



Altar & Prayer Ministry Training

Lesson 9 - Generational Iniquity / Sin

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Old Testament References

When there is so much controversy on a subject, you need to look carefully at the topic because the enemy of our soul tries to keep us from knowing the truth and this is why he fights so hard.

- Law of Generations - Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me – Exodus 20:4-6; 34:7; Numbers 14:18; Deuteronomy 5:9.
- Translation problems:
 - ◆ Some translations say - iniquity of fathers
 - ◆ Some translations say - sins of the fathers / parents
- Definition of terms:
 - ◆ Sin - “to miss the mark”. Describes the actions that are against what God commands. It is disobeying what God has said in His Word. It is lawlessness - I John 3:4.
 - ◆ Transgressions - To choose to intentionally disobey; willful trespassing.
 - ◆ Iniquity - Premeditated choice and continuing without repentance. Does not refer to action but rather the real intent of a person’s heart which causes the action. Inner tendency within man to willfully choose to break God’s heart.
- God provides a way to deal with sins of ancestors and a person’s sin - Leviticus 26:40-42.
- This Scripture reveals a principle:
 - ◆ Humble yourself & confess your sins and sins of your ancestors.
 - ◆ Pay for these sins by offering a sacrifice.
 - ◆ God will remember His covenant and the curse will be removed.
 - ◆ O.T. examples - Daniel 9; Ezra 9; Nehemiah 1&9; Jeremiah 14

Why this principle is still applicable for today?

- God hasn’t changed - Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17; Malachi 3:6
- The righteous requirements of the Old Testament are just as valid in New Testament times because God hasn’t changed

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and all of us are subject to His Laws. We just have a new way to approach Him and be restored.

What is not passed down to 3rd and 4th generations?

- The guilt of the father is not passed down - Deuteronomy 24:16; Ezekiel 18:19-20.
- If father sins, then father will be judged for his sin and his son will not be punished for his father's sin.
- The father's guilt is not the same as the father's iniquity.

What is passed down to the 3rd and 4th generations?

- Consequences of the father's disobedience to God's commandments.
- Son will not be punished for sins of the parent UNLESS the son chooses to walk in the same sin as the parent THEN son will be judged for own sin.

The patterns of Generational Iniquity

- Ancestor sins by disobeying God's word
- Law of Sowing & Reaping goes into effect and the ancestor begins to reap the consequences of their disobedience.
- The sacrificial system in the Old Testament provided a way to be forgiven and to be cleansed through confession and the offering of a sacrifice.
- If ancestor did not confess their sins and did not offer a sacrifice, then their sin and its consequences did not go away. It was an outstanding debt that was passed on to the next generation.
- The means of passing these consequences on is not understood but there appears to be a demonic element that now has an open door to influence, harass and oppress the next generation.
- The next generation lives life but that life has weaknesses, tendencies, behaviors or attitudes that look like the previous generations.

General Characteristics of Ancestral Iniquities

God will use the natural realm to reveal spiritual truths. Desires, tendencies, and weaknesses can be tracked over generations and a pattern of similar behaviors is revealed.

- ◆ Emotional Realm
 - Addictions
 - Fears

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- o Sexual immorality
- o Drugs, alcohol
- o Anger, rage, violence
- o Suicide
- ◆ Natural Realm
 - o Financial problems
 - o Poverty, loss, disaster
 - o Divorce
- ◆ Physical Realm
 - o Cystic Fibrosis
 - o Sickle Cell Anemia
 - o Down Syndrome
 - o Hemophilia
 - o Color Blindness
- ◆ Spiritual Realm
 - o Covetousness
 - o Religious Bondage
 - o Dishonor
 - o Idolatry
 - o Dabbling in the occult & its practices

What does Galatians 3:13 mean?

- Some teach that Galatians 3:13 declares that generational curses and sins are gone once you accept Jesus Christ and confess your sins.
- Concern that this may deal with my sins but it does not deal with ancestors sins and the consequences.
- The term - “Curse of the Law” is a specific reference to the eternal damnation and separation from God that happens when someone sins and breaks the Law.
- Penalty of sin is death – Ezekiel 18:20; Romans 6:23
- As a Christian we are free from the Curse of the Law because Jesus took our sin and paid the price with His death to redeem us from this curse.
- As a Christian, we are forgiven BUT that does not mean that we are free from any consequences of our sin and disobedience. Thus we believe that we are not

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automatically free of our ancestor's sin and consequences.

