

## **Sins of the Fathers**

### **Exodus 20:4 to 6**

**As we go down the deliverance highway, there is a major area to overcome. The avenue to freedom here is in dealing with the "sins of the fathers".**

**What is it all about? It is not the mormon and catholic practice of praying for the dead. That's necromancy, and it is forbidden by God.**

**Deuteronomy 18: 10 to 13 - There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God.**

**When someone dies, that's it for them. Their record is closed, and cannot be altered in any way. Hebrews 9: 27 & 28 - And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.**

**But the sins of our ancestors can, and do have an impact on us, until we deal with them. So what does the Bible say about it?**

**Exodus 20: 4 to 6 - Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.**

**Deuteronomy 5: 8 to 10 - Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.**

**Lamentations 5: 7 - Our fathers have sinned, and are not; and we have borne their iniquities.**

**Even in the New Testament, the concept is mentioned. Luke 11: 47 to 51 - Woe unto you! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and your fathers killed them. Truly ye bear witness that ye allow the deeds of your fathers: for they indeed killed them, and ye build their sepulchres. Therefore also**

said the wisdom of God, I will send them prophets and apostles, and some of them they shall slay and persecute: 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 unto the blood of Zacharias, which perished between the altar and the temple: verily I say unto you, It shall be required of this generation.

How was this fulfilled? About 40 years later, in 70 AD, the Romans had had enough with the rebellious Jews. They sent in a big army under Titus, who killed most people and destroyed everything he encountered. Many of the survivors were sent as slaves to the salt mines in Egypt. And when it was all over, Titus gave credit to the Lord God, for fighting on his side, against the Hebrews. This wasn't the first time it happened.

Jeremiah 21: 1 to 7 - The word which came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashur the son of Melchiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah the priest, saying, Enquire, I pray thee, of the LORD for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us; if so be that the LORD will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us. Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah: Thus saith the LORD God of Israel; Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans, which besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city. And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath. And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence. And afterward, saith the LORD, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, & into the hand of their enemies, & into the hand of those that seek their life: & he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy.

Sin is the major problem in the world to-day. God hates sin so much, that He puts the ultimate penalty on it. Romans 6: 23 - For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sin is rebellion. Daniel 9:4 - 6 - And I prayed unto the LORD my God, & made my confession, and said, O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant and mercy to them that love him, and to them that keep his commandments; We have sinned, & have committed iniquity, & have done wickedly, & have rebelled, even by departing from thy precepts & from thy judgments: Neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, which spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to

**all the people of the land.**

**Under the Old Covenant, God gave Moses the law, and set up the system for dealing with sin. Leviticus 16: 15 & 16 - Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the vail, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat: And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness.**

**Our Lord Jesus Christ fulfilled the law when He shed His innocent Blood at Calvary. 2 Corinthians 5: 21 - For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.**

**Is the Shed Blood of Jesus Christ able to save us? 1 John 1: 7 - But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

**And so the ceremonial law with its uncleanness, is no longer valid.**

**We don't obey God's Law to get saved, we follow it to be obedient, and to please Him. 1 Samuel 15: 22 - And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings & sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, & to hearken than the fat of rams.**

**How widespread is the problem?**

**Romans 3: 23 - For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;**

**1 John 1: 8 - If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.**

**1 John 1: 10 - If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.**

**What then should we do? 1 John 1: 9 - If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

**Let's look at the topic again. Pastor Win Worley has an excellent booklet on it. It's #24, Sins of the Fathers, and there are many examples of freedom for people who dealt with their sins of the fathers.**

**Why did God pass the punishment of sin down the male line? He wants men to see how bad sin is. And as in sin, God's people rebelled against Him; so in sin, the punishments pass down the family line. Most only go a few generations. Exodus 20: 5 - Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the LORD thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me;**

**The punishment for illegitimacy goes much further. Deuteronomy 23: 2 - A bastard shall not enter into the congregation of the LORD; even to his tenth**

**generation shall he not enter into the congregation of the LORD.**

**As bad as that seems, you should see how bad mankind can be to their own descendants.**

**Matthew 27: 24 & 25 - When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it. Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.**

**And believers with Jewish ancestry can only break that curse on them after the sin of their fathers has been confessed.**

**Some people just break the generational curses, and think that the job is done. But it's like plucking the top off a dandelion, thinking that its all gone. And a few days later, are surprised to see it back again. What happened? The roots were left, and so the plant came back. The sins of the fathers are the roots, and have to be confessed, in order to get complete freedom. A simple prayer will help to clear those areas.**

