

## **The Four Generation Curse**

**Request:** "I was recently asked if the sins of the fathers (parents) could be visited upon their children by God. Could you do a study on this subject?"

The Four Generation Curse comes from the Second of the Ten Commandments of the Mosaic Law given on the third month after the Exodus on Mt. Sinai to the priest-nation of Israel (**Ex.19:1, 5-6**; 20:1-17).

**NOTE:** This will require three lessons to show how important the incarnation of Jesus Christ is to understanding the answer. It will be important for you to read Hebrews 8-10 before returning next week for the final lesson on this subject.

<b>Today's lesson will examine the Second Commandment by the following five points.</b>
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### **1. The Second Commandment is where we find the Four Generation Curse (Ex.20:4-6).**

- The first four commandments are the God consciousness or **spiritual side** (Ex.20:3-11)
- The last six commandments are the human **social and moral side** (Ex.20:12-17).
- On the God side, the first three commandments are negatives while the **last one is positive (#4)**.
- On the man side, the **first commandment (#5) is positive** while the other five are negative.

**What is #4 (positive) addressing?** \_\_\_\_\_

(Read Mark 2:27-28/ how fulfilled?) \_\_\_\_\_

**What is #5 (positive) addressing?** \_\_\_\_\_

(Read Eph.6:1-3/ how fulfilled?) \_\_\_\_\_

### **2. The three negative of the God side are connected to the warning given in the Second Commandment.**

#1 (Ex.20:3) \_\_\_\_\_

#2 (Ex.20:4-6) \_\_\_\_\_

#3 (Ex.20:7) \_\_\_\_\_

What is the common denominator? \_\_\_\_\_

### **3. The Second Commandment contains both a curse and blessing (Ex.20:45-6).**

Notice that the curse is connected to the negative (do not) (Ex.20:4-5) (NV) while the blessing is connected to a positive (Ex.20:6) (PV).

#### **CURSING:**

(Ex.20:4) "You shall not \_\_\_\_\_"

Ex.20:5 “You shall not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Why? \_\_\_\_\_

Divine discipline \_\_\_\_\_ “On those who \_\_\_\_\_ Me.”

### **BLESSING:**

(Ex.20:6) “But (God) showing loving kindness to \_\_\_\_\_, to those who \_\_\_\_\_ Me and keep MY \_\_\_\_\_.”

Notice that **cursing** is associated with Reverse Process Reversionism of “love-hate” relationship with God

(Matt.6:24)

**(RPR) Where the Believer once:**

**Loved** God and **Hated** idolatry

**He / She Now:**

**Hates** God and **Loves** idolatry

#### **4. The Cursing of the Second Commandment is the foundational doctrine of the Five Cycles of Divine Discipline on priest-nation of Israel recorded in (Lev.26) and (Deut.28).**

- **Blessing side** is recorded in (Deut.28:1-14).
- **Cursing side** is recorded in (Deut.28:15-68) (5 cycles of Divine Discipline).

If there is no repentance (change of thinking) towards God side after four generations of cursing, it will bring the Fifth Cycle of divine discipline to priest-nation (Lev.26:1-3).

The Fifth Cycle brings Gentile rule over the land and displacement of the Israelites from the land (Deut.28:47-57, 64-68) (Deut.4:23-31; 32:16-18; Ps.78:58; 1 Cor.10:14-20).

#### **5. Jesus Christ came to fulfill the Law.**

(Matt.5:17) “Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish **but to fulfill.**”

We began (point one) with the two positive Commandments (#4 and 5) that require Jesus Christ to fulfill under the New Covenant.

**Then why the Law?** (Gal.3:19-25) “It was added **until the seed** would come to whom the promise had been made.” (Gal.3:19, 16) The Law is unable to impart eternal life (3:21; John 3:16; 1 John 5:11-13).

(Gal.3:22, 23) “But the Scripture shut up everyone under sin, so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.” (James 2:10; Gal.5:3)

(Gal.3:24-25) “Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, **so that** we may be justified by faith. Now that faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.”

(Gal.2:21) “I do not nullify the grace of God, **for if** righteousness comes through the Law, then Christ died needlessly.”

(Ex.19:5-6) **Priest-Nation of Israel (OC)** compared with (1 Pet.2:5, 9-10) **Church of Jesus Christ (NC)**