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Infusion

Become

Believe

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#7 Generational
Bondages

INFUSING ^{#7} THE LIFE FOUND IN CHRIST
THROUGH FAITH IN GOD'S VITAL PRECEPTS,
MAKING EVERY MEMBER WHOLE
SPIRIT, SOUL & BODY

and promotion even though there are obvious unrighteous behaviors. (example: sorcery/witchcraft, sexual perversions, rebellion against all forms of law and authority, diseases, disorder, addictions, continual accidents/ injuries & premature deaths.) The more acceptance there is in a family, the harder it is to break free.

God looks for ONE PERSON who will FOLLOW HIM as He sets whole families, held captive, free. This is WHY the SON of GOD was revealed, to destroy the WORKS of the DEVIL! From the Fall of Adam forward. When Christ was born the attack of the enemy against humanity changed! Now, everything God's ENEMY has done is under attack by Christ and HIS CHURCH!

1 John 3:8

7. Little children, let no one deceive you: The one who PRACTICES righteousness IS RIGHTEOUS, just as Christ is righteous. 8. The one who PRACTICES sin is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the very start. This is why the Son of God was revealed, to DESTROY THE WORKS OF THE DEVIL. 9. Anyone born of God refuses to practice sin, because God's seed abides in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God.

God's placed a direct warning through the Biblical text, that "the sins of parents" will have devastating consequences on their children & grandchildren. The context in which these warnings are given is very clear. In these instances they have rebelled against God. God says they hate Him.

Exodus 20:55

"You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me. 6. but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

A famous celebrity once stated, that she wouldn't believe in a God who was 'jealous' because she had a bad relationship with a 'jealous' husband. Her experience with a human being should never have defined God's jealousy. It is not the same. God's jealousy is not human jealousy. God ALONE is the standard of righteousness, holiness & love. This passage implies

their deliberate defiance, turning away from God. No one gets "the benefits" from a relationship they have chosen to end. Usually, such action involves serving other fictitious gods that only exist in human imagination. They may knowingly turn from God to serve other false gods, Satan, or demons and commit gross, terrible sins. There is ONLY ONE GOD. Yet, they willfully defy God. They blindly deny Him the love and obedience that He is entitled. They often commit their families and future generations to other false gods, demons, Satan, and an evil existence separated from God's love.

A family comes under a demonic system as it becomes comfortable with and identifies with particular sins. An example is drunkenness from using alcohol. First, Drinking becomes a welcomed part of the family activities. Then, drinking becomes part of individual daily life. As the bondage gains strength, abuse begins to show up. Other family members blame the overtaken individual. Meanwhile, Financial misuse, accidents and even death rip through the family with no resistance. The alcohol addiction migrates through generations in spite of devastating losses caused by the use of alcohol. Then, as families influence other family, whole cultures are lost to the depravity. They will even become hostile to anyone who breaks their 'family traditions'. This is a type of self-inflicted CURSE.

The devastation of the sins may afflict only one person or multiple members of a family, if possible even the entire family. In some cases, an entire generation may remain unscathed by the devastating power of a generational curse. However, unless the curse is rendered powerless, it will emerge in time. Another example of a Generational Bondage would be like a person who practices any form of witchcraft. They may not see any harm come to themselves or to their own children, then suddenly they experience death of every 1st born grandchild. Satan takes advantage of his legal claim to them. Then, the grandparent reaps what they sowed, but not detecting the demonic presence that is hiding within their own behavior. The painful experience of their own loss of their grandchild is a compound loss because of the suffering in watching their own children suffer the grief of losing an innocent child. Loss upon loss for

sins of a grandparent or great grandparent. The permission to destroy the child or children was granted to devils through their own defiance to God's power, to play with the mimicking, false power of demonically controlled witchcraft. Demons grab their power from the people they oppress. They get authorized by human fear and ignorance.

Demons Hiding in PLAIN SIGHT!

Demonic entities hide from their victims notice but they can still be recognized by the unrighteous works they entice them to commit. The New Testament authors understood that there was no difference between the devil, demons & unrighteous human beings. James writes that earthly wisdom is **“unspiritual and demonic”**, It may not be a direct demonic presence, but it is still evidence of agreement with a demonic system. This passage is a brief list of the sorts of attitudes that is evidence of DRIVING demonic forces.

James 3:14-16

14. But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast in it or deny the truth. 15. Such wisdom does not come from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, DEMONIC. 16. For where jealousy and selfish ambition exist, there will be disorder and every evil practice.

Jude says those who simply cause divisions are “void of the Spirit”. They don't have the Holy Spirit.

Jude 1:19

These are the ones who cause divisions, who are worldly and devoid of the Spirit.

Galatians shows that the HOLY SPIRIT teams with our Renewed, born-again Spirit that is at war with our NATURAL flesh. It places the actions of a FLESH driven person equal to demonic activity, because of the person's self-sourcing that cannot produce life, truth or godliness and can only produce EVIL. It says the works of the FLESH are EVIDENT, OBVIOUS, CLEARLY SEEN!