**Heavenly Father, we come to You suffering from the sins of our fathers. We ask Heavenly Father, that You would show us the areas that are causing the problems. We confess all the sins of the fathers, especially the shedding of blood, family destruction, religious sins, stealing, occult involvement, immorality etc. We ask forgiveness for these sins, and ask that all curses and punishments be broken off us and all our descendants. Thank you for freedom from these burdens. In Jesus' Name and by His Blood. Amen.**

**To re-iterate, we do not pray for, or pray to people after they are dead.**

**Deuteronomy 18: 10 to 14 - There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.**

**We need to separate people from their actions or sins.**

**When people die, the consequences are still here. Children born out of wedlock do not vanish when their parents die. But they have that curse from the moment that they are born. However, it's not all bad news.**

**Deuteronomy 7: 8 to 11 - But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of**

**bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them.**

**God's blessings will go for 1000 generations. Have you thanked Him for that lately.**

**However, under the Old Covenant, the punishments were much worse, because they didn't have God's Grace.**

**1 Samuel 2: 27 to 34 - And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Did I plainly appear unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in Pharaoh's house? And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to offer upon mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? and did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings made by fire of the children of Israel? Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in my habitation; and honourest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? Wherefore the LORD God of Israel saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me for ever: but now the LORD saith, Be it far from me; for them that honour me I will honour, and they that despise me shall be lightly esteemed. Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thine house. And thou shalt see an enemy in my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thine house for ever. And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thine heart: and all the increase of thine house shall die in the flower of their age. And this shall be a sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy two sons, on Hophni and Phinehas; in one day they shall die both of them.**

**2 Kings 5: 20 to 27 - But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Naaman this Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: but, as the LORD liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him. So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw him running after him, he lighted down from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well? And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there be come to me from mount Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets: give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of garments. And Naaman said, Be content, take**

**two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of garments, and laid them upon two of his servants; and they bare them before him. And when he came to the tower, he took them from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: and he let the men go, and they departed. But he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gehazi? And he said, Thy servant went no whither. And he said unto him, Went not mine heart with thee, when the man turned again from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and menservants, and maidservants? The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.**

**Win Worley does an excellent study of how the sins of the fathers affected the lineage of Abraham. I would encourage everyone to get the book and study it. But there's lots of information in the Bible. Most of it is in the Old testament, because it covers 4000 years. To get an clearer picture of the situation, we only have to look at the kings.**

**First there was Saul. He had a good start, but...**

**1 Samuel 10: 21 to 24 - When he had caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near by their families, the family of Matri was taken, and Saul the son of Kish was taken: and when they sought him, he could not be found. Therefore they enquired of the LORD further, if the man should yet come thither. And the LORD answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff. And they ran and fetched him thence: and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. And Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the LORD hath chosen, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, God save the king.**

**And when he refused to follow God's instructions, he got into a lot of trouble.**

**1 Samuel 15: 16 to 28 - Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what the LORD hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on. And Samuel said, When thou wast little in thine own sight, wast thou not made the head of the tribes of Israel, and the LORD anointed thee king over Israel? And the LORD sent thee on a journey, and said, Go and utterly destroy the sinners the Amalekites, and fight against them until they be consumed. Wherefore then didst thou not obey the voice of the LORD, but didst fly upon the spoil, and didst evil in the sight of the LORD? And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and have gone the way which the LORD sent me, and have brought Agag the king of Amalek, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. But the people took of**

the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God in Gilgal. And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king. And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned: for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD, and thy words: because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship the LORD. And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent. And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.

Saul's sin of rebellion cost him the throne, but his assaulting the prophet took the kingdom from him and his family.

And from that moment, God had nothing to do with him. 1 Samuel 16: 14 to 16 - But the Spirit of the LORD departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from the LORD troubled him. And Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. Let our lord now command thy servants, which are before thee, to seek out a man, who is a cunning player on an harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well.

1 Samuel 28: 3 to 6 - Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa. And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled. And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

Saul and his sons fate is sealed when the witch is consulted.

