

Sukkot Self-Help Ministries

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Presents

Curses & Things

Accursed

Part 5

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Recap of C.&T.A. Part 4

In C.&T.A. Part 4

- ❖ We read about the Curious Arts in the book of Acts
- ❖ We learned that land and property are susceptible to being cursed due to sin and pagan practices

In C.&T.A. Part 5

- ❖ We'll review the story of Achan and things accursed in the book of Joshua, chapters 6 and 7
- ❖ We'll recite a prayer to forgive and to break curses

What Are Things Accursed?

In the Old Testament, the term “**Things Accursed**” refers to any material item made of wood, stone, silver, or gold as mentioned in **Deu 29:17**, that was created by man. The item was devoted (worshipped) to a pagan god(s), or cursed by God as unclean, and was considered detestable in God’s sight (**Joshua 6:17-18**).

- ❖ Accursed (**H2764 cherem**), a doomed object, extermination, dedicated thing, things which should have been utterly destroyed, appointed to utter destruction, devoted thing, net

Other terms associated with things accused are;

- ❖ **Lev 27:28-29** and **1Chr 2:7** calls them “**Devoted Things**”
- ❖ **Deu 7:26** calls them “**Cursed Things**”
- ❖ **Ezek 44:29** calls them “**Dedicated Things**”

Achan and Things Accursed

The story of Achan, in Joshua chapters 6 and 7, is an example of how God removed his hand of protection from the Israelites, when Achan took the items from Jericho and buried the “Things Accursed” under his tent. This brought a curse upon the whole camp.

There are many believers in Christendom that have a lack of knowledge when it comes to the idea that everyday items can have curses. The story we are about to examine will give the believer clear scriptural evidence, let's review.

Jos 6:18 And ye, **in any wise keep yourselves from the accursed thing**, lest **ye make yourselves accursed**, when ye take of **the accursed thing**, and **make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it**

Jos 7:1 But **the children of Israel committed a trespass in the accursed thing: for Achan**, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, **took of the accursed thing: and the anger of the LORD was kindled against the children of Israel**

7:2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai

7:4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men: and **they fled before the men of Ai**

Achan & Things Accursed, cont'd

Jos 7:5 And the men of Ai smote of them about thirty and six men: for they chased them from before the gate

7:6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of the LORD until the eventide, he and the elders of Israel, and put dust upon their heads

7:7 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord GOD, wherefore hast thou at all brought this people over Jordan, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us?

7:10 And the LORD said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore liest thou thus upon thy face?

7:11 Israel hath sinned, and they have also transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: for they have even taken of the accursed thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also, and they have put it even among their own stuff

Achan & Things Accursed, cont'd

Jos 7:12 Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you

7:13 There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: **thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you**

7:19 And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, make confession unto him; and tell me now what thou hast done; hide it not from me

7:20 And Achan answered Joshua, and said, **Indeed I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel,** and thus and thus have I done

7:21 When I saw among the spoils a goodly Babylonish garment, and two hundred shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels weight, **then I coveted them,** and took them; and, behold, **they are hid in the earth in the midst of my tent,** and the silver under it

Achan & Things Accursed, cont'd

Jos 7:24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor

7:25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones

7:26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day

❖ Achor (H5911 akowr) troubled

In summary, God is angered when we have cursed items. Cursed things that we hold on to can be the source of issues in our life. Ask the Holy Spirit to identify cursed things you possess!

Prayer to Forgive and Break Curses

- ❖ Lord Jesus, I believe that you are the son of God and the only way to God. You died on the cross for my sins; You rose again from the dead. I renounce all of my sins, and I turn to you Lord Jesus, for mercy and for forgiveness. I believe you forgive me and I receive your forgiveness. From now on, I want to live for you. I want to hear your voice and do what you tell me.
- ❖ In order to receive your blessing, Lord, and to be released from any curse over my life, I confess any known sins committed, according to **1 John 1:9**, and remit the sin of my ancestors, according to **John 20:23**.

Let the Holy Spirit show you what you need to specify.

Just between you and God, say to God what you need to confess.

- ❖ Lord, I thank you and I believe you have forgiven everything that I have confessed.
- ❖ Lord, I forgive all other persons that have harmed me or wronged me according to **Matthew 5:44**. I forgive them all now as I would have You forgive me.

Prayer to Forgive and Break Curses

- ❖ **Say to God who you need to forgive and why. Be as thorough as you can.**
- ❖ In particular I forgive:
- ❖ _____, _____, _____, _____.
- ❖ Lord, I renounce, and cancel any contracts that are assigned to me, or any of my ancestors on both of my parents sides back to Adam and Eve, with the kingdom of darkness in any form or from any kind of secret society.
- ❖ Lord, I commit myself to remove from my house any kind of occult objects that honor the kingdom of darkness and dishonor Jesus Christ. With Your help Lord, I will remove them all. According to **Jer 33:3** show me great and mighty things.
- ❖ Lord Jesus, I thank you that on the cross you were made a curse, that I might be redeemed from the curse and receive the blessing. Because of what you did for me on the cross, I now release myself from every curse according to **Gal 3:13**, and every evil influence and dark shadow over me or over my family from any source.
- ❖ I release myself now, in the name of Jesus, Amen.

What's Next?

Soul Ties Part 1

- ❑ God originally created Soul Ties to fellowship with man
- ❑ We will learn to discern and identify Godly and Ungodly soul ties

Closing Statements

Let's review highlights of what we have learned from C.&T.A. Part 5.

- ❑ The story in the book of Joshua about Achan, shows us an example of how God removed his hand of protection when Achan buried the Things Accursed under his tent
- ❑ The Israelites could no longer stand against their enemies
- ❑ When we keep cursed items in our possession, God is angered and may remove his hand from us

'Curses & Things Accursed Part 5'

Thank You



For Your Attendance