- Just because we are forgiven does not mean that we won't suffer consequences. Why wouldn't we suffer the consequences of our ancestor's sins? Remember - forgiveness is relational and consequences are circumstantial.
- Galatians 6:13 does not address the Iniquity of the Fathers but it does address our eternal damnation and separation from God when we sin.

Scriptural Steps to Remove Generational Iniquities from Our Family Line:

- Using a genogram, look for patterns of sin that are revealed in different generations. Look for physical, emotional, material, spiritual and relational patterns.
- Confess the sins of our ancestors by acknowledging and confessing them.
- Confess our own sins by taking responsibility for them and humbly repenting for them.
- Ask God the Father to forgive us and our ancestors for our collective sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
- Appropriate what Jesus did for us on the Cross by faith. He took our sin and our ancestor's sin. He took all of our punishment and His blood paid the penalty for our sins.
- Break the power of any and all curses and iniquities that are attributed to me or to my ancestors in the authority of the name of Jesus Christ and through His finished work on the Cross.
- Affirm that the sins of the fathers have been broken and that no iniquities will pass on to the next generation.
- Ask God to close all open doors and remove any legal ground that the enemy has used to influence, harass or continue to oppress.
- Ask God to remember His covenant and to proclaim His blessings over our lives.

Generational Blessings

- Blessing of obedience to 1,000 generations – Deuteronomy 7:9
- Obedience = we love Him and we keep His commandments.

See Addendum A - Addendum D

Addendum A Biblical Causes for Curses

Curses from Disobedience and Sin

Curses are the results of disobedience either from self or through the family line. In the Bible we can see sickness, pestilence, blindness, madness. It is an expression of the universal law of sowing and reaping. We reap in areas of disobedience. If we are experiencing failure, we look to see where we or someone in our line has broken God's covenants. (Deut 28 and Deut 28:15)

Curses from Self-Centered Life

- ◆ A self-centered life leads to curses. (Deut 27:16-26)
- ◆ Peace and rest is found in fulfilling the purposes of God. If we don't find our purpose, peace will flee from us. (Jere 48:10)
- ◆ Associating with those who are breaking God's laws or who are cursed is equal to fellowshiping with a covenant breaker, (Josh 7:1) and plagues are upon those who do not separate from covenant breakers. (Rev 18:1-5)
- ◆ We are subject to the authority of God and when we revile authority, we bring condemnation upon ourselves. (Rom 13:1)

Word Curses

- ◆ There are spoken curses from others that can hold power over us: (Prov 18:31, Isaiah 65, James 3:9-11, Prov 11:9)
- ◆ God will bless those who bless us, and curse those that curse us. (Gen 12:3)
- ◆ If someone curses a Christian, the very curse they plead will return on them. (Gen 12:3, Ps 109:17-19, Romans 12)
- ◆ There are self-imposed curses on us when we speak or agree with words spoken over us that do not agree with what God has spoken over us. (Gen 27:13 Matt 27:45) Some people would even label these as "vows". "I will never get it right".
- ◆ We can speak over others - blessing or curses. (Prov 26:2 1 Peter 3:9)

Curses from Generation Sin

- There are negative effects of generational sin.
 - ◆ Eve's rebellion led to pain in childbirth. (Gen. 3:16)
 - ◆ Abraham lied, Jacob lied. (Gen. 20:2, 27:7)
 - ◆ Generational curses can affect a nation. (Is 24)
 - ◆ Curses can affect increase "You sow a wind and reap a whirlwind. (Hosea 8:7)
 - ◆ Children suffer from the sins of their fathers. (II Sam. 12:1-19)
 - ◆ Also see: Deut. 5:9 23:2,3 38:45,46, 58,59; Num. 14:18; Lev 26:40-42; Ex 25:3,4 34:67; Isaiah 65:6,7; Dan 9:16; Matt 2:7:25; John 9:1-2

