



Sermon Notes – September 23, 2018

[#50] *A Curse for those Who Curse*

Deuteronomy 22:30–23:8

Children's Sermon: Truth Eight ⁱ

- #1 - God is the sovereign Creator of all things. (You belong to God.)
- #2 - God created people for His glory.
- #3 - God is holy and righteous.
- #4 - Man is sinful.
- #5 - God is just and is right to punish sin.
- #6 - God is merciful. He is kind to undeserving sinners. (Why)
- #7 - Jesus is God's holy and righteous Son. (How)
- #8 - **God put the punishment of sinners on Jesus, so that His righteousness might be put on them: (How)**

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Explanation:

- What is a substitute?
- **Remember, God says that we must be holy and righteous and we must obey Him all the time.** Jesus obeyed all God's commands, all the time.
- Jesus was willing to take the punishment for all the sins of His people.
- Jesus' resurrection is proof He has won the battle over sin and death and hell.

Illustration: Switching Our Rags for His White Robes

(close with a prayer of blessing)

A Note to Parents:

- Urge Christ-centeredness, not profession-centeredness.

Notes:

Bless those Who Bless (Genesis 12:3)

Genesis 27:29b (Isaac's blessing, Jacob)

...Cursed be everyone who curses you, and blessed be everyone who blesses you!"

Numbers 24:9b (Balaam, Balak)

...Blessed are those who bless you, and cursed are those who curse you."

Disqualified from the Assembly of the LORD

(David Blessing Solomon, 1 Chron. 28:8)

Today's Clear Biblical Bullet...

Those who dishonor/curse Israel will be cut off from Yahweh & his people forever.



Dishonoring your Father's Skirt? (Ruth 1:3–4, 15–16)

³⁰ “A man shall not take his father’s wife, so that he does not uncover his father’s nakedness (garment/skirt/wing).

The Hebrew term for ‘**garment**’ is literally ‘wing’, and it is used in the Bible to symbolize one person’s authority over, and protection of, another (see Ruth 2:12; 3:9).¹

Cf. Leviticus 18:6–18 especially v. 8

E.g. Reuben when he slept with Bilhah - (Gen. 35:22; 49:3–4)

Absalom - 2 Samuel 16:21–22

² “No one born of a forbidden union may enter the assembly of the LORD. *Even to the tenth generation, none of his descendants* may enter the **assembly of the LORD**.

1 Corinthians 5:1–2

¹ It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and of a kind that is not tolerated even among pagans, for *a man has his father’s wife*. ² And you are arrogant! Ought you not rather to mourn? Let him who has done this be removed from among you.

Dishonoring your Own Reproductive Parts

¹ “No one whose **testicles are crushed** or whose male organ is **cut off** shall enter the **assembly of the LORD**.

Isaiah 56:3–5

³ Let not the foreigner who has joined himself to the Lord say, “The Lord will surely separate me from his people”; and let not the eunuch say, “Behold, I am a dry tree.” ⁴ **For thus says the Lord:** “To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, ⁵ I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and *a name better than sons and daughters*; I will give them an **everlasting name** that shall not be cut off.

1 Corinthians 6:18–20 (Prostitute)

¹⁸ Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person

¹ Currid, J. D. (2006). [A Study Commentary on Deuteronomy](#) (p. 374). Darlington, England; Webster, New York: Evangelical Press.

sins against his own body. ¹⁹ Or do you not know that ***your body is a temple*** of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, ²⁰ for you were bought with a price. **So glorify God in your body.**

Dishonoring the People of Israel (Lot's Descendants...)

³ “**No Ammonite or Moabite** may enter **the assembly of the LORD**. *Even to the tenth generation*, none of them may enter **the assembly of the LORD forever**, ⁴ because *they did not meet you with bread and with water on the way*, when you came out of Egypt, and because *they hired against you Balaam* the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, **to curse you**. ⁵ But the LORD your God would not listen to Balaam; instead the LORD your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, *because the LORD your God loved you*. ⁶ **You shall not seek their peace or their prosperity** all your days **forever**.

Third Generation Acceptance (for Brotherhood & Hospitality)

⁷ “**You shall not abhor an Edomite**, for he is your *brother*. **You shall not abhor an Egyptian**, because you were *a sojourner in his land*. ⁸ **Children born to them in the third generation may enter the assembly of the LORD**.

Third Generation... (10 Commandments - #2)

Deuteronomy 5:9

[No Idols] 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...

“Esau I hated...” – **Malachi 1:3**; Egypt – **Joel 3:19**

Ruth & Naomi – **Ruth 1:3–4, 15–16**; Obed, Jesse, David...Jesus

Jesus Overcomes the Curse!

Syrophoenician Women- **Mark 7:25–30**

Every tribe - **Revelation 5:9**

What Should We Do with This Text?

Seek Israel's Blessing...

- Your body is for God's glory...
 - Sterilization?
 - Sexual purity
- Receive Jesus: (2 things)
 - Turn, Trust & Follow Jesus (Warn the Lost)

John 1:10–13

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ ***He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him.*** ¹² But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

- Work at your relationship with the Church

Matthew 18:6–7

⁶ but ***whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin***, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea.

⁷ “Woe to the world for temptations to sin! For it is necessary that temptations come, but woe to the one by whom the temptation comes!

...Fired at our Life & Heart

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We are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.



ⁱ Helping Children to Understand the Gospel