

HOW IS IT POSSIBLE THAT CHRISTIANS CAN BE AFFECTED BY BLOODLINE CURSES AND CAN HAVE DEMONS?



IGNITED IN CHRIST

We agree fully with Peter Horrobin where he says¹: *“How Satan must rejoice when Christians are taught that they cannot be demonized. No other teaching gives such rights to the enemy to walk all over the saints of God unrecognised and unchallenged. What a relief it is for people to realise that the thoughts and temptations they have battled with for years have an origin that can be dealt with through deliverance.”*

He also says (and we fully agree): *“It is impossible to fight an enemy whose identity is never recognised.”*

1. THE EFFECT OF THE FALL (I.E. SIN)

Man’s fall to sin in the Garden of Eden is the root cause of all the problems of the human race and therefore also of Christians (however only in soul and body).

Any form of sin is idolatry and actually boils down to worship of Satan. Let us take the example of pornography. A person who persists to look at pornography actually subconsciously says to God that he loves the pornography more than he loves God since he knows that it is wrong but still chooses to do it.

Sin therefore causes us to enter into an unholy agreement with Satan (knowingly or unknowingly). Unrepented sin also brings upon the believer’s life a curse, as will be more fully explained below.

In law, any contract consists of rights and obligations. Equally, in the spiritual realm, any agreement with Satan also gives him certain rights over the believer’s life. The rights are that Satan may now (based on the believer’s disobedience to God and obedience to Satan) send in spirits of Lust, Sexual Immorality and Pornography to make it even more difficult for the believer to break free from the bondage. The right or foothold that Satan obtained (through the sin) may also cause the demons that are already in the believer to draw in one or more DSC’s (Demonic Soul Copy) to enforce and strengthen the bondage.

¹ Healing through deliverance, p. 352

If this sin of pornography remains unrepented until the believer's death (i.e. he/she persists in this sin until death), the sin (which is already a curse upon the believer's life) then becomes a bloodline curse that is transferred onto the believer's descendants.

Sin is therefore still a very serious issue in the lives of Christians today and should be considered as such. There is perhaps today too much emphasis in certain denominations, on God's grace and love and too little emphasis on the fact He is a God of holiness and justice and still hates sin!

God however no longer punishes sin (as in the Old Testament) since He has punished all the sin of mankind in His Son Jesus Christ on the cross. Jesus therefore once and for all paid for all our sins with His death. That makes our salvation possible and we may go to Heaven, irrespective of our sin, based merely on our belief in Jesus Christ as our Saviour.

However, that does not mean that sin has lost its sting on earth. Sin still has serious consequences in a believer's soul and body and the spiritual rule that says "*you will reap what you sow*" still stands. Paul said to the Galatian Christians in chapter 6 verses 7 to 8: "*Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life.*"

The root cause of all evil in Christians' souls and bodies therefore starts with sin and the exercise of man's free will to do sin.

2. BLOOD LINE CURSES

2.1 The deception

Many pastors, ministers and teachers in the Body of Christ today still say to their congregations that there is no such thing as a blood line curse. Their argument is usually that Jesus took all curses on Him when He died on the cross so that we may now live free from all these curses. This statement is in essence correct but is also deceptive (as will be explained below).

We, in this ministry of healing and deliverance, experience on a daily basis that Christians (reborn and Spirit-filled) are still living under various blood line curses that give the demonic access to their soul dimensions and bodies.

It is therefore very important that Christians should not be deceived by the enemy but that they should know the truth about blood line curses. Jesus Himself said in John 8: 32: "*And you shall **know** the **truth** and the **truth** shall make you **free**.*"

God said through the prophet Hosea, in chapter 4 verse 6: "*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.*" Then He goes further and says to the priests of that time: "*Because you have rejected knowledge, I also will reject you from being priest for me.*"

2.2 Old Testament references to blood line curses

It is absolutely clear from the Old Testament, that bloodline curses existed then and that God warned His children (Israel) numerous against it.