Addendum A Biblical Causes for Curses

Generational Blessings

- ◆ Obedience leads to blessings, disobedience to curses. (Deut 28)
- ◆ God stores man's iniquities for his sons. (Job 21:19)
- ◆ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. Yet, habits can remain. (Gal 3:13-14)
- ◆ It may be necessary to gather many to repent for the sins of the forefathers to break the curses. (Neh 9:1-3)
- ◆ ...for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.....(Deut 5:9)
- ◆ Blessings are an inheritance of the Lord. His loving kindness is to the thousandth generation of those who keep his covenant. (Deut 7:9-11, Ps 103:17-18)
- ◆ Good man leaves inheritance for his children. (Prov 13:22)
- ◆ Righteous man's children are blessed. (Prov 20:7)
- ◆ The precious promises of God contain everything pertaining to life and godliness. (2 Peter 1:3-4)
- ◆ You have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but of adoption. (Roman 8:15)
- ◆ The heritage of the Lord is protection. (Is 54:17)
- ◆ The blessings of God are stored....the blessings of God credited to Levi through Abraham while Levi was still in Abraham's loins. (Heb 7:5-10)

We inherit the propensity to sin through our genes, through example and through the power of the law of judging. However we are able to break the bond of generational sin from our family and the patterns of destruction. Jesus came and broke the bondage of sin when He said "it is finished". And so, when we accept Jesus Christ as our Savior, the blood that set us free from sin is the same blood that is appropriated for our healing, and the curses since Adam.

Just as the work of the cross must be appropriated to cleanse us, the appropriation is the same for the healing of generational curses. Because Jesus Christ is our Savior and Lord, those curses that normally would flow down through the generations can now be placed upon Him and nailed to the cross. That which we do not accept (sin, sickness, and bloodline curses - as their ability continue to plague us and our families), can be taken to the cross and the cross placed between us. .

Death itself passed on from Adam as the consequence of sin. (Romans 5:12)

When we choose not to repent, thereby not letting Jesus take our sin and the consequences of our sin, we condemn ourselves and future generations to reap what we have sown. So we are to ask for the release of the destruction visited upon us.

But because Jesus wants us free from sin and its curses, He has provided a way of escape.

....."The Son of God appeared for this purpose, that He might destroy the works of the devil". (1 John 3:8)

Addendum A Biblical Causes for Curses

We have the benefits of Christ's death and we can pray and believe and act and have deliverance from these curses.

Here is a list of biblical examples of the benefits that Christ's death has made available to Christians that do not become ours unless we pray, believe and act:

- ◆ Even though all the promises of God are “yes” in Christ (2 Corinthians 1:20) it is “through faith and patience” that we “inherit what has been promised” (Hebrews 6:12).
- ◆ If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation (2 Corinthians 5:17) and yet Ephesians 4:22 teaches you to put off your old self.
- ◆ Those who belong to Christ have crucified the sinful nature with its passions and desires (Galatians 5:24) and yet Colossians 3:5 instructs Christians to put to death whatever belongs to their earthly nature.
- ◆ God shall supply all our needs (Philippians 4:19) and yet John 16:24 tells us to ask in order to receive.
- ◆ By Christ's stripes you have been healed (1 Peter 2:24) and yet James 5:14 say if anyone is sick he should call the elders to pray over him and anoint him with oil.
- ◆ Jesus died to destroy the works of the devil (1 John 3:8) and yet James 4:7 says we must resist the devil.
- ◆ God has established a **spiritual law** – called **the law and sin and death** (Rom. 8:2) and yet God also provided an escape, for the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. (Rom. 6:23).
- ◆ Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law (Gal 3:13-14) and/but the precious promises of God contain everything pertaining to life and godliness. (2 Peter 1:3-4).

Addendum B

Different Consequences from Generational Sin

Identify, by name, the people in your family who may have/had any of the following:

Predisposition to Disease / Illnesses

- Arthritis
- Fibromyalgia
- Respiratory Trouble
- Cancer
- Headaches
- Skin Problems
- Diabetes
- Heart Trouble
- Ulcers
- High Blood Pressure
- Multiple miscarriages
- Inability to conceive
- Allergies
- Blood disorders
- Circulation problems
- Epilepsy
- Kidney problems\
- Deafness
- Blindness
- Muteness
- Deformities
- Manic Depressive Disorders
- Other Mental Disorders
- Mental Retardation
- Mental Disturbances
- Nervous Breakdowns
- Depression
- Paranoia
- Fears/Phobias: (e.g. water, dark, height, spiders, success/failure, rejection, being alone, poverty)
- Premature death
- Closed wombs
- Abnormal sexual physical disorders
- Proclivity toward addictions: (e.g. alcohol, nicotine, drugs, prescription drugs, gambling, food)

