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● Intro Music - “My Father Is So Good To Me”

Hi, my name is Carl Vasta and I would like to welcome you to the Bible Seeds section here, at Understanding God’s Word. This is where I get to comment on biblical readings and stories that brings the bible into what’s happening to us in our daily lives.

I’ll touch on such topics as Family Prayer or Why I Believe There Is A God. I’ll talk about what was predicted that makes these the Terrible Times In The Last Days or how to Have A Daily Meaningful Relationship With God.

Today's topic is: **Bringing A Curse Upon Yourself**

There is a story in the Old Testament about a so called prophet of God named Balaam, son of Beor at Pethor, who was asked by Balak, the king of Moab to curse the Israelites who were journeying on their way to the ‘Promise Land’ and had camped in his land near the city of Jericho which was just across the Jordan river.

God told Balaam, **“You shall not curse the people, for they are blessed.”** Balaam heard the word of God but he was a false prophet and cared more about making money. And though he spoke only blessings for Israel, he eventually told the king how to tempt and stumble God’s people.

Balaam could not curse the Israelites, but because he wanted the great reward offered by Balak, he advised the king ‘You can’t curse them so join them; make friends of the Israelites and invite them into your places of worship. Let your young girls go down and get the men involved in sexual immorality and let the women introduce your gods to them.’

Because they are close to these women, they will do anything to please them and soon they will bring a curse upon themselves. For God who journeyed with them forty years did not put up with their unfaithfulness.

In the book of **Numbers, Chapter 25: verses 1 - 3**, it says

Then Israel remained in Acacia Grove and the people began to commit harlotry with the women of Moab. They invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods and the people ate and “bowed down to their gods. ‘So Israel was joined to Baal of Peor, and the anger of the Lord was aroused against Israel’.

The Lord sent a plague on the men of Israel.

And in verse 9, it says, ***‘And those who died in the plague were twenty-four thousand.’***

Just like Balaam, Satan knows the flesh is the place of a person’s weakness. That’s where Satan really comes to destroy you because he knows where you are weak. In Balaam’s life he knew that he loved money more than he loved God.

As we live in today's world, nothing has changed for Christians because God hasn't changed his relationship with those who love him. Nobody is able to put a curse on His people today but we find that we can curse ourselves by thinking we can get away with ignoring God's laws and we will be forgiven because of God's great mercy, but as it says in the book of **Deuteronomy, Chapter 29: verse 29; *The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but those things which are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law. (The Ten Commandments)***

All people who live on this planet whether they believe in God or not are subject to the physical laws of the universe whether they like it or not.

- Electricity can give us light and heat. It powers our tools and provides power to our receivers for our entertainment. Helps to cook our food and keep us cool on hot days. So if you fool around with electricity, you may get shocked or killed.
- If you jump off a mountain top, you may sail down in a glider, float down with a parachute, or fall like a stone!
- If you start a fire when you are camping, it may keep you warm, you might cook a hot dog or a marshmallow, or you could start a forest fire.
- You may enjoy the sunlight every day and the moon and stars at night. But you could end up with a sunburn or hurt yourself when you trip on something in the dark. It all depends on how you use the physical laws of the universe given to us by God

Not only has God established physical laws that govern our universe, He has established spiritual laws that are the basics of our laws of justice.

As God has helped us to use the physical laws of the universe to benefit our lives, He uses the spiritual laws to help us know Him; ***our God, the Creator of the Universe, and the Heavens, and the Earth and all life on the Earth.***

Through His spiritual laws, He has revealed His Son ***Jesus Christ, the Father's Words Of Truth.***

When we read or hear God's commands, we think we know what the point is; for example, the sixth commandment says, ***'You shall not commit adultery'***. But Jesus takes us beyond the literal meaning by saying, ***'Whoever looks at a woman to lust for her has already committed adultery with her in his heart.'***

And yet, if we take the fourth commandment - ***Honor your mother and your father, that your days may be long on the land which the Lord, your God is giving you.***

First, to most reading this commandment, we take for granted that we have a mother and father who wanted us in their lives. This is not always true and it may surprise most of us that our biological parents were not concentrating on us, but having a good time and celebrating what they thought was their love for each other.

Surprise! You came along and shocked them into reality. Now they may have been married or they may have been dating, but that didn't change their reality. But it may have determined if you

were going to be born or aborted. Sorry to say if you were aborted, you never got the chance to prove the value of yourself or your life to this world.

If you were born or survived abortion, your life was determined by the attitude of the people who brought you here. Some people were put up for adoption to grateful caregivers and loved like their own family. Others were barely raised and nourished and many times abused until they died or the state took them away and put them in an orphanage program or finally, they lived long enough to leave their parents. Some of you were adopted into street gangs and learn violence and murder. Some survived that experience and got away.

Some were raised by a mother, a dad or the grandparents. Some were shared by both parents, in different locations because of their dislike for each other. And finally some were raised by both parents who tried to give their sons or daughters an opportunity for a good life.

There are a variety of stories but the question here is, **'How do we honor our mothers and fathers for the awful decisions they made about our lives?'**

Do we seek revenge or complete withdrawal from them or any relative related to them? What can you take away from people who have nothing and nothing to give? They are their own best revenge! And their lives will get worse as long as they continue to curse themselves with the sinful advice of Balaam.

In our lives, we sometimes see certain people as role models or heroes. You have a choice to choose what kind of person you would like to be. But God said there is **'no one who is righteous'**, and that includes us. Can we learn from our parents mistakes and forgive them or do we have to learn by making the same mistakes and going through the trial ourselves?

I'm sure that these people who we considered our parents have good and bad traits and if anything, we must choose the good traits we see in them as our own heritage. If there are no good traits, then maybe we should pray for their change of heart and their salvation through one who is perfect: **The Lord Jesus Christ.**

We ourselves have a role model in Jesus if we choose. It has been said by [**D.L. Moody**] that, **'even the vilest person in hell, in one moment, can be forgiven by believing in Jesus'**.

Let us not curse ourselves by taking the advice of Satan. For when we do that, we have abandoned our God and we are praying to wood and stone idols who only mock us in our stubbornness and our ignorance.

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I would like you to know how much GOD loves you. He is ready and waiting to help you. You just need to believe that He exists and has created all things and has given **His Son Jesus, the good shepherd** to bring you back to him.

This is why I put together these pod casts, starting with **The Storyline Of The Bible**, 19 easy understandable pod casts that take you from Genesis, the first book of the bible- to Revelation, the last book of the bible.

And beyond that, there are **The Stories And Quotes From Jesus**, which will help you to strengthen your faith in God. And now I have just added these **Bible Seeds**: my commentary on some of these readings.

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