


Lesson 14: Blessings and Curses

DEUTERONOMY 28:1-68



Deuteronomy 28

- What is going on with Israel and why?
 - Mosaic law is a conditional covenant
 - All of God's word will come to pass
 - No assurance of salvation through the law
 - The Law is Israel's schoolmaster
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Outline

- Blessings (Deut 28:1-14)
 - Command/Obedience (v1-2)
 - Beatitudes (v3-6)
 - Expounding the blessings (v7-14)
- Curses (Deut 28:15-68)
 - Disobedience (v15)
 - Curses (v16-19)
 - Expounding the curses (v20-68)

Blessings

➤ Obedience (v1-2)

- Full and unqualified obedience of the Lord
- Set you high above all the nations of the earth
- All the blessings shall come upon you and overtake you
- Wrapped in obedience to the Lord

Blessings

➤ Beatitudes (v3-6)

- Blessed in every part of the land, urban and rural
- Blessed in fertility of the womb, field, and animals
- Blessed in provision
- Blessed in all their movement and daily activities

Blessings

- Expounding the blessings (v7-14)
 - What it means to be blessed in the land
 - What it means to be blessed in fertility
 - What it means to be blessed in provision
 - What it means to be blessed in all your activities

Curses

➤ Disobedience (v15)

- Just one act from one individual throughout all time disqualifies them all
- Opposite statement to verse 2
- The Law demands perfect obedience

Curses

➤ Curses (v16-19)

- Cursed in every part of the land, urban and rural
- Cursed in fertility of the womb, field, and animals
- Cursed in provision
- Cursed in all their movement and daily activities

➤ Contrast to verses 3-6

Curses

- Expounding the curses (v20-68)
 - What it means to be cursed in the land
 - What it means to be cursed in fertility
 - What it means to be cursed in provision
 - What it means to be cursed in all your activities
- Same language as found in verses 7-14
- More prophetic and detailed than the blessings

A Future Hope For Israel

- Genesis 15:18, 17:7, 18:18
 - The unconditional, everlasting covenant
- Daniel 9:24
 - The end of sin and the everlasting righteousness to come
- Joel 2:28,32
 - I will pour out my Spirit
 - Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved
- Ezekiel 36:22-38
 - A new spirit and a heart of flesh to obey followed by the blessings
- Jeremiah 33:14-16
 - Judah will be saved and the city will be called “The Lord our righteousness”

The Church

- What does this mean for me?
 - We are not Israel
 - These blessings do not pertain to me, right?
- Blessed with every spiritual blessing
 - Ephesians 1:3 – Blessed with every spiritual blessings
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10, 16-18 – Our Inheritance, Thanksgiving in all things
 - Colossians 1:11-12 – Strengthened with all power (inner peace)
 - Philippians 3:8 – The surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord
- And the curses?
 - Romans 8:1 – No condemnation
 - Jeremiah 33:11 – “The Lord is good, for His steadfast love endures forever”