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To my wife Teresa and children for their love and support

## PREFACE

We have been declared innocent by Jesus. We have been granted a pardon for the capital crimes we have committed. When we were under condemnation, Jesus restored our standing before God. Today, we are able to enjoy God's presence because of the finished work of Christ. (His birth, human life, crucifixion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven) When the executioners approached us to carry out our eternal death sentence, Jesus stepped into our place and received the punishment for our sin. He purchased forgiveness by laying down his life on our behalf. Because of his wonderful sacrificial act, we are now declared innocent and our sin-debt has been paid. What did we have to do to acquire pardon? Nothing! The debt was paid in full by Jesus. Our task is to believe and receive His gift.

After granting us the gift of forgiveness, Jesus then imputed His righteousness to us. Two things are necessary to stand and receive from God. First, our sin-debt must be cancelled. Second, we must be righteous.

In this brief summary, I will review the negative and positive sides of the Law of Moses as they are related to the work of Christ. Paul states that Jesus came to redeem us from the curse of the Law. Our failure before God was two-fold. We came short of the glory of God due to our failure both as law-breakers and law-keepers. When Moses wrote, "Thou shalt not kill," two things were expected of us. First, we were called to **avoid a negative behavior**. Do not take life in word, thought or deed. Second, we are called to **practice a positive behavior**. Not only are we to avoid, taking life, but we are also to preserve it. We break this law "Thou shalt not kill" both when we take life and again when we fail to reserve it.

The negative side of the work of Christ removes from us all those things brought to us by the curse that came upon law-breakers. Some of those things include the guilt of sin, the penalty of sin, the wrath of God, eternal death, and eternal punishment. The positive side of the work of Christ brings blessing to the law-keeper. When we believe and receive His work, he pours out upon us all the blessings entitled to someone who has kept the law fully.

## **THE CURSE AND BLESSING OF THE LAW**

“... Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having been made a curse for us ...”

The believers in Galatia were struggling. Apparently, a group of confused individuals (false brethren) had joined the ranks of the church and were promoting a perverted gospel. These false brethren had partly embraced the Christian faith, but failed to abandon the work-based religion to which they belonged. They wanted the best of both worlds so they mixed some Christianity with a lot of Judaism and created a new perverted version of the gospel of Christ. The false brethren zealously disseminated their works-based message among the churches in Galatia. The issue in Paul's epistle to the Galatians revolves around the doctrine of Justification by Faith. The false brethren did not oppose belief in Jesus directly, but insisted that faith in Jesus was not enough to escape God's wrath and gain God's favor. They taught that Justification was made possible by believing in Jesus AND keeping the Law of Moses. The apostle Paul, on the other hand, argued that Justification was ONLY possible by faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Before we proceed with Paul's wonderful presentation of the truth, let's define two important terms.

What do the words justification and condemnation mean within the context of the letter to the Galatians? Justification and condemnation are antithetical to each other. They are opposites. Both terms were used in a court of law. Justification is a declaration of innocence which entitles its recipient to a two-fold benefit: The favor of God and the blessings of the law. Condemnation, on the other hand, is a declaration of guilt that imposes on a law-breaker the penalty and punishment of the law.

In his epistles, Paul argued that the human race had come under condemnation for two reasons: Law-breaking and the failure of law-keeping. The penalty for Law-breaking was severe. It imposed upon us banishment from the presence of God and put us under a sentenced of eternal death. Our rebellion paid a dreadful wage. Our sin earned us the wrath of God and relegated us to everlasting punishment. According to the epistle to the Galatians, this was our condition before being rescued by Christ. The jury had declared us guilty. The judge had

condemned us and the executioners were ready to carry out our sentence. It is at this point that the question of justification comes into play.

