

Freedom Life Centre News



Removing the Curses over Your Life and Replacing it with Blessings

(the last in a three part series continued from the previous two newsletters)

Examples Of The Curse Of God

Ge 3:14 So the LORD God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, Cursed are you above all the livestock and all the wild animals! You will crawl on your belly and you will eat dust all the days of your life."

This shows the first curse brought by God against the created order and was for the sin of inciting rebellion.

16 To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you." 17 To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. 18 It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. 19 By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

These are the curses of God that came on the human race as the result of the sin of rebellion by our first parents. The question to be discussed later is, can that curse be revoked for people living today? And if so, how?

Ge 4:11 Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

In this passage it is seen that the sin of murder brought upon Cain God's curse, and the question to be asked is, did it also bring a curse on the land upon which Able's blood was shed?

Ge 5:29 He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labour and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed."

This is a remarkable passage, which when coupled with Genesis 8:21-22 seems to imply that the curse placed upon the ground to make life hard for the family food provider because of Adam's sin, was lifted by God when Noah (whose name meant comforter) built an altar to the Lord and brought sacrifices of all clean animals in homage to God.

Genesis 8:21-22 The LORD smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: "Never again will I curse the ground because of man, even though every inclination of his heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done. "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."



No-One Came To Church On Christmas Day!

Well I got up Christmas morning, and I gave a little skip;
I was feeling quite excited, and indeed a trifle hip;
And the birds they were all singing, in a Territorial way;
In the olden days I could have said things were looking rather gay!
And the church it was all ready so the carols we could shout,
I even printed extra sheets, so no-one would miss out.
But it all came down to nothing, I am very sad to say,
Cause no-one came to church on Christmas Day!

I couldn't quite believe it, as I stood there by the door,
The church could seat four hundred, possibly a hundred more,
We had stained glass, we had organs, we had air conditioning too,
We had everything a Church could have, and then a thing or too.
A bloke could preach his heart out in all sorts of different places,
This building could have fitted in a dozen different races,
But it didn't make much difference as I stood there and surveyed,
Cause no-one came to church on Christmas Day!

Now I sort of have recovered, but not altogether so,
Cause I had no family either; it was such a bitter blow,
To be up here in the bush like, with the mossies and the ticks,
And the Death Adders and Taipans, just a hick up in the sticks.
N.T, people say here means "Not today, and not tomorrow"
But an empty church of this size is a special kind of sorrow.
So brethren, think of Tindal, and do not forget to pray,
That we'll need every bloomin' seat next Christmas Day!

Pete the Puffin' Pastor 27. 12. 99

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ALECTOWN WEEK OF PRAYER

REPORT AND THOUGHTS from Rev. Dr. Colin Warren (CEO, Freedom Life Centre)

I do not want to fall into the trap of sensationalism as I give you feedback on what I believe was one of the most important events in the heavenlies, for the preparation of this nation for the present move of God.

Who came?

Seventy people were registered and they were from different denominations and every state of Australia.

It was necessary for Pastor Rodney Minicon to ask permission of the indigenous people of the area, to represent them in prayers that were offered for the binding and removing of powerful demonic powers in the area. This permission was given.

Oz Challenge from Melbourne, and others working in the area of spiritual warfare brought their teams to join with us. We used the strategies of the Old Testament where Spiritual Warfare was used to engage the powers of darkness (e.g. The rebuilding of the wall surrounding Jerusalem under Jeremiah's leadership) .

Protection against Satanic retribution

We were careful to use the spiritual means of protection for all present, their loved ones and the whole Church in Australia. This guarded against retribution of Satan for the ground God allowed us to remove from him.

The reason for Satanic oppression

When dealing with the sin of a nation, it is the same as when we deal with individual sins. There must be confession, asking for forgiveness and repentance. Always it is sin that gives Satan the opportunity to interfere with a person or a group of people

We stood in the gap

God gives permission for His people to "stand in the gap" confessing on behalf of others for sins of the past and present. We did this for all people who have dwelt in this land from the very beginning until now. This continued until God revealed through the various Gifts of the Holy Spirit, that we were given permission to remove lesser and eventually stronger powers over this nation and its towns, cities and country areas.

