

Freedom Study 5..... Schemes & Attacks

Ephesians 6:10–20 (ESV)

¹⁰ Finally, be **strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might**. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to **stand against the schemes** of the devil. ¹² For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

Paul said to “stand against the schemes” of Satan.

“Schemes”= methods, the orderly, planned procedures of deception.

2 Corinthians 2:10–11 (NLT)

¹⁰ When you forgive this man, I forgive him, too. And when I forgive whatever needs to be forgiven, I do so with Christ’s authority for your benefit, ¹¹ so that Satan will not outsmart us. For we are familiar with his evil **schemes**.

In this verse “schemes” is a different word, though similar.
= thoughts, designed plot

Words can be a weapon against us.

Psychologist say that 10,000 thoughts go through our mind every day.

Every single thought isn’t important but the ones we focus on and dwell on are important.

Questions.....

- Can we be under a “word curse”?
- Should we be concerned about living under a curse?

Some have taught that we are all plagued with curses that need to be broken.

Satan does have power today.

And it is possible for some demon driven person, in the occult or in some bondage, to have said a “curse” over you...trying to do you harm.

But the impact of those words is according to your spiritual condition.

However:

- If in your past..... you have participated in the occult, if you have dabbled in witchcraft, in some sinful practices...if you have sought something from those paths, then it is possible that you have opened up a part of your life to harm.
- If you entered into a covenant with something that is cursed by God.

- If you have participated in sexual sin with someone or had participation in some sinful event, it's possible that you have a soul-tie, an emotional, memory connection to something; you wish you could forget.

These produce the consequences of sin, a place of bondage, a place that Satan has infiltrated in your mind, and sometimes there is an infestation of darkness, spirits who come to intimidate that we must be drive out.

Ephesians 4:27 (NKJV) nor give place (foothold) to the devil.
Topos= topography any real estate or territory, entry point,

If someone speaks a curse over you as a believer, in some way...what really happens is that **spiritual warfare has been declared in your life.**

1 Peter 5:8-9 (ESV)

⁸ Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, firm in your faith..."

God is the author of speaking a curse over something.

God's curse is synonymous to judgement.

Jeremiah 17:5 (NKJV)

⁵ Thus says the LORD: "Cursed is the man who trusts in man And makes flesh his strength, Whose heart departs from the LORD.

God didn't curse to wish bad things to happen to someone...He spoke curses as punishment disobedience and rebellion because He knew the end result would be death and it would spread if not checked.

God spoke curses or had his messengers speak them.

- He cursed Satan for tempting Adam and Eve
- He cursed the ground
- He cursed Cain for killing his brother

Dt. 27-30 are listed under the Law, many curses for those who rebelled, who participated, "These curses shall come upon you and overtake you." He listed many things including sickness.

God even warned about objects and things that were "cursed" or judged by God as evil and dark. He warned that His people were not to own or retain them.

Deuteronomy 7:26 (ESV)

²⁶ And you shall not bring an abominable thing into your house and become devoted to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest and abhor it, for it is devoted to destruction.

It's good to clean house of anything that brings darkness into your house.

Galatians 1:8 (ESV)

⁸ But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.

The answer to these divine curses is **REPENTANCE.**

Today the answer is still repentance, to turn our lives toward God.

The authority of Jesus Christ is far greater than any curse or consequence of our past.

Psalms 34:18 (ESV) The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Luke 8:1–2 (ESV)

1 Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out,

Ephesians 1:6 (ESV)

⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Our sanctification is a journey of recognizing the impact of wounding words and our past sins then shedding off the emotional and spiritual impact of it all through the power of the cross. Recognizing the lies and receiving the finished work of Christ over our souls.

But this is far different than feeling like you are living under some dark curse that controls you and your future.

Jesus became a curse for you, so you would not live under a curse.

He took the impact of the curse to set us free.

Galatians 3:13–14 (ESV) Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”— 14 so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (ESV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Colossians 1:13 (ESV) He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,

We walk as God’s children, His own personal property.
We have protection.

Numbers 23:8 (NIV84) Balaam hired to curse Israel but he could only bless.
8 How can I curse those whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce those whom the LORD has not denounced?

Rom. 8:37-39 Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Luke 10:19 (NKJV) Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

Prayer:

In Jesus name, I cast down every word and message in my life and over my life, that represents darkness, lies, destruction, death, sin, doom, or judgement. I confess, repent, and turn from any sin or involvement with the works of darkness. I shut the door to every message in my life that tears me down and pulls me from the love of God. Heal my mind and heart from evil words. I receive God’s Word that gives me life and healing. I am free in Jesus name from every curse because Jesus redeemed me from the curse. Lord, fill me with you Holy Spirit and power.

Generational Consequences....

We all bear the DNA of our parents.
There is also spiritual DNA.

These patterns can impact our peace, order, stability, and lifestyles.
But we choose for ourselves what will drive us and make us.

However, we can disown negative spiritual DNA that is out of God's will and take on God's DNA.

Ezekiel 18:1–4 (ESV)

¹ The word of the LORD came to me: ² "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³ As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die.

Parents may have demonstrated it, amplified it, and transferred it.
But as Children of God we can throw it off, renounce it, and live a resurrected life.

If we take it on, like our parents then we are bound like they were.

The one who sins will die!
You chose to adopt their mess.

It's not being under a curse---it's buying into their stuff.

God says we bear the consequences because we choose to repeat their actions.

Deuteronomy 24:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ "Fathers shall not be put to death because of their children, nor shall children be put to death because of their fathers. Each one shall be put to death for his own sin.

Nobody is trapped.
A generational curse says there is a presupposition, a running evil pre-programming, driven by hell, and I can't do anything about it.

We choose. There are consequences and when we follow the Lord, everything is gets reset by the Holy Spirit.

Choose you this day whom you will serve.
As for me and my house we will serve the Lord.
We choose....

Deuteronomy 5:9–10 (ESV)

⁹ You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of

those who hate me, ¹⁰ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Galatians 5:16 (ESV)

¹⁶ But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

But when we turn and repent...you are switching which attributes you are living under.

You are adopted into a new family.

You have a new heart.

Ezekiel 18:20 (ESV)

²⁰ The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not suffer for the iniquity of the father, nor the father suffer for the iniquity of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

You are not under a generational curse, but if you see consequences in your life...put them under the Blood. And let Him set you free.

We abide in Christ.

John 8:31–36 (ESV)

³¹ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³³ They answered him, "We are offspring of Abraham and have never been enslaved to anyone. How is it that you say, 'You will become free'?" ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.