

# BLESSINGS AND CURSES

## APPLYING ISRAEL'S PROMISES TODAY

### Sermon Questions

1. Do the promises of blessing and cursing spoken to Israel apply today? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Match the label with the correct description of their approach to the question above:
  - i. \_\_\_\_\_ Dispensational      a. Law leads us to Christ and blessings and curses apply to him only.
  - ii. \_\_\_\_\_ Hyper-Grace      b. Like Israel, God blesses godliness and punishes sin in this life.
  - iii. \_\_\_\_\_ Prosperity Gospel      c. Israel's promises cannot be applied to the church.
  - iv. \_\_\_\_\_ Reformed/Puritan      d. If you have a positive faith, God will command blessing on you.
3. List at least three passages from the New Testament that support the same teaching as Deuteronomy 11:  
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4. List the seven guiding principles when it comes to applying the blessings and curses today:
  - i. Know that your \_\_\_\_\_ matters.
  - ii. Distinguish but don't \_\_\_\_\_ the heavenly and the earthly.
  - iii. Note that many promises are \_\_\_\_\_ rather than individual.
  - iv. Be \_\_\_\_\_, some rewards come now, many come later.
  - v. Expect \_\_\_\_\_ as a reward.
  - vi. Know that the \_\_\_\_\_ is central to covenant faithfulness and God's blessing.
  - vii. Don't forget the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

## Discussion Questions

1. Deuteronomy 11 presents a clear choice: blessing for obedience or cursing for disobedience. In what ways have you personally seen this “sowing and reaping” principle (Galatians 6:7–8) at work in your own life or in the lives of others?
2. The sermon emphasized that obedience still matters today and that godliness is valuable “in every way” — both for this life and the life to come (1 Timothy 4:8). What is one specific area of your life (work, relationships, speech, finances, purity, etc.) where God is calling you to greater obedience right now? What blessing might he want to bring as a result?
3. Verses 18–21 place a strong emphasis on internalizing God’s word and teaching it diligently to our children. How would you evaluate your current practice of family discipleship? What is one practical step your household could take this week to better “choose this day whom you will serve” (Joshua 24:15)?
4. The blessings and curses in Deuteronomy 11 were often corporate (affecting the whole nation). How might our obedience or disobedience as a church family, or even as a broader community, be influencing the spiritual and moral climate around us? What would it look like for us to pursue greater collective faithfulness to God?
5. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon?

## Discussion Questions for Children

1. God promised the Israelites that if they obeyed him and loved him, he would bless them with rain, good food, and a happy life in the land. What are some ways you can obey God in your life? How do you think obeying God makes life better for you and your family?
2. In the Bible, Joshua said, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” What does it mean to “serve the Lord” in your family? If you could pick one thing your family could do this week to show that you are choosing to follow and obey God, what would it be?