

## **Leviticus 26: BLESSINGS AND CURSES.**

### 1. (1-13) Blessings for obedience.

God promised them; perfect climate, bountiful harvest, fertile lands, security, peace, protection, military might and above all, His visible presence- the Tabernacle.

**Psalm 1:1-6** - *Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, Nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the LORD, And in His law he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; and whatever he does shall prosper. The ungodly are not so, but are like the chaff which the wind drives away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the ungodly shall perish.*

**Psalm 33:12** - *Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people He has chosen as His own inheritance.*

**Psalm 84:5** - *Blessed is the man whose strength is in You, whose heart is set on pilgrimage.*

**Psalm 94:12** - *Blessed is the man whom You instruct, O LORD, and teach out of Your law.*

**Psalm 112:1** - *Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, Who delights greatly in His commandments.*

**Psalm 51:11** - *Do not cast me away from Your presence, and do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.*

### 2. (14-39) Curses for disobedience.

These verses describe a progression of rebellion and discipline - terror, diseases, sorrow, famine, defeat, deprivation, weak, desolation, war, cannibalism, exile and death. God brought these curses desiring repentance.

**Galatians 6:7** - *Do not be deceived, God is not mocked, for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.*

**Proverbs 14:34** - *Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people.*

### 3. (40-46) The blessings of repentance.

This displays the greatness of God's mercy. Despite how cursed Israel might be, God would always remember, receive, and bless a repentant Israel.

This also applies to Christians under the New Covenant. God will always be faithful to the covenant, for the sake of the covenant we have with God through Jesus.

**Genesis 12:1-3** - *Now the LORD had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, from your family and from your father's house, to a land that I will show you, I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."*

**2 Chronicles 7:14** - *"if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land."*

**1 John 1:9** - *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

**Matthew 5:17** - *"Do not think that I came to destroy **the Law** or **the Prophets**. I did not come to destroy but to **fulfill**."*

**Galatians 3:13-14** - *Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us (for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith."*

**Ephesians 1:3-4** - *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love.*

So, we are blessed not because of obedience, but because we are in Christ Jesus; and there is no more curse for us from God, because all the curse was borne by Jesus.