In Ex. 20: 5(b) and 6 God said: *“For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”*

Also in Exodus 34:7: *“... keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children to the third and the fourth generation. (Our emphasis)”*

Here God unambiguously said to the children of Israel and to Moses that if they do not keep His commandments, He will also hold their children and their children’s children accountable for their iniquities. He also said that He will not merely *“clear the guilty”* meaning that sin cannot just be cleared but should be repented and atoned for and only then can it be forgiven. By implication that means that unrepented and unatoned sin becomes a curse and is therefore transferred as a bloodline curse to the children.

On the other hand, God also says that He blesses the children and the children’s children of those who keep His commandments (*“showing mercy to thousands”*) and emphasises that His blessings are much stronger than the curses brought about by sin.

This is therefore a very clear warning from the mouth of God that unrepented sin has serious consequences (it creates a curse) but also reassures and comforts us that obedience to His commandments also brings great blessing.

Let us also look at what God said in Deuteronomy 11: 26 to 28: *“Behold, I set before you today a blessing and a curse: the blessing if you obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you today; and the curse if you do not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside from the way which I command you today, to go after other gods which you have not known.”* (One may also look at Deuteronomy 27 and 28 which deals exclusively with blessing and curse.)

It is therefore absolutely clear that blood line curses were a reality in the Old Testament world and that our loving God warned His people over and over again against the effect of sin and that it causes blood line curses.

That was also the reason why God’s people, the Israelites, had to make blood sacrifices to atone for their sin, so that God may not only forgive their sin (upon repentance) but also that they may be washed clean from the iniquity and that the curse following the sin will not pass on to their children and the generations after them.

2.3 New Testament perspective on blood line curses

Most people will however now argue that blood line curses only belonged to the Old Testament and that, since Jesus' coming and death on the cross, they no longer exist.

Let us first look at Jesus' own reference to blood line curses in Luke 11: 50 to 51: *"that the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it shall be required of this generation. (Our underlining)"*

Then Jesus goes further and talks to the Pharisees and Lawyers in verse 52: *"Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter in yourselves and those who were entering in you hindered."*

Matthew also describes this same incident and quotes Jesus in chapter 23:36 saying: *"Assuredly, I say to you, all these things (murdering of the prophets) will come upon this generation."*

Jesus criticised the Pharisees and Lawyers here since they themselves did not understand that the generational curses (brought about by the murder of the prophets) are still on them (since they have not yet repented for it and brought blood offers to God in atonement) and that they also did not teach this to their followers (the Jews) who did not realise that their unrepented and unatoned sin (i.e. the murder of the prophets) brought forth a blood line curse on them.

A further reference to blood line curses in the context of Jesus' own teaching, is in John 9 verses 2 and 3. It indicates that Jesus must have talked about the nature and effect of bloodline curses with His disciples since they asked Him in relation to the man who was born blind: *"Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents that he was born blind?"* In the case of this particular man though, Jesus explained that the reason for his blindness was not because of his own or his parents' sin but *"that the works of God should be revealed in him"*. The fact that in the case of this man his weakness was, according to Jesus, not the result of a bloodline curse does however not say that Jesus denied the existence and effect of bloodline curses. Rather to the contrary, why would His disciples ask this particular question if it was not according to what they have been taught by Jesus?

2.4 Effect of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus Christ on blood line curses

As mentioned above, many people and church leaders today believe and teach that blood line curses ended when Jesus was crucified and thereafter resurrected from the grave. This is a deception from Satan intended to keep God's children in bondage!!

We know that in the Old Testament, the Israelites had to bring blood sacrifices to God for the "atonement" (meaning "compensation, amendment or punishment") of their sin. Obviously this also had to take place in the spirit of sincere repentance. The blood of the animal sacrificed was necessary in order

to atone for (compensate for or as punishment for) the sin. Since God is a God of justice and hates sin, the sin could not merely go by unpunished and, therefore there must have been an atonement for it – someone or something had to die in order to “pay” for the sin with blood since the penalty for sin is death. This is so because of God’s holiness and righteousness. Therefore, in the Old Testament, the blood of the animal sacrificed atoned for the sin of the people and the curse of the sin was therefore lifted off of them.

