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Because God loves me I cannot be cursed?

Deuteronomy 23:5 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.

Revelations 2:14 ¹⁴ But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality.

Stumbling blocks

Acts 15:19-20 ¹⁹ Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, ²⁰ but should write to them to abstain from the things (foods) polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood.

Hebrew 13:9 ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them.

Galatians 3:1-3 ¹ O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. ² Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? ³ Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?

The enemy is after our faith

1 Timothy 4:1-5 ¹ Now the Spirit expressly says that in later times some will depart from the faith by devoting themselves to deceitful spirits and teachings of demons, ² through the insincerity of liars whose consciences are seared ³ who forbid marriage and require abstinence from foods that God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth. ⁴ For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, ⁵ for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.

We are free in Christ Jesus

John 8:31-32,34-36 ³¹ “ So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, "If you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, ³² and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." ³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who practices sin is a slave to sin. ³⁵ The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son remains forever. ³⁶ So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

Blessings comes with obedience

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 ¹ "And if you faithfully obey the voice of the LORD your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. ² And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of the LORD your God.

Exaltation

Health

Re-productiveness

Prosperity

Victory

God's favour

Curses come with disobedience

Deuteronomy 28:15 ¹⁵ "But if you will not obey the voice of the LORD your God or be careful to do all his commandments and his statutes that I command you today, then all these curses shall come upon you and overtake you.

Deuteronomy 28:20 ²⁰ "The LORD will send on you curses, confusion, and frustration in all that you undertake to do, until you are destroyed and perish quickly on account of the evil of your deeds, because you have forsaken me.

Humiliation

Barrenness, unfruitfulness

Mental & physical sickness

Family breakdown

Poverty

Defeat

Oppression

Failure

God's disfavour

Indicators of curse

Mental or emotional breakdown

Repeated or chronic sickness

Barrenness or tendency to miscarriage

Suicides or untimely deaths

Breakdown of marriage and family alienation

Continuing financial insufficiency

Being accident prone

Causes for curses

God Himself
Disobedience
Betrayal or disloyalty
Illicit or Unnatural Sex
Anti-Semitism
Trust in Man
Lying
Stinginess towards God
Preaching False Gospel
Issued by God's "Mouthpieces"
Unclean Objects in Our Homes
Self-imposed Curses
Unscriptural Covenants including Freemasonry
Servants of Satan
Relational Authority (Husbands & Wives; Parents & Children)

We can inherit a curse

Deuteronomy 28:58-59 ⁵⁸ "If you are not careful to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, the LORD your God, ⁵⁹ then the LORD will bring on you and your offspring extraordinary afflictions, afflictions severe and lasting, and sicknesses grievous and lasting.

Numbers 14:18 ¹⁸ 'The LORD is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.'

We must return to the LORD our God

Deuteronomy 30:1-3 ¹"And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you. ² and return to the LORD your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³ then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you.

The LORD our God will renew us

Deuteronomy 30:5-6 ⁵ And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. ⁶ And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

Ezekiel 36:26-27 ²⁶ And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

The Word is near us

Deuteronomy 30:14 ¹⁴ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

Romans 10:10 ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

Become doers of the word

Deuteronomy 30:15-16 ¹⁵ “See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it.

Choose life

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, ²⁰ loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."