

**The Blood Covenant Breaks Curses
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THE BLOOD OF THE EVERLASTING COVENANT**

Genesis 22:1-2 says,

I “Now it came to pass after these things that God tested [to assay]¹ Abraham, and said to him, ‘Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ Then He said, ‘Take now your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.’”

There have been many speculations, wonderful sermons and even books on Genesis chapter 22, as to why God asked Abraham to obey such a command to take the life of his promised son Isaac, or the life of any human being.

I submit that Abraham and Sarah were under the curse of being without child. That was one of the most serious and shameful maladies of that age. God gave Abram the promise of having a child, and through that child many nations would be blessed. Abram did his best to obey and follow the Lord, until Genesis chapter 16 when he took matters into his own hands and produced Ishmael. Then in Genesis chapter 21 the supernatural promise was fulfilled; Isaac, the son of promise, was born of barren Sarah and Abraham. One would have thought that the issue of being childless was over. Right? Wrong!

I submit that Isaac and Abraham were still subject to the curse and that they needed to complete the overcoming process with God to destroy the curse. I also need to point out that the curse was not broken until Abraham obeyed God and walked all the way up the hill, raised his knife, and fully expected to slay his son.

That is the way with us. We have to go all the way up our hills because that is where the Lamb was for Abraham and for us. I have personally experienced God dealing this way with my family and some curses we needed to overcome. God spoke this “up the hill” idea to me very clearly.

Deuteronomy chapter 28 is a good place to study curses and blessings.

A curse is the opposite of a blessing. A blessing is some type of prosperity from God that is the result of good and positive words or deeds. A curse is some type of failure caused or propagated by wicked or negative words or deeds that can be perpetrated by people and satanic beings.

Exodus 34:5-8 says that curses are passed down to future generations

Exodus 34:7 says,

7 “Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation.”

¹ Assay: an examination and analysis of something, chemical testing carried out to determine the composition or a substance of the concentration of various components in a substance, a sample of material for analysis.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could just read the Bible, discover that we are forgiven and that Jesus took our curse, then say a nice tidy prayer and see the blessings come? Sorry, often it does not work that way, although sometimes it has and can. Curses can be broken by prayer and deliverance instantly, however my experience has been going through the hard times of the overcoming process, much in the same way Abraham did with Isaac.

Now let's refer back to Abraham and Isaac.

Genesis 22:7-17 says,

"7 But Isaac spoke to Abraham his father and said, "My father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." Then he said, "Look, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

8 And Abraham said, "My son, God will provide for Himself the lamb for a burnt offering." So the two of them went together.

9 Then they came to the place of which God had told him. And Abraham built an altar there and placed the wood in order; and he bound Isaac his son and laid him on the altar, upon the wood."

10 And Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

11 But the Angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, 'Abraham, Abraham!' So he said, 'Here I am.'

12 And He said, 'Do not lay your hand on the lad, or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me.'

13 Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of the place, The-LORD-Will-Provide; as it is said to this day, 'In the Mount of the LORD it shall be provided.'

15 "Then the Angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time out of heaven,

16 and said: 'By Myself I have sworn, says the LORD, because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son –

17 blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies.'

God's covenant with Abraham promised him a son.

Genesis 15:3-17

"3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."

5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

7 Then He said to him, “I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.”

8 And he said, “Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?”

9 So He said to him, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

11 And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.

13 Then He said to Abram: “Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

14 “And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

15 “Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

16 “But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.”

17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces.”

18 On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates--”

How did Abraham have so much faith to raise the knife over Isaac?

God had given Abraham a blood covenant in Genesis 15. Given the blood covenant, it did not matter how impossible circumstances looked, Abraham believed in a resurrection.

Hebrews 11:17-19,

“17 By faith Abraham, when he was tested, offered up Isaac, and he who had received the promises offered up his only begotten son,

18 of whom it was said, “In Isaac your seed shall be called,”

19 concluding that God was able to raise him up, even from the dead, from which he also received him in a figurative sense.”

How does this apply to us?

We are in a blood covenant with God through Jesus. It does not matter how impossible circumstances may look. Our curses are often overcome through the same process that God used with Abraham. First the covenant was given, then the promise for deliverance, and then the death and resurrection process.

We have to “put our knife” into our promises, hopes and dreams that the enemy is trying to destroy by curses, and then watch God raise them from the dead. I have done this so many times. It was painful but God came through!

I believe that Genesis chapter 22 and the entire Book of Revelation indicates to us that we realize blessings by overcoming through the death and resurrection process.

Revelation 12:11 says,

11 “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”

A major theme in Revelation is the Scroll.

John wrote Revelation while he was suffering on the Isle of Patmos. He was trying to make some sense out of his life and he owed some explanation to his churches on why they were being persecuted so violently and why some of them were being beheaded and tortured. This is worked out in Oriental Eastern mystic writings in the rest of Revelation as Jesus revealed to John, in picture form something that would show him, and you and me the prophetic victory for his sufferings. I am in no way predicting the historic events for end times by using this mystic message that God included in the Book of Revelation.

In Zechariah 5:1-5 the Scroll is the curse.

Zechariah 5:1-4 says,

“1 Then I turned and raised my eyes, and saw there a flying scroll.

2 And he said to me, “What do you see?” So I answered, “I see a flying scroll. Its length is twenty cubits and its width ten cubits.”