Destructive or Abnormal Behavioral Patterns Individually or in Relationships

- Angry or Argumentative Disposition
- Hostility
- Control
- Manipulation
- Domination
- Revenge
- Hatred
- Unforgiveness
- Bitterness
- Resentment
- Misogyny
- Misandry
- Self-hatred
- Blame-shifting
- Slander/Gossip
- Deceit/Dishonesty (e.g. lying, stealing, cheating, exaggeration)
- Prejudice/bigotry
- Judgements
- Violence
- Suicide/Murder
- Death wish upon self/others
- Greed/selfishness
- Materialism
- Selfishness
- Self-willed
- Stubbornness
- Pride (e.g. self-righteous, self-focused, vanity, arrogance)
- Rebellion (e.g. disobedience, disrespect)
- Betrayal
- Divorces
- Unfaithfulness
- Abuse (emotional, mental, physical or spiritual)
- Language (e.g. vulgarity, cursing, off-color stories/jokes)
- Unbelief (e.g. lack of trust, double minded, doubt, skepticism)

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Different Consequences from Generational Sin

Identify, by name, the people in your family who may have/had any of the following:

Habitual Patterns of Sexual Sin

- Adultery
- Fornication
- Prostitution
- Homosexuality
- Incest
- Masturbation
- Pornography
- Lust
- Sexual promiscuity
- Sexual perversions
- Sexual addictions
- Rape
- Sexual abuse
- Bestiality
- Pedophilia
- Exhibitionism

Premature Death from Violence or Odd Deaths

- Death from murder
- Committed, attempted or participated in suicide
- Committed, attempted or participated or sponsored an abortion
- Death from war
- Death from tragic accidents
- Death from prolonged sickness
- Death from trauma (drowning, fire, assault)
- Suffered from repeated miscarriages
- Death in a mental institution, nursing home or prison (especially those who felt lonely, unloved and/or abandoned)
- Died and were not given a Christian burial, including a committal service or prayer
- Those who were unnaturally grieved or mourned at death
- Other untimely deaths from violence

In-Utero Wounding

- Child conceived in lust or rape
- Illegitimacy
- Parent considering adoption or abandonment
- Ambivalence or rejection from either parent
- Fears/anxiety (e.g. mother had difficulty carrying child to term)
- Attempted/failed abortion

- Loss of father or mother
- Life threatening illness of the mother
- Life threatening illness of baby
- Mother had miscarriage(s) or abortions before you were conceived