1 Samuel 28: 7 to 19 - Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor. And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee. And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou

**knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? And Saul sware to her by the LORD, saying, As the LORD liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth. And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself. And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy? And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David: Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day. Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.**

**In this tragedy, the sons are killed because of the sins of the fathers.**

**And later, the rest of them perish. 1 Samuel 31: 6 - So Saul died, and his three sons, and his armourbearer, and all his men, that same day together.**

**What about David? Was he any better? Acts 13: 22 - And when he had removed him (Saul), he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.**

**But after a while, David slipped up. 2 Samuel 11: 5 - And the woman conceived, and sent and told David, and said, I am with child.**

**So what did David do? 2 Samuel 11: 15 - And he wrote in the letter, saying, Set ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die.**

**When David didn't deal with the situation, God did. 2 Samuel 12: 1 to 14 - And the LORD sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor.**



**The rich man had exceeding many flocks and herds: But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe lamb, which he had bought and nourished up: and it grew up together with him, and with his children; it did eat of his own meat, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him; but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the LORD liveth, the man that hath done this thing shall surely die: And he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity. And Nathan said to David, Thou art the man. Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; And I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would moreover have given unto thee such and such things. Wherefore hast thou despised the commandment of the LORD, to do evil in his sight? thou hast killed Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thine house; because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house, and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbour, and he shall lie with thy wives in the sight of this sun. For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. Howbeit, because by this deed thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also that is born unto thee shall surely die.**

**See how much trouble was going to happen because of the moment of ungodly pleasure, followed by the coverup. David confessed his sin (Psalm 51), repented, and was forgiven. But there was still punishment. The child died. Violence, rebellion, death etc. would follow the family line.**

**I'll leave it to you to follow his family tree, to see how it plays out.**

**The end would have come much sooner, but for God's Grace.**

**1 Kings 11: 9 to 13 - And the LORD was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned from the LORD God of Israel, which had appeared unto him twice, And had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which the LORD commanded. Wherefore the LORD said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee,**

**and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of the hand of thy son. Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake which I have chosen.**

**The punishment for David's sins was passed on to Solomon, Rehoboam, etc. As time wears on, and sins augment, the situation deteriorates rapidly. The Northern Kingdom, from Jereboam onward, had few godly kings.**

**So God used the Assyrians to execute judgment (Leviticus 26).**

**Judah had some godly kings, Hezekiah, Jehosaphat, and Josiah, etc.**

**2 Chronicles 34: 1 to 7 - Josiah was eight years old when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem one and thirty years. And he did that which was right in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the ways of David his father, and declined neither to the right hand, nor to the left. For in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet young, he began to seek after the God of David his father: and in the twelfth year he began to purge Judah and Jerusalem from the high places, and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images. And they brake down the altars of Baalim in his presence; and the images, that were on high above them, he cut down; and the groves, and the carved images, and the molten images, he brake in pieces, and made dust of them, and strowed it upon the graves of them that had sacrificed unto them. And he burnt the bones of the priests upon their altars, and cleansed Judah and Jerusalem. And so did he in the cities of Manasseh, and Ephraim, and Simeon, even unto Naphtali, with their mattocks round about. And when he had broken down the altars and the groves, and had beaten the graven images into powder, and cut down all the idols throughout all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem.**

**Because they sought the Lord God, and brought about revival; God delayed their punishment.**

**2 Chronicles 34: 20 to 28 - And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah a servant of the king's, saying, Go, enquire of the LORD for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found: for great is the wrath of the LORD that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of the LORD, to do after all that is written in this book. And Hilkiah, and they that the king had appointed, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the college:) and they spake to her to that effect. And she answered them, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, Tell ye the man that**

sent you to me, Thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah: Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore my wrath shall be poured out upon this place, and shall not be quenched. And as for the king of Judah, who sent you to enquire of the LORD, so shall ye say unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel concerning the words which thou hast heard; Because thine heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and humbledst thyself before me, and didst rend thy clothes, and weep before me; I have even heard thee also, saith the LORD. Behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants of the same. So they brought the king word again.

I am so thankful that we are under the New Covenant, covered in Christ' Blood, with unlimited grace and mercy. Why anyone would want to go back to the Law, is incomprehensible. With the Shed Blood of Our Lord Jesus Christ, we have forgiveness for our sins, and the sins of our fathers. And we have to deal with them. If we pretend that they don't exist; they will only get bigger.

That's why, as fathers, we need to deal with our own sins; so that the consequences aren't passed down to our descendants. And if our fathers are still alive, we will have to regularly confess the sins of the fathers.

Because every time they sin, the consequences come down. A while ago, there was a Roman Catholic family where everyone got saved and into deliverance; except the father. He daily went to the mass.

And every time he took the mass, the rest of the family got hit with a psychic attack.

It kept them, especially the men, very busy breaking off the attacks.

And so, dealing with the sins of the fathers is very important, and has to be dealt with, so that the generational curses can be finally cleared out.

Then Our Lord Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, can more mightily work through us, to the glory of Our Heavenly Father.

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