3 Then he said to me, “This is the curse that goes out over the face of the whole earth: ‘Every thief shall be expelled,’ according to this side of the scroll; and, ‘Every perjurer shall be expelled,’ according to that side of it.”

4 “I will send out the curse,” says the LORD of hosts; “It shall enter the house of the thief And the house of the one who swears falsely by My name. It shall remain in the midst of his house And consume it, with its timber and stones.””

The Scroll in Revelation 5 at the Throne in Heaven.

Notice in Revelation Chapter 5, there is a word picture of The Father God at the Throne holding the Scroll. We know from the Book of Zechariah the Scroll represents God's inheritance for man and the curse for Satan.

Revelation 5:1-9 says,

“1 And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals.

2 Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?”

3 And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it.

4 So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it.

5 But one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals.”

6 And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth.

7 Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne.

8 Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints.

9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,"

Hal Lindsey describes the procedure regarding scrolls in ancient times.

Sealing a scroll was a common and important practice in Biblical times. The wills of both Emperor Vespasian and Caesar Augustus were secured with seven seals.

"For such a document, a scribe would procure a long roll of parchment and begin writing. After a period of writing he would stop, roll the parchment enough to cover his words and seal the scroll at that point with wax. Then he would resume writing, stop again, roll the scroll, and add another seal. By the time he was finished, he would have sealed the scroll seven times. The scrolls would be read a section at a time, after each seal was opened.

"Why was this process used? Evidently it was to prevent unauthorized persons from tampering with the scroll or reading and revealing its contents. Only a "worthy" person -- that is, someone with proper authority -- could have legal access to the scroll's message.

"When a Jewish family was required to forfeit its land and possessions through some distress, the property could not be permanently taken from them. Their losses were listed in a scroll and sealed seven times, then the conditions necessary to purchase back the land and possessions were written on the outside of the scroll. When a qualified redeemer could be found to meet the requirements of reclamation, the one to whom the property had been forfeited was obligated to return the possessions to the original owner."

God asked John to “eat” the Scroll.

Revelation 10:1-2, 8-11 says,

“1 I saw still another mighty angel coming down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was on his head, his face was like the sun, and his feet like pillars of fire.

2 He had a little book open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea and his left foot on the land,

8 Then the voice which I heard from heaven spoke to me again and said, "Go, take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth."

9 So I went to the angel and said to him, "Give me the little book." And he said to me, "Take and eat it; and it will make your stomach bitter, but it will be as sweet as honey in your mouth."

10 Then I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it, and it was as sweet as honey in my mouth. But when I had eaten it, my stomach became bitter.

11 And he said to me, "You must prophesy again about many peoples, nations, tongues, and kings."

Why did God have John “eat the Scroll”?

While the seals in the Scroll are being opened, overcoming the curse, we will hear and feel terrible things, even sufferings so great that many will be tempted to believe that Jesus did not overcome their curse. Many will give up.

John felt this as he ate the Book or the Scroll. The redemption inscribed on the outer part of the Scroll tasted good, but when he digested it he tasted the inner parts of the Scroll where the curses were written. I believe that as John tasted the inner parts of the Scroll that he had a personal witness regarding the pain that Jesus incurred at the Cross.

He felt the pain and eternal judgment of those who do not have Jesus to bear their curses. But he also felt the pain and temporary judgment of believers who have given up their overcoming process. It is clear to me both by Scripture (in addition to the Book of Revelation) and by personal experience, and also the experiences of others, that more often than not our overcoming processes must go through death and resurrection. We can feel like the curses have overcome us by looking at the time line coupled with horrible circumstances, but if we hang on to a godly overcoming process, we will prevail for our lives and for His Kingdom. As with John, our task is to stay in the presence of God and in His Word, so that through the overcoming process we will continue to experience God and therefore keep our perseverance. I have often written that “pieces” of His Kingdom are established on earth through our overcoming process.

Up to this point in Revelation six angels appeared and six of the seven Trumpets were sounded.

Revelation 11:15-19

“15 Then the seventh angel sounded [the Trumpet]: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!”

16 And the twenty-four elders who sat before God on their thrones fell on their faces and worshiped God,

17 saying: “We give You thanks, O Lord God Almighty, The One who is and who was and who is to come, Because You have taken Your great power and reigned.

18 The nations were angry, and Your wrath has come, And the time of the dead, that they should be judged, And that You should reward Your servants the prophets and the saints, And those who fear Your name, small and great, And should destroy those who destroy the earth.”

19 Then the temple of God was opened in heaven, and the ark of His covenant was seen in His temple. And there were lightnings, noises, thunderings, an earthquake, and great hail.”

Hang on until the seventh Trumpet and the seventh angel and you will see your curse resurrected and the Kingdom of God advanced because of your overcoming.

Resurrection while still here on earth!

John 11:20-27,44

Now Martha, as soon as she heard that Jesus was coming, went and met Him, but Mary was sitting in the house. Now Martha said to Jesus, “Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha said to Him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?”

She said to Him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world.”

“44 And he who had died came out bound hand and foot with graveclothes, and his face was wrapped with a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Loose him, and let him go.””

Philippians 3:11,

That if possible I may attain to the [spiritual and moral] resurrection [that lifts me] out from among the dead [even while in the body].