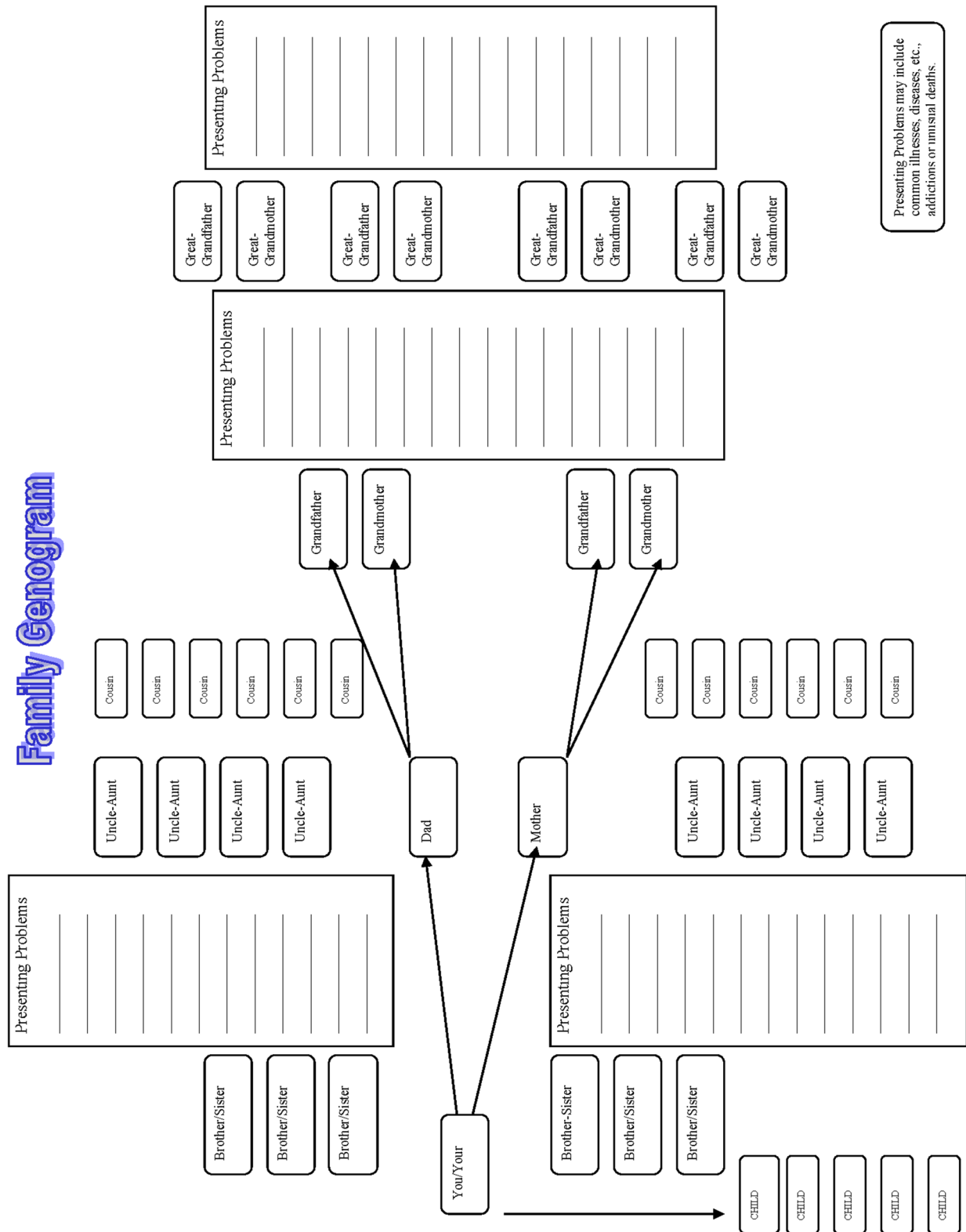
Evidence of Occult or Demonic Activity

- Superstitions
- Involved in the occult (e.g. witchcraft, wicca, satanism, druidism, astrology, spiritualism or divination, beliefs, murder, perversions, magic, Santeria, voodoo, Powwow healing, Malawian: Italian witchcraft)
- Opening one's self to powers of the spiritual realm, such as pre-cognition or other psychic abilities, fortune telling (types - Ouija Board, seances, Dungeons & Dragons or similar games - board or computer), hypnosis/self-hypnosis, ESP, crystals, psychic healing, occult literature or beliefs, OOB (out of body experiences attempted or experienced), spiritism, parapsychology, psychic beliefs and practices, incantations, spells, dedications, rituals, ritual abuse, blasphemy/mockery occult literature
- Made a blood covenant with Satan or involved in satanic worship
- Involved with a witch or other persons involved in the occult and/or paraphernalia

Miscellaneous

- Financial and/or business difficulties
- Poverty
- Labeling or judgment of family members such as outcast, black sheep, scapegoat or failure
- Family feuds
- Unresolved conflicts
- Belief of Satan's lies (e.g. regarding self-image, God/religion, beliefs/people/behavior)
- Religious prejudice
- Racial prejudice/bigotry
- Music (e.g. words/message - occult, satanic, sexual, violent, drug-oriented, focus on death or rebellion)
- Unscriptural spiritual gifting or experiences

Addendum C Family Genogram



Addendum D Prayer for Breaking Generational Sins

Heavenly Father, in the name of Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit, I sincerely come to You with a desire to be set free from all curses and their results that have affected me and my descendants because of what my ancestors did in past generations.

I thank You for sending Jesus and for His Holy blood and precious sacrifice – for saving me and cleansing away my sin at the cross. And it is by His sacrifice and His finished work on the cross that my loved ones and I can be set free from the resulting effects of those sins. I choose to forgive and release my ancestors and not hold them accountable for each and every way that their sins have affected me and my descendants.

