

And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear call, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle?

1st Corinthians 14:8 NLV

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PRAYER STUDY #186

SHAME, GENERATIONAL CURSES, AND THE POWER OF THE BLOOD

THREE MAJOR HINDRANCES TO WALKING WITH JESUS

- 1. SHAME**
- 2. GENERATIONAL CURSES**
- 3. UNFORGIVENESS, WHICH INCLUDES NOT BEING ABLE TO FORGIVE YOURSELF (BECAUSE OF TIME, I WILL ONLY DEAL WITH SHAME AND GENERATIONAL CURSES IN THIS STUDY.)**

SHAME

Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son who was lame in his feet. He was five years old when the news about Saul and Jonathan came from Jezreel; and his nurse took him up and fled. And it happened, as she made haste to flee, that he fell and became lame. His name was Mephibosheth. 2nd Samuel 4:4

Now when Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, had come to David, he fell on his face and prostrated himself. Then David said, "Mephibosheth?" And he answered, "Here is your servant!" So David said unto him, "Do not fear, for I will surely show you kindness for Jonathan, your father's sake, and will restore to you all the land of Saul, your grandfather, and you shall eat bread at my table continually." Then he bowed himself and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon such a dead dog as I?" And the king called to Zeba, Saul's servant, and said to him, "I have given your master's son all that belonged to Saul and to all his house. You, therefore, and your sons and your servants, shall work the land for him, and you shall bring in the harvest that your mother's son may have food to eat. But Mephibosheth, your master's son, shall eat bread at my table always...." 2nd Samuel 9:6-13

MEPHIBOSHETH means "shame destroyer."

DO YOU HAVE SHAME IN YOUR LIFE?

1. **What is shame?** A painful emotion caused by consciousness of guilt, shortcoming, or impropriety; a condition of humiliating disgrace or disrepute; something that brings strong regret, censure, or reproach.

SPIRITUAL CHARACTERISTICS OF SHAME

- A. **Confusion:** Jeremiah 3:25- *We lie down in our shame, and our confusion covereth us; for we have sinned against the LORD, our God, we and our fathers, from our youth, even unto this day, and have not obeyed the voice of the LORD, our God.*
- B. **Lack of the Lord's Glory in Your Life:** Hosea 4:7- *As they were increased, so they sinned against me; therefore will I change their glory into shame.*
- C. **Sense of no longer being connected to the Lord:** Isaiah 54:4-8- *“Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame; For you will forget the shame of your youth and will not remember the reproach of your widowhood anymore. For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is His name; and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel; He is called the God of the whole earth. For the LORD has called you like a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, like a youthful wife when you were refused,” says your God. “For a moment I have forsaken you, but with great mercies I will gather you, With a little wrath I hid My face from you for a moment; but with everlasting kindness I will have mercy on you,” says the LORD, your Redeemer.*
- D. **Unproductive for the Lord:** Proverbs 10:5- *He that gathereth in summer is a wise son, but he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.*
- E. **Rebellion, refusal to submit to authority:** Proverbs 13:18- *Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, but he who regards a rebuke will be honored.*
- F. **A Proudful Spirit:** Proverbs 13:18 – *Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, but he who regards a rebuke will be honored.*
- G. **Lack of Righteousness or Right Living:** Revelation 3:16-19- *“So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth. Because you say, ‘I am rich, have become wealthy, and have need of nothing’-and do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked- I counsel you to buy from Me gold refined in the fire, that you*

may be rich; and white garments, that you may be clothed, that the shame of your nakedness may not be revealed; and anoint your eyes with eye salve, that you may see. As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten. Therefore be zealous and repent.

- H. **Pain:** Psalm 25:16-20- *Turn Yourself to me and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have enlarged; bring me out of my distresses! Look on my affliction and my pain and forgive all my sins. Consider my enemies, for they are many; and they hate me with cruel hatred. Keep my soul and deliver me; let me not be ashamed, for I put my trust in You.*
- I. **Feeling of Not Belonging:** Mark 14:3-7 (Woman and the Alabaster Jar)- *And being in Bethany at the house of Simon the leper, as He sat at the table, a woman came having an alabaster flask of very costly oil of spikenard. Then she broke the flask and poured it on His head. But there were some who were indignant among themselves, and said, "Why was this fragrant oil wasted? For it might have been sold for more than three hundred denarii and given to the poor." And they criticized her sharply. But Jesus said, "**Let her alone. Why do you trouble her? She has done a good work for Me. For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always.**"*
- J. **Feeling of unworthiness:** Luke 15:18-19 (Prodigal Son)- **"I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you, and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.'"**
- K. **Longing to Die:** Jonah 4:1-3- But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. So he prayed to the Lord and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm! Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!"
- L. **Rejection and Isolation:** John 4:9 (Woman at the Well)- *Then the woman of Samaria said to Him, "How is it that You, being Jew, ask a drink from me, a Samaritan woman?" For Jews have no dealings with Samaritans.*

2. Shame comes from the enemy. Romans 8:1-*There is therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.* Psalm 44:15-16-*My dishonor is continually before me, and the shame of my face has covered me, because the voice of him who reproaches and reviles, because of the enemy and the avenger.*

