

Ministering to Christians Seeking Spiritual Freedom



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Dear Life of Freedom Ministries Supporter:

Greetings!

Happy New Year! I find it amazing that this is the eleventh newsletter that I've written to start a new year. In northern Indiana, we have started the year with very frigid weather. The bitter cold has not stopped the ministry work, as the Holy Spirit continues to bring people wanting freedom. I'm looking forward to seeing what He has in store for 2018 as He brings healing and sets people free.

Praises:

I praise God for His work in the last six months of helping me and my family adjust to the ministry office being in our house. Those who come to LFM have commented on the peaceful, quite location.

I praise God for a particular breakthrough in the past month. A while back I had requested special prayer for a client, and it has become evident what the root of the demonic hold has been.

I praise God for the gracious outpouring of support with yearend giving. The financial blessing always humbles me, and I'm grateful for so many thinking of LFM.

Note of Reminder:

If you are an online shopper, please remember that throughout the year as you make purchases to enter amazon.com through the LFM website. By doing so, gives a donation to LFM.

Also, we are still dealing with some technical difficulties with the LFM website in regard to newsletters. If you ever lose a copy, please feel free to contact me for another copy.

Short Report:

A father's sins can be visited to the next generation. For Ms. X, that was what happened. As a child she found her father's pornographic items. Sure enough as an adult, she struggled with lust, masturbation, and looking at pornography. She confessed her own sexual sins and the sins of her father. The spirits that were with her were ordered to depart to the pit. She returned the next week and shared, "It's been the best week of my life." Her husband came as well that week and he too addressed some personal sin matters. They said the whole atmosphere of the home has changed. They have been set free of demonic bondage and are now living joyfully for the Lord.

Something to Consider:

Lamentations 5:7—⁷ Our ancestors sinned and are no more, and we bear their punishment.

Numbers 14:18—¹⁸ 'The LORD is slow to anger, abounding in love and forgiving sin and rebellion. Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.'

Without realizing the cause, many Christians are burdened due to sins of the ancestry. Often, it is said that salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ fully addresses the matter of curses inherited from ancestors because of the ancestor's sins (sometimes called "generational curses"). Indeed, it is true that sinners are freed of their guilt as Christ died to pay the price for our sins. However, it is still very evident that many Christians are burdened

and struggle to live a Christian life. Even worse, some are unable hear the Word of God and apply in it life. Many of these struggles result from inherited curses and the bondage that comes from them.

Violating God's law leads to curses that last for three or four generations (see Exodus 20:5 & Numbers 14:18). An even greater curse is given for the sin of illegitimate children. Deuteronomy 23:2 shares that the curse is for ten generations. Therefore, Satan and his host seek to lead people to violate these laws of God to use them as a right to enforce the curses. The powers of darkness want to entice people to sin and be disobedient, leading to curses and keeping people in bondage for generations. The major areas that lead to these snares are in the realm of idolatry, occultism, sexual sin, and resentment.

Other passages in both Old and New Testaments point to the reality of inherited curses. For example, Psalms 106 and 109 point to curses of the ancestry. In Psalm 51, David declared he inherited his sinfulness. Nowhere in the New Testament is the issue of inherited curses nullified. In fact, in Matthew 23, He tells the Pharisees that, "you are the descendants of those who murdered the prophets." Also, John 9:2 speaks to the principle of the inherited curses. Although the man was not blind because of an inherited curse, it was *only for that case*, it did not rule out the possibility. In Mark 9, Jesus alluded to heritance in regard to a demonized child.

The demonic use these curses to fortify their strongholds, and create new strongholds and further the curses on a family line. Praise the Lord! The curses can be fully broken as He has become a curse for us (Galatians 3:13). When we acknowledge the curse and cancel it in Jesus' name, the curse is broken and the demons' rights are gone. We have examples in the Old Testament of leaders confessing the sins of the ancestry. Jeremiah, Nehemiah, and Daniel all did this. In Daniel 9, collective pronouns are used nearly 20 times!

My mentor, Dean Hochstetler, said, "80% of those who become demonized have this factor of unconfessed ancestral sin." It is hard to think poorly of our ancestors, but not looking at the full scope of sin and their consequences keeps people in bondage. Many lives are burdened and harassed, possibly even prevented from coming to saving faith due to inherited curses. If one does have salvation, Satan's host work to bring doubt, lack of assurance of salvation, and incapacitation of Christian living.

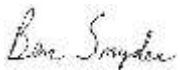
Frequently Jeremiah 31 and Ezekiel 18 are referenced to challenge the principle of inherited curses. It is said that these passages show that curses like these are done away with in the new covenant. However, these passages are pointing to the reality of personal accountability and appropriating the gift of the new covenant. Just as one needs to appropriate and accept God's great gift of grace, salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ, one needs to appropriate the gift of deliverance from curses. Acknowledge the reality of the curse and the sin and cancel them in the name of Jesus Christ. Our ancestors may have sinned, but we are not helpless. That is the point of Jeremiah and Ezekiel. Ms. X did acknowledge her father's sins and was set free!

Prayer Concerns:

Please pray for some clients who need further insight as to why they are being afflicted by evil spirits.

Please pray for the year that God would thoroughly work through me to minister to hurting people.

Continually Rescued by Christ Jesus,



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