I confess with my mouth that I belong to You. I affirm that I have been crucified with Christ and that I was raised to walk in the newness of life. It is on this basis that I announce to Satan and all of his forces that Jesus Christ took upon Himself the curses and judgments that were due me. I thank You for the heritage and revelation of my generation line from the example of my family tree. (Genogram)

Dear Lord, I acknowledge my predisposition to sin that has come down to me through my family line. I choose to confess and repent of the sins that I now acknowledge:

I acknowledge and confess the following sins: _____

(Read through the list from Addendum B and the genogram)

In the name and authority of Jesus Christ, I ask You - through Your power - to set me free for the sins of my ancestors.

I confess to You these evil inclinations, compulsions and bad habits that have or are trying to influence me.

I confess to You all of the sinful patterns, known and unknown to me, in my life and in the lives of my ancestors.

I ask Your forgiveness and mercy for all iniquity that I or my ancestors have participated in, knowingly and unknowingly. Please forgive and release me, my parents, and my ancestors for this debt back 100 generations. Acknowledging our sin, I repent for all these generations.

I renounce the sin and all generational curses and familiar spirits that have come down through my family line.

Thus in the name of Jesus, please break every curse that has come upon me because of my ancestors. Also break all curses that I have spoken or thought about myself. The evil one has no power over me because I am cleansed and covered by Your precious blood.

In the name of Jesus Christ, please break the power and hold of every curse that came to me through disobedience – either mine or my forefathers.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I renounce all demonic subjection of my father, mother, grandparents or any other human being, living or dead, who has ever in the past or are now dominating or controlling me or my family in any way contrary to the Word and will of God.

In the name of Jesus Christ, please set me and my family free from all psychic heredity, demonic strongholds, psychic powers, bondage's, bonds of inherited physical or mental illness or curses upon me and my family line as

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a result of sins, transgressions, iniquities, occult or psychic involvement of any member of my family line, living or dead.

In Your name Jesus, I ask that You cancel by Your blood any tendencies, propensities, and inclinations that may have any effect upon me that has come down to me in the natural realm, spiritual realm or physical realm (DNA) from my ancestors. Render these effects null and void over my life.

Please cut all ties and bonds that they have had upon me. I ask that You, Lord Jesus, to cancel all legal rights for evil influence and activity in every domain of my being and family line.

Please cast away all influencing powers of darkness and send Your holy angels to guard and protect us.

Empty our souls of sin, and fill them with the holiness of Jesus.

Because of what Jesus has done for me and with His blood as my witness, I cancel all legal rights of every demon sent to oppress me and I cancel and renounce every way that Satan and his demons may claim ownership of me. I cancel all dedications made by my ancestors of their descendants, including me and my descendants – In the Name of Jesus.

In the name of Jesus Christ, I command all demonic spirits that entered me through curses to leave me now. Go! In the name of Jesus! I confess that my body, soul, and spirit is the dwelling place of the Spirit of God.

I am redeemed, cleansed, sanctified, and justified by the blood of Jesus. Therefore neither Satan nor his demons have any place in me nor any power over me because of Jesus.

Lord Jesus, in place of these weaknesses, fill me with the power of Your Holy Spirit, and fill me with Your Spirit of self-control, confidence, courage, fortitude, and every other fruit of the Spirit that counteracts those weaknesses that I have.

From this day forward, Lord Jesus, please reveal to me in the power of the Holy Spirit those ways in which I may be living out inherited sin patterns and their consequences so that they can be stopped and released. I know this is not the inheritance You have called me to.

Those whom the Son sets free are free indeed. So I now proclaim I AM FREE from the effects and consequences of their sin and my sin.

Dear Father, I thank You and praise Your Holy Name for all the blessings that You have bestowed upon me that have been passed down through my family line.

I thank You for the faithfulness of those in my ancestry who were godly, and I thank You that in my ancestors there were inherited blessings which have come to me and to my descendants.

THANK YOU, LORD JESUS, FOR SETTING ME FREE – FOR HEALING ME AND HEALING MY DESCENDANTS!

I pray all of this in the name of Jesus, the name that is above every name.

AMEN