**How can we turn things around?** We were under condemnation, but needed justification. Our current status was guilty, but we needed the judge to grant us a plea of innocent. How can we be restored to fellowship with God, stand in His presence and once again enjoy an open heaven? How can we escape the wrath of God, eternal death and the everlasting punishment that ensues? Paul declared, the only way out is made possible by receiving the grace of God with an empty hand of faith. We are called to seek justification (a declaration of innocence) by faith in the work Jesus accomplished, not by any work we can produce.

### **THE CURSE OF THE LAW**

Let's begin with how we arrived at our current destination. What is the source of our banishment, the impending wrath of God, eternal death and everlasting punishment? The journey began with the curse of the law. God called Moses who in turn led the children of Israel out of slavery. After multiple demonstrations of His power, God brought His them to Mount Sinai where He gave them God's Law and established God's covenant. The people agreed to refrain from breaking the law and promised to keep it. This is where all the trouble began. The guilt, curse and penalty of the law was unleashed by their violation of God's law and their failure to keep it. These violations are what we now call sins. It was these violations of God's law that ushered in divine wrath and judgment.

Now, how can we close the door that caused the curse to rush into our lives? Paul taught that Christ alone can put a stop to the curse of the law. In fact, Christ has already redeemed us from the curse of the law. We can appropriate this benefit by simple faith in His work. Before we move on to discuss the idea of justification by faith and how Jesus closed the door to the curse of sin, let's take a look at what is meant by the curse of the law. Historically, those who violated the Law of God were declared guilty and were then condemned to punishment. What punishment followed breaking the law of God? To answer this question, we must go to Deuteronomy 28.

God was mindful of His covenant to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and moved to rescue their

descendants from slavery in Egypt. He promised to be their God if they agreed to be His people. As a sovereign, God provided the Jews with His law. Let's summarize:

According to Moses, God revealed His expectation to the children of Israel by declaring the following:

- ❖ Listen to My voice
- ❖ Observe to do all My Commandments and Statutes
- ❖ Keep them before you and your children as a sign and wonder
- ❖ Serve Me with joyfulness and gladness of heart for the abundance of all things
- ❖ Fear My glorious and fearful name: THE LORD YOUR GOD

Moses declared that if they failed to obey God, curses would then come upon, overtake and pursue them until they were destroyed. What curses? Deuteronomy 28 provides us with a list. God declared that failure to obey His commandments, would result in being cursed ...

- ❖ In the city
- ❖ In the field
- ❖ When they came in
- ❖ When they went out

Their disobedience would curse ...

- ❖ Their basket
- ❖ Their store
- ❖ The fruit of their body
- ❖ The fruit of their land
- ❖ The increase of their kine
- ❖ The flocks of their sheep

If they forsook Him by violating His divine standard, God promised to ...

- ❖ Curse, vex and rebuke all they set their hand to do until they were destroyed and perished
- ❖ Make the pestilence cleave to them until it consumed them from off the land
- ❖ Smite them with an extreme consumption, fever, inflammation that would pursue them

until they perished

- ❖ Smite them with the sword, blasting and mildew that would pursue them until they perished

Disobedience to God's Law would cause ...

- ❖ The heaven to become brass
- ❖ The earth to become iron
- ❖ The rain to become powder and dust until they were destroyed

Failure to hear, observe and practice God's commandments would cause them ...

- ❖ To be smitten before their enemies
- ❖ To go out one way against the enemy and flee seven ways before them
- ❖ To be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth
- ❖ To become food for all the fowl of the air and beast of the earth.
- ❖ As they were eaten by fowl and beasts, no man would chase *the animals* away

Disobedience would bring a curse that would ...

- ❖ Smite them with the incurable botch of Egypt
- ❖ Smite them with incurable emerods, scab, and itch
- ❖ Smite them with incurable madness and blindness
- ❖ Smite them with astonishment of heart

God declared the detrimental effects that noncompliance would bring ...

