

## WE ARE ACCOUNTABLE FOR WHAT WE DO

*“For the Son of Man will come in the glory of His Father with His angels, and then He will reward each according to his works.” (Matthew 16:27) {NOT ACCORDING TO HIS FATHER'S WORKS}*

*“I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.” (Revelation 2:23)*

*“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.” (Revelation 22:12)  
(see also Revelation 20:12)*

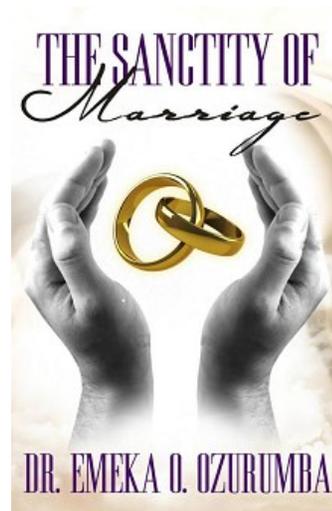
*“Who will render to every man according to his deeds:” (Romans 2:6)*

*“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”  
(2 Corinthians 5:10)*

The issue here is the imputation of blessing or curse, righteousness or unrighteousness based on the actions of another person. No one gains righteousness or eternal life on the basis of their father or mother's righteousness; and neither can anyone be condemned by the unrighteousness or evil deeds of their parents. That is the fundamental principle of God -which He expects His children to follow. God is God and He can do whatever He pleases. As an exception to His rule, He alone reserves the exclusive right and power to punish anyone or any generation as He wishes, or have mercy and show compassion on anyone He so wishes to -

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# NO GENERATIONAL CURSE

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2 Cor. 6:2 & Heb. 3:7-8

## No Generational Curse In Christ.

There is no established commandment of God for generational curse. God does not, as a principle, punish the innocent – Genesis 20:5-7, Deuteronomy 24:16. However, God is God and can do whatsoever He wants to do with any person or family, at any time. God always deals with us in relation to our own actions such that in His ten commandments, He establishes the punishment for those who continue in the hatred for Him from generation to generation. All those who hate God are cursed.

See this in Exodus 20:4-5 *"You shall not make for yourself a carved image--any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me,"*

He promises mercy to those who do not repeat the sins (hated for God), but change to obey Him (to love Him) – *"but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments."* (Exodus 20:6)

### A PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY TO LOVE GOD

People learn sinful habits and treat them as cultural inheritance and do not depart from evil that their parents practiced; suffering the consequences of sin and death. Each person is accountable for his or her own sin and not the sins of their parents or children. The principle of generational curse is totally contrary to the principle of the freedom that is in Christ (Galatians 3:10-13), and not in line with what God said even in the Old Testament about this issue when He was so angry with the children of Israel for repeating this error –Ezekiel 33:12-20, Ezekiel 18:1-4, Jeremiah 31:29-32; Deuteronomy 24:16.

God showed His displeasure with His people's belief in generational curse and sent His prophets to speak extensively about this in Jeremiah 31:29-32, Ezekiel 33:12-20 and there is an entire chapter - Ezekiel 18:1-32—devoted to explain with clear examples, the basis of His judgment for sins and His mercy for repentance.

*"Yet the children of your people say, 'The way of the LORD is not fair.' But it is their way which is not fair! When the righteous turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, he shall die because of it. But when the wicked turns from his wickedness and does what is lawful and right, he shall live because of it. Yet you say, 'The way of the LORD is not fair.' O house of Israel, I will judge every one of you according to his own ways." (Ezekiel 33:17-20)*

*"Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; a person shall be put to death for his own sin." (Deuteronomy 24:16)*

God repeatedly reminded His people about His fairness and principle that requires that only the guilty will pay for their sins.

