

Deal With The Curse **Pastor John Carmichael**

[Rev 22:3 NASB95] 3 There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;

Amplified Bible: "There will no longer exist anything that is cursed [because sin and illness and death are gone]; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve and worship Him [with great awe and joy and loving devotion];"

- If you feel like something is against you. You are right. It is the curse.
- The curse is a force that has similar properties but polar opposite goals. They are forces that are invisible in and of themselves, but their affects are very visible. See Deuteronomy 28.
- Revelation 22:3 tells of a time when the curse will be removed. It is in the future.
- JFB: Commenting on Rev. 22:3, "God can only dwell where the curse and its cause, the cursed thing sin (Josh. 7:12), are removed."
- It is a force or thing that will be removed.
- That means that it is has not been removed yet. While we know that atonement of Jesus redeemed us from the curse (more on that later) we see that it does not get removed until later. Remember "now and not yet".

How do we deal with the curse in this life?

There are three ways we deal with the curse in this life.

I. Acknowledge the presence of the curse.

- a. God is not the problem against us.
- b. The curse came/comes when we violate God. It is a natural consequence just like getting shocked when touching a bare electric line.
- c. [Gen 3:14-19 NASB95] 14 The LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you more than all cattle, And more than every beast of the field; On your belly you will go, And dust you will eat All the days of your life; 15 And I will put enmity Between you and the woman, And between your seed and her seed; He shall bruise you on the head, And you shall bruise him on the heel." 16 To the woman He said, "I will greatly multiply Your pain in childbirth, In pain you will bring forth children; Yet your desire will be for your husband, And he will rule over you." 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. 18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; 19 By the sweat of your face You will eat bread, Till you return to the ground, Because from it you were taken; For you are dust, And to dust you shall return."
- d. Is God pronouncing or identifying the curse? I believe both.
- e. The point is that the curse is here because of violating God.

II. Realize that Jesus redeemed us from the curse.

- a. Jesus is the source of freedom of the curse.
- b. [Gal 3:10, 13-14 NASB95] 10 For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM." ... 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us for it is written, "CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE" 14 in order that in Christ Jesus

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the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we would receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

- c. While we have violated God, therefore we should be under the curse, we are redeemed or freed when we surrender to Jesus Christ as Lord.
- d. All of the curses as defined by God (see Deuteronomy 28 and other places) have been dealt with by Jesus.

III. Choose to live under the blessing and not the curse.

- a. Because of Jesus, we have a choose. It has always been that way though.
 - b. [Deu 30:15-20 NASB95] 15 "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, and death and adversity; 16 in that I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that you may live and multiply, and that the LORD your God may bless you in the land where you are entering to possess it. 17 "But if your heart turns away and you will not obey, but are drawn away and worship other gods and serve them, 18 I declare to you today that you shall surely perish. You will not prolong [your] days in the land where you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess it. 19 "I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, 20 by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."
 - c. God can not be blamed for not telling us how this works.
 - d. God wants us to choose the blessing and life.
 - e. God has not chosen the curse for us.
 - f. How do we choose>
 - i. Live a surrendered life to Jesus Christ.
 - ii. Walk by faith with a believing heart and a confessing mouth.
- **The curse is here and will be removed in the future, but we can choose to walk in the blessing and grow in our freedom from the curse.**