- ❖ You will grope at noonday, as the blind gropes in darkness
- ❖ You will not prosper in your ways
- ❖ You will be only oppressed and spoiled evermore
- ❖ No man will save *you*
- ❖ You will betroth a wife and another man will lie with her
- ❖ You will build a house and will not dwell therein
- ❖ You will plant a vineyard and will not gather its grapes
- ❖ Your ox *will be* slain before your eyes and you will not eat thereof

For balance of curses **SEE APPENDIX A** at the end of the article.

This list is provided by Moses as a warning in regard to the curses that would follow and overtake those who live contrary to God's revealed law-word. The consequences were severe.

## **TWO ISSUES: LAW-BREAKING AND LAW-KEEPING**

What did Paul mean when he declared that Jesus had redeemed us from the curse of the Law? Was Paul referring to the list outlined above? Yes. What else could he mean? The idea of the curse of the law is specifically drawn from the writings of Moses. The message is clear. Defiance to God's Law will always pay a dreadful wage. It was sin and disobedience to God's Law that brought about the curses outlined in Deuteronomy 28. It is within this context that Jesus is revealed as the one who through his life, death, resurrection and ascension provides us with a way of escape.

In his writings, Paul establishes that all the world is guilty of breaking God's law and is therefore under its curse. If the law is broken, justice must be served. The punishment proscribed by divine law must be applied. The penalty must be incurred. This is where Jesus steps in. We violated God's law and were declared guilty. While we awaited in terror for the execution of our sentence, Jesus approached the Judge and agreed to receive the punishment for our sins.

### **The prophet Isaiah speaks to this in detail. (Isaiah 53)**

Jesus **embraced** all our violations of the law (past-present-future)

"... Jesus bore our grief, iniquity and carried our sorrows..."

"... Father laid on Jesus the iniquity of us all..."

Jesus was **banished** from God's presence on account of our sins.

"... Jesus prayed and said, Father, Father, why has thou forsaken me..."

Jesus was **punished** for all our sins (past-present-future)

"... He was wounded for our transgressions and bruised for our iniquities..."

"... the chastisement and punishment of our peace was upon Him..."

"... Jesus was smitten of God and afflicted..."

"... Jesus was cut off out of the land of the living..."

“... Jesus was stricken for our transgression ...”

“... He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth...”

“...it pleased the LORD to bruise Jesus; the LORD put *Jesus* to grief ...”

“...His soul was made an offering for sin ...”

The wrath of God was poured out upon him for us. Jesus died in order to eliminate the consequences we were going to face. His work on the cross changed our legal status. Our guilty verdict was changed to innocent. Our sins were not swept under the rug as if they had not taken place. The demands of the law were met by Jesus Christ. The blood shed by Jesus was payment for all our violations of the law. Jesus provided us with forgiveness. Those who believe this have been declared innocent by Jesus and no longer have to worry about banishment, the wrath of God, eternal death or everlasting punishment. These things no longer pose a threat. Now that Jesus has been punished on our behalf, we no longer have to worry about the curses of the law. The negative consequences of law-breaking are gone. Jesus has redeemed us from the curses of the law.

This is great news, but only deals with the negative side of our justification. At this point, only half the problem has been resolved. Even though we have been rescued from the **penalty of law-breaking**, we must also address the problem of **law-keeping**.

Two crimes were committed. The people not only broke the law, they also failed to keep it. Let me illustrate. God declares, “Thou shalt not kill.” This commandment emphasizes the negative side of the law. It commands that we abstain from any thought, word or deed that that would lead to the death of an innocent human being. However, there is also a positive side of the law. It requires that we “preserve life.” We are not only called to **avoid taking** life (Shall not kill); we are commanded to **preserve it**. There are two sides of the coin for every commandment. One side focuses on **behaviors we must reject** while the other side speaks to **behaviors we should** embrace and **practice**.

Again, we not only broke God’s law, we failed to keep it. It was a two-fold failure that opened the door to the curse of banishment, wrath, eternal death and punishment. The finished work of Christ addresses both problems. First, Jesus dealt with all the issues raised from our

violations of the law (law-breaking). He secured justification for us. He changed our legal status from guilty to innocent. Before God, our record of law-breaking is now clean. The blood of Jesus cleansed and cleanses us of all unrighteousness. Our forgiveness was secured by the death of Jesus and dealt with the negative side of law-breaking.