Many curses were broken over the people and the land-The glory of the Lord was seen

Curses were broken over cities, towns and country places. As this was done, one of our intercessors reported seeing in the spiritual realm that Jesus was there with us and was seen to be building an altar of worship. Another wrote, "The singing and praising was wonderful and I remembered the Scripture, that 'God was enthroned in our praises.' The glory of God fell as we sang. It was like shining gold, like light on gold tinsel, like rain and yet, not like either."

From one who was there

When I came home, "It ended the most powerful time of prayer and spiritual warfare I have ever spent."

Observed results

It is difficult at this stage to say with certainty that specific results can unquestionably be attributed to what God did during this Week of Prayer. I do not want to make any false claims, so will share with you feed back that has come to me at this stage.

One of our ministers from another State told of how he had taken a prayer team to a hill outside of the city where he lives, prior to the seminar and they were shown in the Spirit, a huge demonic being towering over a great part of the city, but were not able to touch it in any way. After the seminar, he again took a team to the same place and was again shown this spirit but it was weak and powerless. The team was given permission by God to remove it to the pit. They were able to do this without difficulty.

Two other teams reported having greater liberty in ministering to people with severe problems, whilst another team leader reported significant ease in dealing with a particular person's needs. Previously they had not been able to do this.

Another person reported that a strong territorial spirit that had been disrupting a large community of people was able to be removed very easily.

Another who travels widely, reported seeing a change in attitude of many people who were no longer being bound denominationally, but were much stronger in their commitment to the Lord. They were setting up home churches instead of complaining about their denominations. These were reaching out to non church people and were effective in bringing them to the Lord.

Further feed back:

As people either write to me or give me verbal feedback, I will pass it on to you.

Churches Exploding in Growth and Spiritual Power

Dr. C.Peter Wagner is one of the most gifted Church leaders in the world today. In a series of lectures in Brisbane from 10th to 12th of February 2000, he spoke of the New Apostolic Reformation that is occurring throughout the world right now.

Dr. Wagner referred to Ephesians 4:16. He reminded us that unity plus gifts equals growth. He pointed out that there are two levels of Holy Spirit Gifts. The first level is the Governmental level. Gifts at this level bring unity to

the body. At the second level, the whole body is given Gifts of the Holy Spirit.

For two thousand years the Church has grown in different ways. At each transition there has been the need for a new wine skin. The twenty first century Church is a new wine skin. What can we learn about this new wine skin? There are four basic questions that need to be asked for Church Growth methodology.

1. Why does the blessing of God rest where it does?
2. Why are some Church groups more blessed at different times than others?
3. Can any pattern of divine blessing be discerned?
4. What common characteristics do they have?

Different Movements of Exceptional Church Growth in the World

1. African Independent Churches.
2. Chinese House Churches (mid seventies).
3. Latin American Churches that have had no contact with missionaries.
4. Independent Charismatic Movement in U.S.A. (The fastest growing Church in U.S.A.)

Is There a Pattern in These Movements?

The answer is yes! They have Common Characteristics

- (a) Generic
- (b) Specific

a) Generic

They are interdependent and Apostolic. The chief distinguishing characteristic is that they are Apostolic. This is a new Apostolic Reformation with specific new authority structures that are radically different to denominational churches. Much authority is delegated to individuals by the Holy Spirit.

