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Chapter One

Unsolved Problems

Many Christians attend church regularly and strive with all their hearts to lead godly lives. However, in spite of their best efforts, everything seems to fall apart. No matter how hard they try or how much counseling they receive, nothing seems to help. For example, how often have you heard someone make a comment such as this: “My life was going along pretty smoothly until I accepted Jesus Christ. Then everything that could possibly go wrong did!” Maybe you have even made such a statement yourself.

Some Christians fail to understand why, in spite of everything they do, their children turn against them and against God and walk straight into destruction. Other Christians accept the Lord gladly, grow spiritually for a while, and then find they are no longer able to maintain a close relationship with the Lord. They seem to be unable to read and study their Bibles or pray, and eventually they give up interest and fall away. Still others struggle their whole lives with an

on-again, off-again walk with the Lord, never able to establish and maintain a consistent walk with Him.

Then there are those believers who battle year after year with all sorts of illnesses and catastrophic accidents. No matter how much they pray, believe, or attend healing services, nothing changes or improves in their lives. The conflict just continues without any resolution or any revelation from the Lord as to the reason for the lack of victory.

Countless families are plagued by conditions such as mental illness, suicides, alcoholism, physical illness, divorce, incest, and poverty. Often, even those who come to the Lord are unable to break the endless cycles of devastation within their own families.

These problems affect whole churches as well as individual lives. Many churches are marked by divorce or other such problems within the ranks of their members. Many struggle for years but never prosper and grow spiritually. They never grow in spiritual depth or increase in membership. They frequently split and often change pastors. Even if they do seem to have a revival and grow, soon everything falls apart, people leave, and the church ends up where it started. Why does this destructive cycle occur?

These discouraging situations may result from a number of factors, but a frequently overlooked reason is a curse on the person's life or family that has never been broken. Many churches are also cursed. This is a much-neglected area in Christian teaching today.

We had previously been aware of curses, and we have had to deal with them in our own lives. However, we never fully realized how widespread the problem is

within the body of Christ until we started presenting this material in our teaching seminars. We have been overwhelmed by the responses of people to the information about unbroken curses in their lives. We have been privileged to see many lives change dramatically as a result of this teaching.

The weapons of our warfare are powerful through Jesus Christ—that is, if we know when and how to use them. The purpose of this book is to help you recognize the hidden battle in your own life so that you can have total victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Definition of a Curse

Exactly what is a curse? First, let's look at the dictionary definition:

curse *n.* a prayer or invocation for harm or injury to come upon one; evil or misfortune that comes as if in response to imprecation or as retribution; a cause of great harm or misfortune

curse *v.* to use profanely insolent language against, blaspheme; to call upon divine or supernatural power to send injury upon; to execrate in fervent and often profane terms; to bring great evil upon, afflict

*(Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary,
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When a curse is placed on someone, the purpose is to cause injury and destruction—sometimes to the point of death.

The Scriptures of the Old Testament are full of references to curses. The New Testament tells us that Jesus Christ came and died on the cross, conquering Satan, so that we can be set free from curses. (See Galatians 3:13.) Jesus gave His servants the power in His name to break curses.

Ignorance Isn't Bliss

Why then are Christians still so defeated and afflicted by curses? The answer is ignorance. You can't fight a battle you don't see or know exists. You cannot defeat an enemy when you don't even know he is attacking you. God's Word says the following:

⁶ *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*
(Hosea 4:6)

¹³ *Therefore my people have gone into captivity, because they have no knowledge; their honorable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst.*

¹⁴ *Therefore Sheol has enlarged itself and opened its mouth beyond measure.* (Isaiah 5:13–14)

¹² *For wisdom is a defense as money is a defense, But the excellence of knowledge is that wisdom gives life to those who have it.*
(Ecclesiastes 7:12)

¹¹ *Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.*
(2 Corinthians 2:11)

The Scriptures clearly state that God's people will suffer and eventually be taken into captivity if they continue in ignorance and sin. This applies in the case of curses. Far too often, Christians do not realize that curses have been placed on their lives. Thus, they cannot deal with them, but they wonder why they continually suffer afflictions as they do.

The most common argument we hear from people is: "I don't believe God would hold me responsible for something I don't know about. I don't believe He would allow a curse to come on my life when I did not know I was doing something wrong."

Dear brothers and sisters, we must warn you that God does hold you accountable for everything that is in His Word. He has given us ample information throughout the Bible. Every one of us has access to a Bible. Therefore, we are without excuse. Look at these Scriptures:

¹⁷ If a person sins, and commits any of these things which are forbidden to be done by the commandments of the LORD, though he does not know it, yet he is guilty and shall bear his iniquity.
(Leviticus 5:17)

¹¹ For it is a people of no understanding; therefore He who made them will not have mercy on them, and He who formed them will show them no favor.
(Isaiah 27:11)

¹⁹ Hear, O earth! Behold, I will certainly bring calamity on this people; the fruit of their thoughts, because they have not heeded My words, nor My law, but rejected it.
(Jeremiah 6:19)

⁶ *My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for Me; because you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.* (Hosea 4:6)

If you do not read and study God’s Word, then you are rejecting knowledge. The consequences of this sin are grave indeed. However, we serve a merciful God who is quick to forgive us when we repent, and we have the Holy Spirit who dwells in us to help us.

The Source of True Knowledge

Before He ascended to His Father, our Savior and Lord promised us the great gift of the Holy Spirit. If we ask, the Holy Spirit will show us truth and bring to our minds those sins that we have forgotten so we can confess them and be cleansed from them. He will reveal to us any curses that are active in our lives—all we have to do is ask.

⁷ [Jesus said] *“Nevertheless I tell you the truth. It is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you; but if I depart, I will send Him to you.*

⁸ *“And when He has come, He will convict the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:*

⁹ *“of sin, because they do not believe in Me;*

¹⁰ *“of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more;*

¹¹ *“of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.*

¹² *“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.*

¹³ *“However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own authority, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come.* (John 16:7–13)

We have many people ask us, “How can I know about sins in my past that I have forgotten?” The answer is simple: Ask the Holy Spirit to bring them to your remembrance. Even more frequently we hear, “How can I know if there is a curse operating in my life?” Again, ask the Holy Spirit to show it to you.

Are you experiencing unsolved problems in your life, your family, or your church? Perhaps the source of these problems is an unbroken curse. Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal to you any curses that may be in operation in your life. He will be faithful to do so.

Please stop and take a moment right now to pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to enable you to understand everything you read in this book and the Scriptures quoted here. The information in this book can change your life forever.