To any casual observer of the religious scene today, two things will at once be evident: one, that there is very little sense of sin among the unsaved, and two, that the average professed Christian lives a life so worldly and careless that it is difficult to distinguish him from the unconverted man.
A.W. Tozer

Prayer Study 553C
Lesson Three
Spiritual Warfare and Deliverance

HOLY ANGELIC HIERARCHY

Let's contrast the Demonic Hierarchy, as previously covered, with the Holy Angels' Hierarchy:

Demonic Order

Satan
Principalities
Powers
Rulers of the Darkness of this World
Spiritual Wickedness in High Places
Demons and Evil Spirits

Holy Angelic Order

The Archangel Michael-*the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people* (Daniel 12:1 & Daniel 10:21). Michael leads the army of God in Revelation 1:7-12 in battling Satan and his forces. It is speculated that he is the one who cast Lucifer and his fallen angels out of heaven. He also will shout as he accompanies Jesus at His Second Coming, causing the dead in Christ to resurrect (1st

Thessalonians 4:16). Scripture always uses archangel in the singular, meaning there is no other archangel. Satan was not, as some suppose, originally an archangel. The book of Ezekiel says that he was merely a cherub (Ezekiel 28:11-19 gives a description of the heavenly Lucifer who sinned and was booted out of heaven.)

The Messenger Angel- Gabriel (Daniel 8:16 & 9:21; Luke 1:9 & 26) He brought God's message about the endtimes, told John the Baptist's father that his wife would have a son named John who would be a forerunner of the Messiah, and informs the Virgin Mary that she will have a Son, the incarnate God.

Seraphim-Isaiah 6:1-6 is the only Biblical reference to Seraphim. Apparently, there are several of these six wing creature who constantly praise the name and character of God. Unlike the children of God, they are stationed above the throne and are sometimes used to purify and cleanse His servants.

Cherubim-Ezekiel 10 tells us that Cherubim have not only wings and hands but are *full of eyes* and also encompassed by *wheels within wheels*. They are beside the throne of God. The fluttering of their wings indicates that something very important is about to happen. They guard the access to the throne of God and do not permit those who are unworthy to be there. The Good News, however, is that the blood of the lamb has made even the humblest Christian eligible to enter the throne of God. They, like the Seraphim, constantly glorify God.

Jesus did not come into the world to make bad men good.
He came into the world to make dead men live.
Leonard Ravenhill

Iniquity Drives And the Enemy
(Written by Don Van Hoozier)

Having recognized the reality of these drives and how they manifest in man's nature, how can we deal with them when they are manifesting in our lives? We've found that they are not continually operating nor do they always operate in the same area.

We identify it and understand it is a spiritual force, not a spirit

(although spirits "feed" on those drives and manifest out from them).

We recognize that they are a part of the old "self" that keeps us from
walking in the Spirit; that they are often a part of behavior patterns that grieve the Spirit and hinder our walk, bring reproach upon our witness, may open us to deception and always dull our spiritual perception.

We can ask God to cause the iniquity to "pass" from us and clothe us with a change of garments.

And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him,

saying, Take away the filthy garments from him. And unto him

he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee,

and I will clothe thee with change of raiment.
Zechariah 3:4 (KJV)

We can also ask our Father to "subdue" them.
He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will
subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the
depths of the sea.
Micah 7:19 (KJV)

They do not leave in a moment of time. We can illustrate them, perhaps, as being like a pond or reservoir where refuse is on the bottom. At times the refuse is stirred up and comes to the surface where it can be dealt with. As it is recognized and dealt with, there is less remaining. Dealing with it honestly and asking God to subdue and cause it to pass from us may be likened to denying self and taking up our cross. It is not done once and for all but over and over until….One thing is sure-the more we die to "self" the more resurrection life comes from the dying. Paul speaks of "reigning in life by one, Jesus Christ" (Romans 5:17). *Coming to the point of reigning in life did not come overnight in the apostle's life; nor will it in ours. It comes as a result of dying daily and the resulting resurrection life.*

INIQUITY DRIVES

The key which identifies INIQUITY to the seeker is found in Isaiah 14:13 and 14. The 12th verse states Lucifer weakened the nations, and as the significance of the 13th

and 14th verses is understood and applied to the actions of men everywhere, it is easy to understand how Lucifer does this. Lucifer said in his heart five things. Allow the following study to open your eyes to the cause of every selfish action of men.

