
- Spoken curses (Gen 9:24-25)
- Multiplication expands (amplifies) the consequences
- Pendulum swings mask the continuity, but the curse continues

Deuteronomy 28

- Poverty/famine (vs 17,30-31,33, 38-40,42)
- Infertility (vs 18)
- Mental instability (vs 20,28,29,34)
- Disease/affliction/chronic pain (vs 22, 27,35)
- Lack of understanding (vs 23)
- Fear/terror (vs 25)
- Disruption of relationships (32,41)
- Bondage (vs 36-37,43)

Deliverance

- Confession (Lev 26:40-42, 1 John 1:9)
- Submission (James 4:7-8)
- Forgiveness (Mark 11:25, John 20:23)

I choose to forgive the sins of fathers, grandfathers, and great-grandfathers. I declare the sin of this curse to be forgiven, that there is no legal ground for it to be passed from one generation to another, and that this generational curse is now null and void in the sight of God and man. Amen.