

There's A Terrible Price for Not Obeying God

Context: Prior to Deut. 28, Moses was addressing Israel and telling them the law.

Principle to learn: Obedience to God's Word is more beneficial than disobeying Him. The curse for disobedience is very costly!

Summary: There were 18 blessings that covered much of one's life and situation. There were 101(?) - depending how they are counted) cursings for their disobedience. Some of the curses were on some of the things they could have been blessed with (Deut. 28:3-25).

DEUTERONOMY 28

1 ¶ And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth(1):

3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city (2), and blessed shalt thou be in the field (3).

Accomplishments & Possessions 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body (4), and the fruit of thy ground (5), and the fruit of thy cattle (6), the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep (7).

5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store (8)

6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in (9), and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out (10). — *Blessed when they go to battle.*

7 The LORD shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways. (11)

Protection

8 The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses (8), and in all that thou settest thine hand unto (4); and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. (2, 3)

9 The LORD shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee (12), if thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, and walk in his ways.

10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD (13); and they shall be afraid of thee (14).

11 *A repeat of blessings from above*

12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season (15), and to bless all the work of thine hand (16): and thou shalt lend unto many nations (17), and thou shalt not borrow.

13 And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail (18); and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: — *being a leader of men and nations, not a follower.*

15 ¶ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city(1), and cursed shalt thou be in the field (2).

17 Cursed shall be thy basket (3) and thy store (4).

Could have been blessings if they obeyed. 18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body (5), and the fruit of thy land (6), the increase of thy kine (6), and the flocks of thy sheep (7).

19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in (8), and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out. (9)

20 The LORD shall send upon thee cursing, vexation (10), and rebuke (11), in all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsaken me.

21 The LORD shall make the pestilence (12) — *plagues ...*

22 The LORD shall smite thee with a consumption (13), and with a fever (14), and with an inflammation (15), and with an extreme burning (16), and with the sword (17), and with blasting (18 — *blight*), and with mildew (19); and they shall pursue thee until thou perish.

Health problems

Cursed Earth 23 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass (20), and the earth that is under thee shall be iron (21). .

24 The LORD shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: (22)

25 The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: (23)

26 And thy carcase shall be meat unto all fowls of the air,(24)

27 The LORD will smite thee with the botch of Egypt (25), and with the emerods (26), and with the scab (27), and with the itch (28), whereof thou canst not be healed. — *disease*

28 The LORD shall smite thee with madness (29), and blindness [*awareness*](30), and astonishment of heart (31):

29 ... thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: (32) and thou shalt be only oppressed and spoiled evermore (33)

30 Thou shalt betroth a wife, and another man shall lie with her (34): thou shalt build an house, and thou shalt not dwell therein (35): ... and shalt not gather the grapes thereof. (36)

31 Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes (37), ... thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face (38),

... thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies (39)

32 Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people (40.) ... there shall be no might in thine hand.

33 The fruit of thy land, and all thy labours, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up (41); and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed always (42):

35 The LORD shall smite thee in the knees (43), and in the legs (44), with a sore botch [*inflammation*](45)

36 The LORD shall bring thee, ... unto a nation (46) ... there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone (47).

37 And thou shalt become an astonishment (48), a proverb, and a byword, among all nations ... — *a poor testimony*.

38 ... and shalt gather but little in (49); for the locust shall consume it. — *not prosperous, pestilence*

39 ... neither drink of the wine (50), nor gather the grapes (51); for the worms shall eat them. — *pestilence*

40 ... for thine olive shall cast his fruit (52).

41 ... sons and daughters, ... for they shall go into captivity. (53)

42 All thy trees and fruit ... shall the locust consume. (54) — *more pestilence*

43 The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high (55); and thou shalt come down very low (56).

44 He shall lend to thee (57), and thou shalt not lend to him (58): he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail (59).

47 Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, ...

48 Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee (61), in ... and in want of all things (62) : and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck (63) ...

49 The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as swift as the eagle flie-
th; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; (64) 50 A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:

51 And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle (65), and the fruit of thy land (66),

52 And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates (66), until thy high and fenced walls come down,

53 And thou shalt eat ... the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters (67), ...

54 So that the man that is tender [*weak*] among you, ... his eye shall be evil toward his brother (68), and toward the wife of his bosom (69), and toward ... his children (70) — *unloving fathers*

56 The tender and delicate woman ... her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom (71), and toward her son, and toward her daughter (72), — *unloving mothers, wives*

57 And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet (73), and toward her children which she shall bear (74): for she shall eat them for want

59 Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, ... great plagues (75), and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. — *disease Also in 60-62.*

63 ... the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought (76); ...

64 And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people (77), ... thou shalt serve other gods (78),

65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease (79), neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest (80): but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart (81), and failing of eyes (82), and sorrow of mind (83): — *fear, not able understand what is happening, and depression.*

66 And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee (84); and thou shalt fear day and night (85), and shalt have none assurance of thy life (86): — *fear and no safety*

68 And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships (87), ... and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen (88), and no man shall buy you (89).

✚ (12 more curses from the previous chapter)

DEUTERONOMY 27

15 Cursed be the man that maketh any graven or molten image (1), ...

16 Cursed be he that setteth light [*contempt*] by his father or his mother (2)....

17 Cursed be he that removeth his neighbour's landmark (3)

18 Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way (4)

19 Cursed be he that perverteth the judgment of the stranger (5)

20 Cursed be he that lieth with his father's wife (6)

21 Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast. (7) ...

22 Cursed be he that lieth with his sister (8)

23 Cursed be he that lieth with his mother in law. (9)

24 Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbour secretly. (10)

25 Cursed be he that taketh reward to slay an innocent person. (11) — *hitmen*

26 Cursed be he that confirmeth [*stand up*] not all the words of this law to do them. (12)

Many say that if we do not stop sinning, God's hand of wrath will be upon us. Since much of the world is not obeying the Word of God, His wrath is on us now! Israel did not get with their sin, neither will anyone!

However, as wicked as the world has become and as much as it has angered God, we can be different. We can choose to obey and serve the Lord today, and please Him rather than anger Him. There are great blessings in serving and obeying the Lord.

Enemies
within

Men &
Women
Change