1. **I WILL ASCEND INTO HEAVEN.** This drive accounts for every feverish act of men to try to raise themselves in a more rarified atmosphere of existence: social climbing, club joining, self-directed church work, do-gooding with expectation of "going to heaven" for it, any form of works which are believed to earn the same entrance. Striving for recognition by those thought to be above one. A devilish drive. The Bible shows that only God can elevate man into heavenly places with Christ Jesus, and man's only ability in the matter is surrender, ask, seek, knock.
2. **I WILL EXALT MY THRONE ABOVE THE STARS OF GOD.** This drive in man is the root cause of competition (emulation), attempts to drag another down and climb above him in any realm of activity. It is in every word of gossip, slander, reputation destruction, and drives the one who bears witness to himself and works for praise. It motivates self-exaltation, mighty achievements, large building and work programs, and weakens by consuming energy in utter futility. It can never be satisfied.
3. **I WILL SIT UPON THE MOUNT OF THE CONGREGATION, IN THE SIDES OF THE NORTH.** Here we find the root drive behind the

actions of the poor attention-seeker. What great length man will go to in an effort to satisfy this monster. From the little boy bike-rider who crashes into the rear of the car crying, "Look, Mom, no hands," to the movie star who commits suicide because someone else now sits above the congregation, this desire to be looked at, listened to, and given recognition, produces endless strife, frustration, irritation, anger, fear, and torment. It weakens by consuming energy in futile and vain efforts to satisfy it.

4. **I WILL ASCEND ABOVE THE HEIGHTS OF THE CLOUDS.** During several years of liberation ministry in the prayer room, we have had hundreds of experiences with the effects of this drive. It demands pink clouds, feet off the ground, emotional bliss-type existence. It feeds through the senses, feelings, and imaginations. Alcohol, dope, gambling, religious ecstasy, illicit sex, love-making abnormalities, sweets, music, food drives, escape practices, such as reading, TV, travel, talk, etc., are the gratification practices of this iniquity.
5. **I WILL BE LIKE THE MOST HIGH.** This drive causes most of the splits among men, wars and strife. An iniquity which demands that the one afflicted be recognized as God, and quite often is accompanied with the drive to be exalted above the stars (others). It will cause a man or a group of men to fight, wrangle, strive, and murder in order to prove that they are right and are entitled to be regarded as above all

others. It always drives the afflicted to try to get his own way and win every argument!

There seems to be a fixed law that we are POSSESSED by those persons or things which we possess. This law operates whether we reach out to possess a PERSON in the natural or CHRIST in the spiritual. Whether we seem to acquire material riches or the "true riches." After we possess and are possessed, we then consume (destroy) and are consumed (destroyed). When we are engaged in the consumption and being consumed by earthly persons and things, we descend into death (torment), but when we consume Christ ("eat of my flesh, drink of my blood"), we come into ETERNAL LIFE and the KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.

The more I am in this work, the more I see that possessing and consuming PERSONS and THINGS of this life, ,produce insanity (powers of Satan, which are death), and that as soon as the person begins to turn loose of that to which they cling and by which they are bound and begins to feed on Christ and to be in turn taken into HIM, then come liberation and life. How this flesh does fight a change of diet! And how powerful is the Spirit to "show forth Christ."

"In order to get set free and stay free, you have to admit you have a problem. That sounds simple, but we live in a day and age of denial. No matter what has happened to us in our lives, each of us are responsible for the choices and decisions we make. If you really want to be free, you will accept that responsibility."

Larry Huch

GENERATIONAL CURSES

There are many good sources on Generational Curses, but the one I find to be the best organized and easiest to understand is Graeme Walsh's *Generational Sins and Curses.* I will, therefore, quote extensively from his writings on the subject.

Walsh says that in the natural physical characteristics are passed down from generation to generation. In the same way spiritual characteristics can also be passed down from generation to generation. These are called blessings, if they are good characteristics, and curses if they are bad characteristics. He notes that curses are mentioned 230 times in the Bible with Deuteronomy 27 and 28 being among the most prominent of blessings and curses.

Walsh defines curses: "A curse is defined as a prayer or invocation for harm or injury upon someone. Evil or misfortune comes as a result of this action….Curses can also be the consequences or results of sin, which are activated when we break God's Word or laws. If those sins are not repented of, there is a consequence. There sins can affect subsequent generations of our family.

There are three major types of curses. The first type is a curse from God, the second is a curse from satan, and the final type is a curse from men.

In the Scripture the first curse comes from God as He curses satan, Adam and Eve. Genesis 3:14-19: *So the LORD God said to the serpent: "Because you have done this, you are cursed more than all cattle and more than every beast of the field; on your belly you shall go, and you shall eat dust all the days of your life. And I will put enmity between you and the woman and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel."*

To the woman He said: "I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; in pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over you."

Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You not eat of it': "Cursed is the ground for you sake; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life. Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you, and you shall eat the herb of the field. In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; and dust you are and to dust you shall return."