The second problem Jesus addressed is related to the positive side of the law. Moses called the people to keep the law. Law-keeping is called righteousness. If we desire to enter and enjoy God's presence, we are required to be perfect law-keepers. Historically, abstaining from law-breaking kept the curse from approaching and slaying us, but keeping the law brought certain blessing. **Please be patient.** I am not here stating that Justification is acquired by avoiding law-breaking and practicing law-keeping. We are powerless to do either. What I am saying is that **Jesus did both for us.** Jesus died to deal with our law-breaking issue and fully accomplished all the requirements of the law. Jesus was the only one that ever kept the law perfectly. He is the only human being to ever secure the title of Righteous because of his law-keeping. **How can I acquire Law-keeping righteousness?** Through his resurrection, **Jesus transferred HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS to our account.** We failed as law-breakers and never came close to being law-keepers. **JESUS SUCCEEDED AT BOTH.** He **imputed** His law-keeping **righteousness to us.**

**Why is this important?** BECAUSE OF THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST, We not only stand before God as innocent in regard to law-breaking; we are now QUALIFIED to enjoy His presence and receive the blessings of the law as law-keepers. **We are entitled to the blessings of the law ONLY BECAUSE Jesus has imputed or transferred His law-keeping righteousness to our account.**

What did the law promise those who kept it? Already, it has been stated that we failed in two directions. We failed as law-breakers. We violated God's commandments in word, thought and deed. We also failed as law-keepers. **If Jesus imputed his righteousness to us, then we stand before God as perfect law-keepers.** If this is the case, can we then expect, in principle, to have access to all the blessings of the law. If this is the case, then, **Christ, not only redeemed us from the curse of the law; he also secured for us all the blessing of the law.** Again, God imputed to us the law-keeping righteousness of Christ. Paul declared,

“... He has blessed us with **all spiritual blessing** in the heavenly places in Christ...”

“... He has given us all things to freely enjoy...”

What are the blessings of the law? The list is outlined in Deuteronomy 28. Besides the expectation of avoiding law-breaking, God also expected law-keeping. The consequences of law-keeping included the pouring out of blessings upon those who succeeded.

According to Moses, God’s expectation in regard to law-keeping was clear ...

- ❖ **Hearken** diligently unto My voice
- ❖ **Observe** and **do** all My Commandments
- ❖ **Walk** in My ways
- ❖ **Do not go aside** from any of My Words – to the right or left hand

God promised to reward law-keepers...

- ❖ I will set you on high above all nations of the earth
- ❖ Blessings will come on you, and overtake you

What specific blessings did God promise to give to the obedient?

I will blessed you ...

- ❖ In the city
- ❖ In the field
- ❖ When you come in
- ❖ When you go out

I will bless ...

- ❖ The plenteous fruit of your body
- ❖ The plenteous fruit of your ground
- ❖ The plenteous fruit of your cattle
- ❖ The increase of your kine
- ❖ The flocks of your sheep

- ❖ Your basket
- ❖ Your store

I will ...

- ❖ Cause your enemy that rise up against you to be smitten before your face
- ❖ Cause your enemy to come out against you one way and flee before you in 7 ways
- ❖ Command the blessing upon you in your storehouses
- ❖ Command the blessing in all that you set your hand unto
- ❖ Bless you in the land which God gives you
- ❖ Establish you a holy people unto Himself as He swore
- ❖ Cause all the people of the earth to see that you are called by the name of the LORD
- ❖ Cause all the people of the earth to be afraid of you
- ❖ Make you plenteous in goods
- ❖ Make you plenteous in the land which the LORD swore unto your fathers to give you
- ❖ Open unto you his good treasure
- ❖ Open heaven to give the rain unto your land in his season
- ❖ Bless all the work of your hand
- ❖ Cause you to lend unto many nations and not borrow
- ❖ Make you the head and not the tail
- ❖ Cause you to be above only and not be beneath

I love to read this list of blessings. It represent God's good intention. God is not out to get us. He is not a bitter old man sitting on some lofty throne waiting to strike those who fail. His heart is to renew, restore and revive us. He has good intentions toward us. He wants to bless us beyond belief.