When Jesus died on the cross, His blood was shed as a once and only payment or atonement for all of the sins of the human race. As the Son of God, His blood sacrifice was so significant and so strong, that it was enough to pay for all of the sins of mankind into all eternity. No other/further blood sacrifice will ever be required. However, and it is here where the Bible and the message of salvation is clearly being misunderstood by many, the death of Jesus on the cross and the shedding of His blood as well as His resurrection from the grave did not take away the necessity of sincere repentance for sin. Jesus already did His part for us to atone for the sin by the shedding of His blood but we should still do our part by sincere confession and repentance for our sin. Without repentance, the blood of Jesus is effectively not applied to our sins and therefore it remains together with the curse that it brings.

The modern day trend to say that sin is no longer such a big issue since God’s grace is enough (implying thereby that we should no longer confess and repent for our sin), seriously assists Satan by keeping believers in bondage.

Blood line curses are therefore the result of the spiritual rule that curse follows unrepented and unatoned sin. Please note, the repentance comes first, where after the blood of Jesus can atone. This spiritual rule still stands today. However, what Jesus’s death and the shedding of His blood achieved for us, once and for all, is to pay the price or in other words to atone for all of our sins. Jesus did take all of our sin and all the curses created by it upon Him when He died on the cross (He therefore, as scapegoat for our sins, took care of the atonement aspect) but that does not mean that we now no longer have to sincerely confess and repent before God in order for our sins to be forgiven, washed clean by the blood of Christ and for the curses to be cancelled out. Therefore, only repented sin is washed clean by the atoning blood of Jesus. Blood sacrifices of animals are therefore now no longer required since Jesus paid for our sins with His own blood. However, if sin remains unrepented for, it is not washed away by the blood of Jesus and therefore the sin remains and it still brings curse.

The significance of Jesus’ death on the cross and resurrection from the grave is that He conquered death for us meaning that all people who believe in Him may be saved and that their spirits will go to Heaven once they die (irrespective of their sin). We are therefore no longer living under the law but in the dispensation of grace since Jesus has died in our place so that we may live with Him forever in Heaven (irrespective of our sinful nature).

Jesus paid for our sins on the cross so that we may, by sincere repentance and acceptance of the price He paid for us, be made free from sin and the curse that it brings. This is deliverance in the soul and body! Jesus' death therefore firstly has significance for our spirits (that becomes saved and untouchable by the enemy immediately upon belief in Jesus Christ) and secondly, it also has significance for our souls and bodies, since we may be delivered from all rights of Satan and the curse that sin brings in our souls and bodies. Sadly, it is this second part of what Jesus did for us that some church denominations either neglect or even openly oppose.

However, if a believer should sin and should never repent for that sin, he/she would not obtain forgiveness for that sin and would be living under the curse of that sin that is upon his life. It is, in principle, the same than to say that although Jesus died for everybody on the cross, not everybody accepts it and therefore not everybody receives salvation. Let us for example take the sin of idolatry and say that a person worshipped Satan or was involved in witchcraft as happens in the cult of Freemasonry. Let us further assume that that person persisted in his sin and died in that sin without ever having confessed and repented for it. He therefore never received forgiveness and therefore the blood of Jesus could not atone for that sin of idolatry. That unrepented sin of idolatry still creates a curse that will be transferred onto the believer's descendants.

NB: Unrepented sin however does not have any effect on the salvation of a believer's spirit. The curse (caused by unrepented sin) over a believer only has effect in his/her soul dimension and/or body and may cause him or her not to live in full victory whilst on earth.

Let us now, for example, say that the great, great grandson of the person referred to above who was a Freemason, becomes reborn and is a believer in Jesus Christ. What would be the effect of his salvation (in the spirit) on the blood line curse of Freemasonry that he inherited from his great, great grandfather? The effect of his salvation is that, as a child of God, he has the right to apply the atoning blood of Jesus to the sins of his forefathers by repenting for their sins and to ask Jesus to wash it clean with His blood. In other words, a reborn child of God has the right to have the curse cancelled out over him by the blood of Jesus in order for him and his descendants to obtain freedom from that curse in Jesus Christ. This does however not happen automatically the minute someone gets saved (reborn in the spirit). We just see it too often (actually constantly) in our ministry. Demons and DSC's (demonic soul copies) that we encounter in children of God frequently refer to bloodline curses (some going as far back as the unrepented and unatoned murder of Abel by Cain) that gave them the right to be in the soul and body of the believer.