b) Specific

1. There is a transition from bureaucratic authority to personal authority. i.e. from legal to relational. From control to co-ordination at local level.
2. The Pastor is the leader as against being an employee of the Church. He sets the direction for the Church. He sets the vision. There are more clergy couples.
3. There is a new leadership training. The congregation is the main incubator for leaders.
4. There is a new ministry focus. The focus is on the future and draws from the present. It is not heritage driven, where what has happened in the past determines to a large extent what happens in the present. It is vision driven.
5. A new worship style that is plugged into contemporary culture.
6. There are new prayer forms which include the Church, the community and the invisible world.
7. New finances with relatively few financial problems. Why? Because giving is expected. Tithing is taught as a Scriptural principle. It is preached that Giving is beneficial. Giving responds to a vision and is not a financing programme. The Senior Pastor takes responsibility for the giving. Giving is seen as a cheerful opportunity to serve God.
8. There is new outreach. People do not come to get blessed, but to bring blessing to others by getting the Gospel out to the unbeliever.
9. There are new power priorities. They take literally what Jesus said to His disciples. They expect signs, wonders and miracles to follow the proclamation of the Word.

Dr. Wagner Spoke of what he Believed to be the Three Spring Boards Into the Twenty First Century

They were :

1. Reformation Theology of the sixteenth century.
2. Wesleyan Holiness in the eighteenth century.
3. The Modern Missionary Movement of the nineteenth century.

He Told of the the Six Most Significant Steps of the Church in the Twentieth Century

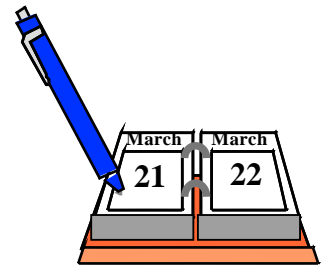
1. *The Pentecostal movement* — Elevated the Holy Spirit to His rightful place in the Trinity.
2. *Evangelism began to come into prominence* — During the 1950's (Billy Graham etc.)
3. *Compassion for the poor and oppressed* — During the 1960's
4. *The Global Prayer Movement* — During the 1970's.
5. *The office of a Prophet* — Started to be accepted in much of the Church during the 1980's.
6. *The office of an Apostle* — started to receive acceptance during the 1990's.

(In the next newsletter we will continue with what Dr Wagner has to say about Apostles, the need for them, their character, work and relationship to prophets.)





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Dates for your Diary

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<p>3 - 5 March Advanced Deliverance with Rev Dr Col Warren Dalby Uniting Contact: Rev Ron Watson 07-46622306</p> <p>17 - 19 March Prayer with Rev Dr Col Warren Pine Rivers Uniting, Kallangur Contact: Rev Barry Allen 07-32856126</p> <p>7 - 9 April Releasing God's Gifts with Rev Dr Col Warren Blackall Uniting</p> <p>14 - 16 April Making God Relevant Today with Rev Dr Col Warren Mackay Uniting</p> <p>5 - 7 May (tentative) Topic not chosen with Rev Dr Col Warren Nerang Uniting</p> <p>12 - 14 May Topic not chosen with Rev Dr Col Warren Moree Uniting</p>	<p>19 - 21 May Healing & Wholeness with Rev Dr Col Warren Port Macquarie Uniting Contact: Rev Steve Wilson 02-65821767</p> <p>13 - 16 June Please pray for Rev Dr Colin Warren as he ministers to the students at Allan Walker College</p> <p>21 - 23 July Deliverance with Rev Dr Col Warren Logan Uniting Contact: Rev Graham Keech 07-32901277</p> <p>28 - 30 July Deliverance with Rev Dr Col Warren Port Macquarie Uniting contact to be advised</p> <p>1 - 3 Sept Spiritual Gifts with Jack & Leonie Frewen-Lord Mallala Uniting Contact: Rev Richard Winnen 08-85272036</p>	<p>8 - 10 Sept Spiritual Gifts with Jack & Leonie Frewen-Lord Freedom Worship & Community Centre Contact: Rev Peter Wilson 08-82810818</p> <p>8 - 10 Sept Prayer with Rev Dr Col Warren Wudinna Uniting Rod & Margaret Hier 08-86817018</p> <p>15 - 17 Sept Prayer with Jack & Leonie Frewen-Lord Pinnaroo Uniting Contact: Rev Frank Tuppin 08-85778068</p> <p>15 - 17 Sept Topic Unknown with Rev Dr Col Warren Whyalla Uniting Contact: Rev Mark Grimm 08-86442101</p>
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