If we will embrace Jesus and believe in His finished work, God promises to set us on high above all nations of the earth. **Before God, we are perfect law-keepers ONLY because of the righteousness Jesus has been imputed to us.** Because of this, His blessings will come on us and overtake us. I am not sure what this means, but it sure sounds good. Have you ever been chased by and overtaken by God's blessing? God promises to bless us in the city, in the field,

when we come in and go out. The blessing of God covers every possible location and place we visit. I am going to expect His blessing. Receive it. Thank God for it.

Moses moves to provide the reader with details. Because of the imputed righteousness of Christ, God will bless the fruit of our body, the ground and our cattle. He will increase our kine and the flocks of our sheep. He will bless our basket and store. I don't know about you, but I don't grow any crops or own any cattle, kine or sheep. I don't have a basket, nor do I own a store. The blessing of God begins its work in us (fruit of our body) and moves to the things we own. (land, cattle, kine, basket, store) We cannot hold back the flood of God's blessing. Once it begins to flow, it permeates every fiber of our being and everything we touch. I am going to expect His blessing. I receive it. I thank God for it.

Moses points out how God's blessing affects those around us. God will allow your enemy to rise up against you, but your enemy will be smitten before your face. God will allow your enemy to come against you, but your enemy will flee from you in seven ways. Wow! The first thing that drew my attention here is how God will cause my enemy to rise up against me. We should not fear the arrival of the enemy. At times, God allows it so He can demonstrate His saving power. God allows the enemy to rise up against us so he can reveal His glory. When an enemy rises up against us, God intervenes and scatters him/her in seven ways. I am not sure I fully understand all this, but it sounds wonderful. God is our champion. He is our defender. He will fight for us. He will come to our defense. He will not leave us or forsake you. He is present and ready to act on our behalf.

Moses continues. God will command the blessing upon your storehouses and all you set your hand to do. Let me pause for a few moments in order to remind you. You can never keep God's law. You are powerless to do it. The blessings we have discussed thus far allude us. These blessings are reserved only for a righteous law-keeper. I have good news. Jesus kept every one of God's laws. He is perfect righteousness. His law-keeping righteousness has been imputed to us. We can enjoy God's blessing, not because we are law-keepers, but because Jesus kept the law without fail. Moses informs us that God will command his blessing to pour into our lives. God issues a command and sends blessings to prosper everything that we set our hand to do. I don't know about you, but I would like to position myself to live under the cloud of God's

presence and blessing. The God we serve commands the BLESSING to flow into everything we do.

Moses continues by indicating that God will bless the righteous when they come into the land He has promised. God promises to establish us as His holy people. God will honor us by causing others to see that we are in relationship with Himself. Those who observe us will be in awe and fear because of God's presence and intervention. God promises to make us plenteous in goods. He promises to open His good treasure to us. Wow! Can you imagine? God opens up His treasure house to us. I don't know what all this means, but it stirs me to the depth of my being. I don't care about possessing things, but the fact that God would allow me to just peer into His treasure vaults brings tears of joy to my heart. Moses states, God is going to open heaven and send rain. He is going to bless all the work of your hand. He is going to cause you to become a lender. He will make you the head and not the tail. He will cause you to be above only and not beneath. God has good intentions. His heart is to bless us beyond belief. Again, I would remind you that the blessings we have discussed thus far are not rewards for our law-keeping. They are **gifts lavished upon those who believe that the finished work of Jesus has both rescued us from the penalty of law-breaking and has imputed to us His righteousness that entitles us to the gifts of heaven.**

If these things are true, our outlook should be optimistic. We can expect great things. We can rest assured that God has good intentions toward us. It is the finished work of Jesus Christ that has made possible the fullness we now enjoy. I am not only referring to the blessing and the bliss of heaven. The blessing under discussion refers to our journey. God not only wants to bless us there and then, but wants to lavish his gifts upon us here and now. We should be a people with high expectations.