A believer may very well argue that he/she is not aware of any wilful and unrepented sin in his own life and not even in the lives of his mother and father. However, what about the generations higher up? Our blood lines truly go back to Adam and Eve and not only to our grandmothers and grandfathers.

This however does not mean that we as believers should live in fear and paranoia about what happened in our ancestors' lives and whether it caused blood line curses on us, but it does explain how demons (and also in some cases demonic soul copoies) gained entrance into our soul dimensions and bodies, as we will further discuss below.

Peter Horrobin also confirms this by saying² that they have seen in many hundreds of people's lives how a curse is passed on through the generational lines bringing with it the same bondage and demonic oppression on generation after generation.

3. Demons (evil spirits)

3.1 Satan and His Kingdom

Satan is real! He is a fallen angel who sought to elevate himself above his status as an archangel. His original name was Lucifer, and, as such, he was a splendid and very beautiful creation of God.

Satan (after his rebellion against God), with all his angels (followers), was thrown down to earth, where He took up residence and began to exercise his own spiritual authority in a domain that, for the time being, is under his control. Jesus referred to Satan as the "*ruler of this world*" (John 12:31) and Paul stated that the "*god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving*" (2 Cor. 4:4). Both Jesus and Paul, therefore, recognised the present position that Satan holds in the hierarchy of earth's spiritual powers and Peter Horrobin says that we err badly if we are disparaging or dismissive of the reality of Satan and his kingdom, or his power and areas of authority.³

In Luke 4: 5-7 the devil said to Jesus: "*All this authority I will give You, and their glory; for this has been delivered to me, and I give it to whomever I wish.*" When Satan said that the kingdoms of the world had been handed over to him, he was referring to what happened at the fall, when man, through his sinful choice, submitted the authority God had given him to Satan's control.

3.2 What are demons and where do they come from?

In general, a demon is a fallen angel (or evil spirit) who has been cast out of Heaven together with Lucifer (the angel of light) when Lucifer (Satan) started a rebellion against God in Heaven. This happened even before the Fall and God then casted Satan and all his supporters out of Heaven. They completely turned against God and since then they are working for Satan in a well organised kingdom of darkness.

Satan and his fallen angels (demons) hate God and also hate the people who were created in His image. They hate people especially for the fact that they can obtain salvation and may live forever with God whereas they only have

² P. 252

³ Horrobin, p. 74

limited time before the second coming of Christ when He will judge everything and they will be cast in hell and in the burning fire forever.

They know that they have very little time to work against God's Kingdom and they endeavour to bring as much death and destruction as they can. Their aims are basically twofold:

- (1) Firstly, to keep people from accepting Christ in their lifetime so that they will not inherit eternal life. This they achieve through various methods, for example, deception, confusion, religion, idolatry, false religions etc.; and, only if this first strategy should fail,
- (2) To keep believers in Jesus Christ (Christians) from living a life of victory basically by keeping those in psychological and physical bondage so that they would be unable to be effective disciples for Jesus Christ and to fully live out the calling which the Father has placed on their lives.

A demon is therefore an evil spirit and they react on what they can see, hear and smell.

Satan has a well-organised "army" of evil spirits or demons underneath him of different ranks and functions. It consists of Satan himself, crown princes, principalities, power demons and foot soldiers. It is mostly the foot soldiers that are found in Christians' soul dimensions and bodies. We however also often encounter power demons in the people we minister to. Principalities and crown princes are however not usually found in the people that we minister to since they are more in a managerial capacity higher up and reports directly to the crown princes and Satan.