## A BELIEF SYSTEM THAT GOD DISLIKES

*"Now it happened, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that he executed his servants who had murdered his father the king. But the children of the murderers he did not execute, according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, in which the LORD commanded, saying, "Fathers shall not be put to death for their children, nor shall children be put to death for their fathers; but a person shall be put to death for his own sin." (2 Kings 14:5-6 & 2 Chronicles 25:3-4)*

Rather than believe and obey God, the people of God in the old covenant created a proverb or a culture that perpetuated this wrong belief system of generational curse as principle or commandment of God. This same mistake is being made even in the New Covenant today!

### GOD'S DETAILED EXPLANATION OF PERSONAL ACCOUNTABILITY FOR SINS:

*Ezekiel 18:1-20*

**T**he word of the LORD came to me again, saying, What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord GOD, you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel. 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. But if a man is just and does what is lawful and right; If he has not eaten on the mountains, Nor lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, Nor defiled his neighbor's wife, Nor approached a woman during her impurity; If he has not oppressed anyone, But has restored to the debtor his pledge; Has robbed no one by violence, But has given his bread to the hungry And covered the naked with clothing; If he has not exacted usury Nor taken any increase, But has withdrawn his hand from iniquity And executed true judgment between man and man; If he has walked in My statutes-- And kept My judgments faithfully-- He is just; He shall surely live!" Says the Lord GOD. If he begets a son who is a robber Or a shedder of blood, Who does any of these things And does none of those duties, But has eaten on the mountains Or defiled his neighbor's wife; If he has oppressed the poor and needy, Robbed by violence, Not restored the pledge, Lifted his eyes to the idols, Or committed abomination; If he has exacted usury Or taken increase-- Shall he then live? He shall not live! If he has done any of these abominations, He shall surely die; His blood shall be upon him. If, however, he begets a son who sees all the sins which his father has done, and considers but does not do likewise; Who has not eaten on the mountains, Nor lifted his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, Nor defiled his neighbor's wife; Has not oppressed anyone, Nor withheld a pledge, Nor robbed by violence, But has given his bread to the hungry And covered the naked with clothing; Who has withdrawn his hand from the poor And not received usury or increase, But has executed My judgments And walked in My statutes He shall not die for the iniquity of his father; He shall surely live! As for his father, Because he cruelly oppressed, Robbed his brother by violence, And did what is not good among his people, Behold, he shall die for his iniquity. Yet you say, 'Why should the son not bear the guilt of the father?' Because the son has done what is lawful and right, and has kept all My statutes and observed them, he shall surely live. The soul who sins shall die. The son shall not bear the guilt of the father, nor the father bear the guilt of the son. The righteousness of the righteous shall be upon himself, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon himself.

## GOD'S PROMISE OF THE NEW COVENANT

The LORD was angry with the children of Israel, in the Old Covenant, who wanted to insist that sons should pay for the sins of their fathers - creating a culture of this concept of generational curses. (WHY are we, in the New Covenant putting ourselves into a bondage or curse that God expressly disallowed in the Old? - Why then did Christ come and for what purpose is the New Covenant?).

This refusal of the children of Israel to heed God's warning on this issue of generational curse prompted God's declaration of His plan for His new covenant – to be revealed in His Son - Jesus:

*In those days they shall say no more: 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.' But every one shall die for his own iniquity; every man who eats the sour grapes, his teeth shall be set on edge. "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah--not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the LORD." (Jeremiah 31:29-32)*

### WE CAN NO LONGER BE UNDER A CURSE IF WE IMPLICITLY OBEY JESUS

When the disciples of Jesus almost unwittingly were falling into this Old Testament mindset (generational curse) - Jesus redirected them to God's purpose:

"Now as Jesus passed by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. And His disciples asked Him, saying, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God should be revealed in him." (John 9:1-3)

All those who are truly one with Christ (know, walk and live like Christ) have been delivered and liberated from all curses; they are translated into the kingdom of light—Colossians 1:13. They need no more worthless deliverance and liberation – but His salvation. If any wants to be set free, let him implicitly obey the Word of God. There is absolutely no condemnation for those who are truly in Christ Jesus—Romans 8:1.

*Jesus answered them, Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin. And a slave does not abide in the house forever, but a son abides forever. Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed." (John 8:34-36)*