I have faith that the work Jesus accomplished is sufficient. I have faith that Jesus died and secured forgiveness for all my violations of the law. I have faith that Jesus was banished and punished for me. I believe that my sin debt has been paid in full. I have been declared innocent because of what Jesus accomplished through his death. Because of this, I have escaped the curse of the law. I no longer have to fear banishment from God's presence, the wrath of God, eternal

death or everlasting punishment. Jesus has redeemed me from the curse of the law. In fact, he has become a curse for me. He gave himself to deliver me from this present evil age. I am free.

Jesus not only paid my sin-debt in full. He also lived a pure and holy life. He is RIGHTEOUSNESS because He is the only perfect human law-keeper in existence. I believe Jesus transferred His law-keeping RIGHTEOUSNESS to me. He imputed His righteousness to me. I believe that it is the imputed righteousness of Christ that gives me access to the blessing of the law. The penalty of sin I have escaped and the blessing I now enjoy are all the result of the unmerited favor (grace) of God. I do not deserve to be rescued or be blessed. Any benefit I enjoy is the result of the finished work of Christ.

### **Personal Testimony**

A few years ago, I asked God to teach me what it meant to live by faith. I went along my merry way and forgot all about my prayer. Not long after, I was stripped of all I had. I lost my money-making motivation and businesses. I lost my job and was not able to use my university degrees to secure employment. I was cast into a total state of confusion and was put in a position of zero control. I was brought to the brink of desperation. It seemed that I was staring into a deep abyss. It was a terrifying experience. It was only the peace of God that kept me from plunging into certain death. I impatiently stormed the gates of heaven asking that God would show me the way and lead me into the right path. The heavens became brass. I soon realized that before I could learn God's way, it was necessary to unlearn a few things. Little by little, I have come to understand my impotence and twisted way of thinking. I realized that the source of power that had been fueling my life was self. I had spent most of my life attempting to carry out divine work using human strength. I have come to realize that divine work requires divine strength.

A couple of years into my ordeal, I discovered that the object of faith is the person of Jesus Christ and his work. The just (those declared innocent) shall live by faith (in what Jesus accomplished). The starting point to recovery is the finished work of Jesus Christ. He redeemed me from the curse. He imputed His righteousness to me. He opened His treasure house and gave me full access to divine wealth. I can now begin my journey of knowing Him. He, Himself is my treasure. He is my goal. He is my vision. He is the center and circumference of human

existence. If I miss Him, I have missed the whole point of life. Everything that comes into our lives is used in order to push us into His fullness.

I am innocent because, in his death, he secured my forgiveness. I am righteous because, through his life and resurrection, he imputed His own righteousness to me. I can enjoy God's pleasure and fullness because of what Jesus Christ has accomplished through his birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension.

## APPENDIX A

- ❖ Your donkey *will be* violently taken away from before your face and will not be restored to you
- ❖ Your sheep *will be* given to your enemies and you will have none to rescue them
- ❖ Your sons and daughters *will be* given unto another people and your eyes will look and fail *with longing* for them all the day long and *there will be* no might in your hand
- ❖ A nation that you know not will eat up the fruit of your land and all your labors
- ❖ You will be only oppressed and crushed always
- ❖ You will be mad for the sight of your eyes which you will see
- ❖ The LORD will smite you in the knees and legs
- ❖ From the sole of your foot to the top of your head, the LORD will smite you with a an incurable sore botch
- ❖ The LORD will bring you and your king which you will set over you unto a nation which neither you or your fathers have known and there you will serve other gods of wood and stone
- ❖ You will become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword among all nations
- ❖ You will carry much seed out into the field and will gather *but* little in for the locust will consume it
- ❖ You will plant vineyards and dress *them*, but will neither drink *of* the wine, nor gather *the grapes*; for the worms will eat them
- ❖ You will have olive trees throughout all your coasts, but you will not anoint *yourself* with the oil for your olive will cast *his fruit*