GALATIANS 5

16 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh. 17 For the flesh sets its desire against the

Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the Law. **19** Now the **deeds of the flesh are EVIDENT,** which are: **immorality, impurity, sensuality, 20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, 21 envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, **23** gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. **24** Now those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. **25** If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.

We don't think of these "works of the flesh" as having a demonic source. But it is VERY possible and at the least is still in the same class of offense against God's holiness. Those overtaken with these have the same destiny as the devil and his angels. There are many passages in the New Testament that speak to the believer about the demonic activity that tries to weaken the believer so that he becomes ineffective. The Holy Spirit is building a victorious church of believers who are not subject to divisiveness.

1 Timothy 4:1

Now the Spirit expressly states that in later times some will abandon the faith to FOLLOW DECEITFUL SPIRITS and the TEACHINGS OF DEMONS

There is the good news that Jesus came to destroy the works of the Devil.

Hebrews 2:14

Therefore, since the children have flesh and blood, He too shared in their humanity, so that by His death HE MIGHT DESTROY HIM WHO HOLDS THE POWER OF DEATH, THAT IS, THE DEVIL.

Romans 8:1-8

1 There is therefore NOW NO CONDEMNATION TO THEM THAT ARE IN CHRIST JESUS. **2** For the law of the Spirit of

life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. 6 For the mind of the flesh is death; but the mind of the Spirit is life and peace: 7 BECAUSE THE MIND OF THE FLESH IS ENMITY AGAINST GOD; FOR IT IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE LAW OF GOD, NEITHER INDEED CAN IT BE: 8 AND THEY THAT ARE IN THE FLESH CANNOT PLEASE GOD.

Devils don't even mind that you don't believe they exist, if your ignorance will let them drive you away from God. The Devil is just as real as God. Except the devil is INSANE! That's plain truth. He is not "ALL KNOWING, ALL MIGHTY, ALL PRESENT, Creator. He is NOT GOD! He is a merely created being. Remember Jesus knew the devil already. Jesus said, He saw Satan fall from Heaven like lightening. Listen carefully to how Jesus describes the devil.

John 8:44

"You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature; for he is a liar, and the father of lies.

"He speaks from HIS OWN NATURE", You could say, he **depends on his own understanding**, He is deceived and believes he can be and is his own source. So, when he speaks there is no truth to be found and only talks out of his faulted perception of a false reality. He is DECIEVED and ONLY DECIEVES those who agree with his thinking. He does not believe the obvious that he is lower than God in every way. In his delusion, he makes violent attempts to replace God. He willfully defies God. It's not a sane mind to do this. He is filled with contempt for God's greatness and leads those whom God loves into the same depravity. He is delusional. A person whose mind is given over to delusion cannot perceive

truth. They also believe the lies their own brain tells them. Delusional people, see people who are not there, have memories of things that never happened, hear voices that were never real. They are living in a dream state they cannot wake up from because they are awake.

A person who makes decisions from peer pressure, family tradition, their own emotions or thoughts will not be able to follow Jesus. They will by default turn worship of God into meaningless activity and that soon becomes ground of pagan, demonic activity.

1 Corinthians 10: 19-22

19. Am I suggesting, then, that food sacrificed to an idol is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20. No, but the sacrifices of pagans are offered to demons, not to God. And I do not want you to be participants with demons. 21. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons too; you cannot partake in the table of the Lord and the table of demons too. 22. Are we trying to provoke the Lord to jealousy? Are we stronger than He? 23. "Everything is permissible," but not everything is beneficial. "Everything is permissible," but not everything is edifying.

The devil just fakes you out, then uses your own lack faith against you. But the day will come, when the weakness of the devil will be revealed. People of God will wonder how he caused so much trouble for us.

Isaiah 14:15-17

15. "Nevertheless you will be thrust down to Sheol, To the recesses of the pit. 16. "Those who see you will gaze at you, They will ponder over you, saying, 'Is this the man who made the earth tremble, Who shook kingdoms,

God is the ONLY CREATOR! Satan, angels & all other living creatures, including people cannot create life! They can reproduce because God created living things with SEED, the ability to reproduce after its own kind. But it's purpose & origin is with God himself. So, think about this, a created being despising and rejecting its creator. It does not possess the wisdom or power to create itself. It cannot make even the simplest of living organisms. It cannot take the raw substance and make even the simplest seed that would spring from the ground as the green grass, flowers & trees.

Who would this creature be to exalt itself to be greater than God. A created being, yet beholds the one who has the wisdom and power to create all things; then thinks of himself as wiser and more powerful than God? This is what Satan believes. Truly, that is INSANE! But be careful. Because, while he is insane, he is still crafty with a certain level of intelligence that he will employ against you. If you lean to your own understanding he can easily "outwit" you!