3. What opens us up to shame?

a. Lying: Psalm 4:4-*How long, O you sons of men, will you turn my glory into shame? How long will you love worthlessness and see falsehood?* Proverbs 13:5-*A righteous man hates lying, but a wicked man is loathsome and comes to shame.*

b. Denial of God: Psalm 14:1-*The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God."* Proverbs 3:35-*The wise shall inherit glory, but shame shall be the legacy of fools.*

c. Pride: Proverbs 11:2-*When pride comes, then comes shame. But with the humble is wisdom.*

d. Rebellion: Proverbs 13:18-*Poverty and shame will come to him who disdains correction, but he who regards a rebuke will be honored.*

e. Foolish Things You Did in Your Youth: Isaiah 54:4-*Do not fear, for you will not be ashamed; neither be disgraced, for you will not be put to shame for you will forget the shame of your youth....*

f. Disobedience: Jeremiah 3:25-*We lie down in shame, and our reproach covers us. For we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.*

g. Generational Curses: Exodus 20:4-6-*You shall not make for yourselves a carved image-any likeness that is in heaven above or that is in 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, but showing mercy to thousands of those who love Me and keep My commandments.* Deuteronomy 23:2-*One of illegitimate birth shall not enter the assembly of the LORD; even to the tenth generation none of his descendents shall enter the assembly of the LORD.*

(Remember that Jesus became a curse for us and took all of our curses on the cross so by fully accepting His work on the cross, we can be free: Galatians 3:13-*Christ has 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."]*)

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 or long-term health problems?
7. Have a history of mental illness that may have progressed through generations?
8. Exhibited any of these personality disorders: 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. The great news is that there is hope for you! Isaiah 61:7-*Instead of shame you shall have double honor, and instead of confusion they shall rejoice in their portion. Therefore, in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be theirs.*

"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*

The Animal Kingdom is used to symbolize different 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 from generational curses.

1. Allow the Holy Spirit to bring to your remembrance the sins and iniquities of your parents and forefathers, & confess them before the Lord.
2. Personally forgive your forefathers, especially parents, for 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, the Blood of Jesus, and the Word, declaring the power of each one over your life.
10. Declare that your family's generational curses are broken.
11. Speak blessings over your life and the lives of your children.
12. Once you repent, don't look backwards at your failures, but keep your eyes on Jesus. When Satan reminds you of your past, remind him of His future!

NOTE: Iniquity Drives and Generational Curses are not cast out like we cast out demons. We must do warfare over these areas and continue to pray until we see these things slowly become weaker and weaker and finally disappear, setting us FREE.

THERE'S POWER IN THE BLOOD

OUR DILEMMA

But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousness are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken it away. Isaiah 64:6

Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Hebrews 12:14

For ALL have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3:23

For the wages of sin is death....Romans 6:23

And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast unto the lake of fire. Revelation 20:15

But God shows His anger from heaven against all sinful, wicked people who suppress the truth by their wickedness.

Romans 1:18 NLV

THE SOLUTION

...But the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Romans 6:23

And you shall know the Truth, and the Truth shall make you free. John 8:32

If the Son, therefore, shall make you free, you shall be free indeed. John 8:36

Therefore, if any man be in Christ, He is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. And all things are of God, Who hath reconciled us to Himself, by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation. 2nd Corinthians 5:17-18

THE DOCTRINE OF BAPTISMS (HEBREWS 6:1-2)

THE SOLUTION IS ONLY POSSIBLE BECAUSE OF THE BLOOD!

There are 6 different baptisms in the New Testament: Baptism of John for repentance from dead works (Mark 1:4-8) by John the Baptist, Baptism into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:4-6), Baptism in Water by any believer (Romans 6:3-5), Baptism in the Holy Spirit by Jesus (Mark 1:8), Baptism of Fire by Jesus (Matthew 3:11), and Baptism into His Sufferings (Mark 10:35-40 & Philippians 3:8-11) (It is not clear to me which of the triune Gods-Father, Son and Holy Ghost-baptizes us into His sufferings.

The most important of these baptisms is the Baptism into the Body of Christ by the Holy Spirit. Without this baptism, which is a baptism in

the Blood of Jesus, none of the other baptisms, except the baptism of John the Baptist which died with John, would make any sense. It is therefore urgent that you be baptized with His blood by the Holy Spirit or you would not be a Christian.

COVERED WITH THE BLOOD (Six principles by Derek Prince)

- 1. Through the Blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil.** *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.* Psalm 107:2
- 2. Through the Blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.** *In whom we have redemption through the blood, the forgiveness of sin, according to the riches of His grace.* Ephesians 1:7
- 3. The Blood of Jesus, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin.** *But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.* 1st John 1:7 [In the original Greek language, the word *cleanses* is in the sense of continual action. The Amplified renders the verse this way: *But if we [really] are living and walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].*
- 4. Through the Blood of Jesus, I am JUSTIFIED-made righteous, just as if I had never sinned.** *Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.* Romans 5:9
- 5. Through the Blood of Jesus, I am SANCTIFIED-made holy or set apart to God (separated from the devil).** *Wherefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood suffered outside the gate.* Hebrews 13:12
- 6. My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit-redeemed, cleansed, sanctified by the Blood of Jesus. Therefore, Satan has no place in me, no power over me, through the blood of the Lamb Jesus.** *What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, Who is in you, Whom ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.* 1st Corinthians 6:19-20