Paul said in Ephesians 6: 12: *"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."*

It does however not fall within the ambit of this teaching to go into more depth in this area. Those who are interested in learning more about demons and Satan's kingdom are referred to our teachings in that regard. Just one cautionary to those who has an unnaturally strong interest in demons – we should indeed learn about our enemy and his strategies so that we may be more effective and vigilant in combat against him, but we should never focus more on the enemy than on our Lord Jesus Christ and His Kingdom of Light. If we do, we may get derailed, paranoid and/or unbalanced and may no longer be sober and vigilant as Peter warns in 1 Peter 5: 8.

3.3 A "legal right" or "foothold"

Many people in the Body of Christ (even pastors) argue that there is no such thing as "legal right" and that Satan and his demons can therefore not obtain a legal right in a Christian. This is unfortunately also a deception from our enemy since that is exactly what demons obtain through sin and blood line curses (even in Christians).

Let us see what Paul said in Ephesians 4: 27 in the context of warning the believers of his time against sin: “.. *nor give **place** to the devil*”. In the Amplified it reads: “*Leave no (such) room or foothold for the devil (give no opportunity to him)*” (our emphasis). Paul means that believers should be careful not to sin and to remain in sin since otherwise the devil (our enemy) will be given a “place”, “foothold” or opportunity (in our soul dimensions and bodies). If a “place” is given to any person, he/she is given the right to be there. This is exactly what happens when a believer sins and does not repent. It is a spiritual rule created by God that unrepented sin gives a right to the enemy to come into our souls and bodies and if that sin is persisted in and is never repented for until the death of the person, it becomes a blood line curse and goes over on the descendants.

Peter Horrobin says⁴: “*It is a fact that whenever we obey Satan we are, ultimately, worshipping him – and when we worship we make ourselves vulnerable to receiving a spirit – in this case not the Holy Spirit, but an unholy spirit or evil spirit or demon.*”

Sin and bloodline curses therefore give the enemy the right to invade believers’ soul dimensions and bodies. The unrepented sin or blood line curse is the entrance ticket. The enemy will keep this right until the person has sincerely repented for his own sin and/or the sins of his forefathers and has received forgiveness for it by the atoning blood of Jesus. Only at that stage, do the enemy loose his rights and may the evil spirits be evicted, much the same as an unlawful tenant whose lease agreement has been cancelled by the landlord. If the unlawful tenant should remain in the premises after the agreement has been cancelled, the landlord will have the right to evict him, much the same as the casting out of demons after their rights have been taken away by sincere confession and repentance and the application of Jesus’ blood.

He further says⁵: “*one of the most common reasons why demons do not leave Christians is the fact that they have a right to be there, which they will legalistically hang on to.*” The legal right obviously then first has to be taken away, usually through heartfelt repentance of sin and turning away from the sin, before the demons may be cast out.

We have learned in our ministry from the Holy Spirit that there are spiritual laws that form part of the spiritual realm just the same as the law of contract would, for example, govern the relationship between parties in the natural realm. Peter Horrobin confirms⁶ this by saying that when people live their lives without repentance, practicing behaviour patterns such as the ones Paul mentions in 1 Corinthians 10, he implies that they are in partnership with the demonic! He also refers to the legal significance of a partnership in that it binds parties together in a contract, which can only be broken by a specific cancellation of

⁴ P. 94

⁵ P. 113

⁶ P. 253

the partnership (which is a further legal action). In order to cancel the partnership, the rights of the demonic have to be legally taken away.

3.4 Familiar spirits

Peter Horrobin says the following⁷ about familiar spirits: *“When people die, demons don’t. They are spiritual beings without a home of their own and they will simply try to occupy another human being to continue their job function. Through sin (and the resultant blood line curses) they are given rights to the children and the children’s children so that the most likely recipients of demons, following death, are members of the family involved.”*

Peter Horrobin also says⁸: *“It is quite common to come up against spirits that have come down a family line, causing the same symptoms in generation after generation.”*

Familiar spirits are also called “generational spirits”. The most common generational spirits that we have so far found in people is Jezebel and Ahab. In some cases these spirits told us that they had come down the blood line for thousands of years!!

⁷ P. 325

⁸ P. 105