2 Corinthians 2:10-11

10. If you forgive anyone, I also forgive him. And if I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven it in the presence of Christ for your sake, 11. in order that Satan should not outwit us. For we are not unaware of his schemes.

Jewish heads of households knew that whatever they did would affect their families for generations. God told them so. In times of crisis, they stood before God and confessed the sins of their families and even the sins of their nation

They realized that the principal family sin or judgment for a Particular sin flows through the family line, affecting later generations that had nothing to do with the sin(s) in question.

1 Samuel 15:22-24

22. Samuel said, "Has the LORD as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed (listen) than the fat of rams. 23."For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from being king." 24. Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned; I have indeed transgressed the command of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and listened to their voice.

Deuteronomy 18:9-22

9*"When you enter the land which the LORD your God gives you, you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations. **10**"There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, **11**or one who casts a spell, or*

*a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. **12**“For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God will drive them out before you. **13**“You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. **14**“For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you to do so.*

This same principle still applies today. However, we will see that generational bondages are easily broken once recognized, repented of, renounced, and cast off in the mighty name of Jesus.

Identify the Symptoms

Sin created “Works of the flesh” as we mentioned before that leads to symptomatic behaviors. The following is a list of symptoms that may indicate the presence of generational bondages or curses:

I. An inability to prosper

- A. The person studies and works very diligently.
- B. He acquires skills.
 1. Success somehow always seems to elude him.
 2. There seems to be a never-ending struggle against something he cannot identify.
 3. Failure seems almost inevitable.
 4. Somehow, he cannot pinpoint the problem or get a grip on it.
 5. One overhears him saying such things as, "Nothing ever works for me. My father had the same problems I do. He was a failure, too."

II. An inability to "be yourself" "

Sage dark, oppressive arm inhibits the full expression of the individual's personality. He never feels completely free to be himself, and there is always some debilitating influence present. He wants to be himself, but somehow the freedom he so desires elude him.

- A. He senses that he has potential within him that is never fully developed.

III. An inability to succeed

- A. The path of this individual seems clear as he moves toward his desired goals, but then somehow, he is prevented from finishing the course.
- B. Just before he reaches his goal, something causes him to stumble and fall.
- C. There is no logical or natural reason for failure. It seems that there is some force or influence at work that is not subject to the usual laws of nature and/or the law of averages.
- D. Frustration is commonplace. He finds himself wondering why he can never succeed. This may be true in one or multiple areas of his life.
 - 1. Business 2. Career 3. Health 4. Finances
 - 5. Interpersonal relationships—Almost always there is a negative effect on marriages and family life; sometimes communities, cities, or even nations are affected.
- E. He may experience certain degrees of success, but there is no fulfillment.
 - 1. Dissatisfaction comes for no known reason. All achievements seem to be insubstantial.
 - 2. Depression settles like a cloud.
 - 3. He looks at others and asks himself why he is not fulfilled.

IV. Seven indications of a possible curse (Deuteronomy 28:15-68)

- If several of the following symptoms are present, or one or more are repetitive, the probability of a curse increases. However, only the Holy Spirit can provide a totally accurate account. Because this is true, we need to be extremely sensitive in dealing with those experiencing any of the following conditions:
 - 1. Barrenness, a tendency to miscarry, or related female problems
 - 2. Breakdown of marriages, and family alienation
 - 3. Continuing financial insufficiency
 - 4. Being accident-prone
 - 5. History of suicides, or unnatural or untimely deaths

- A curse cannot come upon the child of God unless he chooses to sin and to continue living an ungodly life. "Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest" (Proverbs 26:2)

V. Self-imposed curses

- Witchcraft (Deuteronomy 7:25, 26)—exercising control of someone's will
- Provocation, intimidation, manipulation, domination
- In Matthew 27:20-26, the Jews spoke a curse upon themselves—"His blood be upon us and our children." Since that time, they have experienced 19 centuries of continual persecution and subjection.

VI. How to break generational bondages and curses

Complete the confidential Spiritual Profile. This profile is designed to help you evaluate your spiritual background and upbringing. It is also meant to help you see how wrong patterns of thinking or behaving may have developed and become a part of your life. This assessment is between you and the Lord. No one else will look at it. As a matter of fact, by the end of this session, this paper will be burned. We agree with your faith to expect the issues you struggled with will be gone as well. *Please answer each question as truthfully as you can.*

THIS WEEK'S BIBLE READING: JAMES

Use the Epistles Bible Study tool as you read.



Invite the Holy Spirit to teach you as you prayerfully move in your thoughts through the reading. The Epistle of James, the Book of James, or simply James, is one of the twenty-one epistles in the New Testament. The author identifies himself as "James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ," who is writing to "the twelve tribes scattered abroad".

The epistle is traditionally attributed to James the brother of Jesus, and the audience is generally considered to be Jewish Christians, who were dispersed outside Palestine due to persecution.

As you read it watch for the issues being addressed. How is the author dealing with them? What does he warn against? What does he direct us toward? What stands out to you as you read?