In Genesis 7 God cursed the whole earth with the Great Flood. In Exodus 7-10 He sent the plagues to Egypt and Pharaoh's Court; In Genesis 19, He cursed Sodom and Gomorrah. Proverbs 3:33 reads, "*The curse of the Lord is on the house of the wicked, but He blesses the habitation of the just.*"

The second type of curse comes from satan. Satan has the legal right to curse men because of mankind's sin. The best example of this is when satan entered or cursed Judas Iscariot in John 13:27: *Now after the piece of bread, satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him,* ***"What you do, do quickly."***

The third type of curse, and one that is very common, is a curse from men. Deliberate sin, such as the sin of Ananias and Sapphira, brings a curse and is one example of this. Non-deliberate sin, such as generational sin, is another example that brings a curse: Exodus 20:4-6: *"You shall not make for yourselves a carved image-any likeness of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."* Finally there are self-imposed curses, perhaps the most common curses of all, that bring anguish and destruction to one's life. We well know the verse in Proverbs 18: 21: *Death and life are in the power of the tongue, and those who love it will eat its fruit.* Many speak death over themselves and others instead of speaking words of life. According to Walsh, "a curse is activated most of the time by a spoken word (99 % of the time spoken, only 1% of the time written). He adds, "The spirit world is always listening to anything negative, ungodly, or sinful." James makes this very clear in James 3:8-10: *"We can either bless people or curse them with our mouth."*

Walsh gives us three doorways that open us up to curses:

a. "Generational sins, curses, and bondages that are passed down through the family line.
b. Childhood rejections, traumas, and bondages brought about by various people and forces involved in childhood.
c. Present-day sin, self-inflicted curses, involvement in scriptural prohibitions, as well as words directed by/to others."

Walsh also gives us indicators that curses may be operating in your life:

a. Mental or emotional breakdowns, such as deep depression, history of suicide, and unnatural death.
b. Repeated or chronic sicknesses, especially hereditary sicknesses.
c. Breakdown in relationships, such as divorce.
d. Ongoing financial lack.
e. Spiritual slumber, spiritual deadness, hard to pray and read the Word.
f. Compulsive behaviors, addictions and anger.
g. Rejection of others, self hatred.
h. Unusual or violent death.
i. Barrenness-affects both male and female.

Curses that are not taken care of can affect future generations to the third and fourth generation. However, there are curses that last longer, and I believe that even those of third and fourth generations can be perpetuated when people never deal with their curses.

One thing that concerns me greatly is the number of out of wedlock or illegitimate births we see, even in the church today. Deuteronomy 23:2 says, "*One of*

illegitimate birth shall not enter the congregation of the Lord even to the tenth generation; none of his descendants shall enter the congregation of the Lord." Someone is going to have to minister to these children so that they will not walk under a curse and will walk in redemption: Galatians 3:13: *"Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us; for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree.'"*

Walsh reminds us, "Because of Jesus' death, there is a divine exchange at the Cross. All the evil due by justice to come upon us came on Jesus, so that all the good due to Jesus, earned by His sinless obedience, was made available to us." Walsh further breaks it all down with the following statements:

a. Jesus was punished that we might be forgiven.
b. Jesus was wounded that we might be healed.
c. Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness so that we might be righteous with His righteousness.
d. Jesus died for us so we would share His life.
e. Jesus was made a curse that we might receive the blessing.
f. Jesus endured our poverty that we might share His acceptance.
g. Jesus endured our shame that we might share His glory.
h. Our old man (nature) died in Jesus that the new man might live in us.

THE SINS OF THE FATHERS

Walsh includes a chart that has been around for a long time. This was an analysis of two American families in the 19th century written by E.E. Winship in the 20th century. He compares 560 offspring of Max Jutes, an atheist, with 1394 offspring of Jonathan Edwards, a commit Christian and contemporary of Max Jutes:

Max Jukes

- 310 died as paupers
- 150 became criminals, 7 of them murderers
- 100 were known to be drunkards
- More than half of the women were prostitutes
- In all, the descendants of Max Jutes cost the U.S. Government over $1, 250,000 19th century dollars

Jonathan Edwards

- 295 graduated from college, from whom 13 became college presidents, and 65 became professors
- 3 were elected as United States senators, 3 as state governors, and others sent as ministers to foreign countries
- 30 were judges
- 100 were lawyers, one the dean of an outstanding law school
- 56 practiced as physicians, one was the dean of a medical school
- 75 became officers in the Army and Navy

- 100 became well known missionaries, preachers, and prominent authors
- 80 held some sort of public office, of whom 3 were mayors of large cities
- One was the controller of the U.S. Treasury, another a Vice President of the United States
- Not one of them costs the U.S. Government anything

GENERATIONAL CHART

You -1ST
Mother-Father 2ND
Paternal GM GF, Maternal GM GF-3RD
GGM GGF/GGM GGF, GGM GGF/GGM GGF-4TH

Any one of 14 people could have brought a curse on you through their own sin.

For sins such as illegitimacy and witchcraft the curse is for 10 generation. This means that one person out of 512 people could have entered into this sin and brought a curse on you. This is not counting your own sins, which may also have brought curses on you.