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
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 (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”