

## Prayer Study Three "Blessings and Curses"

### BLESSINGS OR CURSES, LIFE OR DEATH

*Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit. Proverbs 18:21*

*There is one who speaks like the piercings of a sword, but the tongue of the wise promotes health. Proverbs 12:18*

*Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. With it we bless our God and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceed blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be so. James 3:5-6, 9-10*

### MOSES' DEUTERONOMY 28 LIST OF BLESSINGS AND CURSES

<u>BLESSINGS</u>	<u>CURSES</u>
Exaltation	Humiliation
Health	Barrenness
Reproductiveness	Mental and Physical Illness
Prosperity	Family Breakdown
Victory	Poverty
God's favor	Defeat
	Oppression
	Failure
	God's disfavor

### SEVEN INDICATIONS OF A CURSE BY DEREK PRINCE

1. Mental and/or emotional breakdown
2. Repeated or chronic sicknesses(especially if hereditary)
3. Barrenness, a tendency to miscarry or related female problems
4. Breakdown of marriage or family alienation
5. Continuing financial insufficiency
6. Being "accident-prone"
7. A history of suicides and unnatural or untimely deaths

### SOURCES OF CURSES

1. From God Himself(Deuteronomy 27:15-26)
2. From men operating on God's behalf(Joshua 6:26)
3. From persons who have authority over us(Genesis 31:32/35:16)
4. From Satanic influences(Numbers 22:6)
5. Charms and fetishes in our homes(Deuteronomy 7:25-26)
6. Stealing or swearing falsely(Zechariah 5:3)
7. Not giving to the poor(Proverbs 28:27)
8. Not tithing(Malachi 3:9)
9. Not having a father heart towards your children or a child's heart toward your dad(Malachi 4:6)
10. Woman committing adultery(Numbers 5)
11. Lying to a father(Genesis 27:12)
12. Anti-semitism(Genesis 12:3)
13. Disobedience to the Lord(Deuteronomy 11:26-28)
14. Not giving glory to the Lord(Malachi 2:2)
15. Giving second rate to the Lord(Malachi 1:13-14)

**OTHER SOURCES THAT HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO BRING CURSES TO PEOPLE:** personal or ancestral involvement in the cult or occult, charms and fetishes in our homes, yoga and other far eastern religious practices, words of a parent, frustrating a man of God, saying something foolish about yourself, and legalism.