- ❖ You will beget sons and daughters, but will not enjoy them for they will go into captivity
- ❖ All your trees and the fruit of your land will the locust consume
- ❖ The stranger that *is* among you will get up above you very high; and you will come down very low
- ❖ The stranger will lend to you and you will not lend to him
- ❖ The stranger will be the head and you will be the tail
- ❖ In hunger, thirst, nakedness and in want of all things will you serve your enemies which the LORD will send against you
- ❖ *Your enemy will* put a yoke of iron upon your neck until he have destroyed you
- ❖ The LORD will bring a nation against you from far, from the end of the earth, *as swift* as the eagle flies; a nation whose tongue you will not understand
- ❖ The LORD will bring a nation against you with a fierce countenance which will not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young
- ❖ The LORD will bring a nation against you who will eat the fruit of your cattle
- ❖ The LORD will bring a nation against you who will eat the fruit of your land until you be destroyed
- ❖ The LORD will bring a nation against you who will not leave you corn, wine, oil, the increase of your kine or the flocks of your sheep until he has destroyed you
- ❖ The LORD will bring a nation against you who will besiege you in all your gates until your high and fenced walls come down wherein you trusted throughout all your land
- ❖ Your enemy will besiege you in all your gates throughout all your land which the LORD your God gave you
- ❖ In your siege, you will eat the fruit of your own body and the flesh of your sons and of your daughters which the LORD your God has given you
- ❖ Your enemy will distress you in the siege and in the straightness
- ❖ The man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye will be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he will leave
- ❖ He will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he will eat because he has nothing left him in the siege, and in the straightness, wherewith your enemies will distress you in all your gates

- ❖ The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye will be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she will bear: for she will eat them for want of all *things* secretly in the siege and straightness, wherewith your enemy will distress you in your gates.
- ❖ The LORD will make your plagues wonderful, and the plagues of your seed, *even* great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance
- ❖ He will bring upon you all the diseases of Egypt, which you were afraid of; and they will cleave unto you.
- ❖ Also every sickness, and every plague, which *is* not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon you, until you be destroyed
- ❖ You will be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because you would not obey the voice of the LORD your God
- ❖ It will come to pass, *that* as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nothing; and you will be plucked from off the land whither you go to possess it
- ❖ The LORD will scatter you among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there you will serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known, *even* wood and stone
- ❖ Among these nations will you find no ease, neither will the sole of your foot have rest: but the LORD will give you there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind
- ❖ Your life will hang in doubt before you; and you will fear day and night, and will have none assurance of your life
- ❖ In the morning you will say, would God it were even! At even you will say, would God it were morning! for the fear of your heart wherewith you will fear, and for the sight of your eyes which you will see
- ❖ The LORD will bring you into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spoke unto you, You will see it no more again: and there you will be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man will buy *you*.

## **OTHER BOOKS AND QUICK READS**

### **BOOKS**

The Narratives of Christ (Gospel)  
Is God Speaking? (Minor Prophets)  
God's Life-Changing Curriculum (An Agent of Change)  
Worship (In the New Testament)

### **QUICK-READS**

The Authority of the Believer  
Transforming Power  
Redeemed from the Curse (Entitled to the Blessing)  
Emotional Intelligence (Models: A Brief Review)  
Why He Came  
The Kingdom (13 Parables)  
Divine Transition  
Divine Expectation  
Unclaimed Wealth  
Times of Refreshing  
Unlocking God's Diary  
The House of James  
The Will of God (In James)  
The Pure Gospel (Galatians)  
Paul's Vision of God (Ephesians)  
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