

Prayer Study 17  
"Generational Curses"  
Deuteronomy 28

**"I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me." Exodus 20:5**

Generational Curse: an uncleansed iniquity that increases in strength from one generation to the next, affecting the members of that family and all who come into relationship with that family.

Do YOU or ANYONE in your family(including past generations):

1. Have a pattern of constant failure?
2. Have a history of untimely deaths and suicides or a large number of people who have died prematurely?
3. Exhibit a high level of anger?
4. Have a high record of accidents or accidents that are unusual in nature?
5. Have a history of abuse such as physical, emotional, or sexual?
6. have a history of chronic illness(repeated colds, long-term health problems, etc.)?
7. Have a history of mental illness that may have progressed through generations?
8. Exhibited any of these personality behaviors: high-control, manipulation, addiction, co-dependency, depression, unforgiveness, or social isolation?

***If you answered "yes" to any of the questions above, you could be under a generational curse!***

"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:5

Sin: to miss the mark

Transgression: to overstep pre-established boundaries

Iniquity: to bend or distort the heart; a predisposition or drive towards a certain sin; repeating the same sin over and over again; passed from generation to generation if not dealt with

“One person practices a certain sin(alcoholism, violence, sexual sin, etc.) until it becomes a lifestyle. Once entrenched the sin becomes an iniquity-a weakness towards a certain behavior. That behavior is practiced over and over, allowing Satan to gain control of the mind, will, and emotions. That control will continue for that individual and consequently future generations, becoming a generational curse.”

Marilyn Hickey in Breaking Generational Curses

Examples of generational curses: sterility, divorce, adultery, rebellion, debt, arthritis, cancer, heart problems, kidney problems, diabetes, chronic pain.

### Symbolism and Types of Generational Curses

Lizard-Fear

Bat-spiritual darkness or blindness

Snake-lying and deception

Owl-false knowledge

Vulture-suicidal and homicidal tendencies, death

Frog-carnal or sexual sin

Spider-greed, selfishness, jealousy

Scorpion-self-pity, tendency toward pain

Hornet-anger, rage, bitterness and revenge

Turtle-laziness and procrastination

### STEPS TO FREEDOM

1. Allow the Holy Spirit to bring to your remembrance the sins and iniquities of your parents and forefathers & confess them.
2. Personally forgive your forefathers of their iniquities.
3. Ask God to forgive specific sins of your living forefathers.
4. confess your participation in the iniquities of your family tree.
5. Ask God to forgive and cleanse you.
6. Submit your will to God.
7. Remember that Jesus suffered the curse and overcame the devil for you.
8. Understand that God has all authority.
9. Use the authority of the name of Jesus.
10. Declare the power of the blood of Jesus.
11. Declare that your family's generational curses are broken.
12. Speak blessings over your life and the lives of your children.



# UNCOVERING THE ROOT SYSTEM OF YOUR FAMILY TREE

### *Father*

What sins, habits, or failures do I know of in my father's life?

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### *Mother*

What sins, habits, or failures do I know of in my mother's life?

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### *Father's Father*

What sins, habits, or failures do I know of in my grandfather's life?

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### *Mother's Father*

What sins, habits, or failures do I know of in my grandfather's life?

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### *Father's Mother*

What sins, habits, or failures do I know of in my grandmother's life?

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### *Mother's Mother*

What sins, habits, or failures do I know of in my grandmother's life?

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