



KINGDOM
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LESSON 7

CURSES AND BLESSINGS



Romans 10:9-10

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

Today, I will show you that the cross and Jesus are present throughout the Old Testament and how New Testament verses are only fully understood in light of the Old Testament.

Ultimately, it comes down to obedience to Christ and His words.





Deuteronomy 18:15;18-19

15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your fellow Israelites. **You must listen to him.**

18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites, and **I will put my words in his mouth.** He will tell them everything I command him.

19 I myself will call to account anyone who **does not listen to my words that the prophet speaks** in my name.



Acts 3:11-13

11 While the man held on to Peter and John, all the people were astonished and came running to them in the place called Solomon's Colonnade.

12 When Peter saw this, he said to them: "Fellow Israelites, why does this surprise you? Why do you stare at us as if by our own power or godliness we had made this man walk?"

13 **The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob**, the God of our fathers, **has glorified his servant Jesus**. You handed him over to be killed, and you disowned him before Pilate, though he had decided to let him go.



Acts 3:14-16

14 You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you.

15 You **killed the author of life**, but God raised him from the dead. We are witnesses of this.

16 By faith in the name of Jesus, this man whom you see and know was made strong. It is Jesus' name and the faith that comes through him that has completely healed him, as you can all see.



Acts 3:17-20

17 "Now, fellow Israelites, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did your leaders.

18 But this is how God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, saying that his Messiah would suffer.

19 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord,

20 and that he **may send the Messiah**, who has been appointed for you—even Jesus.



Acts 3:21-23

21 Heaven must receive him **until the time** comes for God to restore everything, as he promised long ago through his holy prophets.

22 For Moses said, '**The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you must listen to everything he tells you.**

23 Anyone who does not listen to him **will be completely cut off** from their people.'

Moses' long list:

1. Exodus 12:15: "If anyone eats what is leavened from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be **cut off from Israel.**"

2. Exodus 31:14: "Whoever does any work on it (the Sabbath), that soul shall **be cut off** from among his people."



Lev 24:16 Anyone who blasphemes the Name of the LORD **must be stoned to death** by the whole community of Israel.

Lev 24:23 After Moses gave all these instructions to the Israelites, **they took the blasphemer outside the camp and stoned him to death.** The Israelites did just as the LORD had commanded Moses.





Acts 3:23

"Anyone who does not listen to him will be completely cut off from their people."

Blessings for **Obedience**





Deuteronomy 28:1-4

1 If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth.

2 All these blessings will come on you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God:

3 You will be blessed in the city and blessed in the country.

4 The fruit of your womb will be blessed, and the crops of your land and the young of your livestock—the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.



Deuteronomy 28:5-8

5 Your basket and your kneading trough will be blessed.

6 You will be blessed when you come in and blessed when you go out.

7 The LORD will grant that the enemies who rise up against you will be defeated before you. They will come at you from one direction but flee from you in seven.

8 The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.



Deuteronomy 28:9-11

9 The LORD will establish you as his holy people, as he promised you on oath, **if you keep the commands of the LORD your God and walk in obedience to him.**

10 Then all the peoples on earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will fear you.

11 The LORD will grant you abundant prosperity—in the fruit of your womb, the young of your livestock, and the crops of your ground—in the land he swore to your ancestors to give you.

Curses for **Disobedience**





Deuteronomy 28:15-18

15 However, if you do not obey the **LORD** your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, **all these curses will come on you and overtake you:**

16 You will be cursed in the city and cursed in the country.

17 Your basket and your kneading trough will be cursed.

18 The fruit of your womb will be cursed, and the crops of your land, and the calves of your herds and the lambs of your flocks.



Deuteronomy 28:19-20

19 You will be cursed when you come in and cursed when you go out.

20 The LORD will send on you curses, confusion, and rebuke in everything you put your hand to until you are destroyed and come to sudden ruin because of the evil you have done in forsaking him.



Deuteronomy 28:21-24

21 The LORD will plague you with diseases until he has destroyed you from the land you are entering to possess.

22 The LORD will strike you with wasting disease, with fever and inflammation, with scorching heat and drought, with blight and mildew, which will plague you until you perish.

23 The sky over your head will be bronze, the ground beneath you iron.

24 The LORD will turn the rain of your country into dust and powder; it will come down from the skies until you are destroyed.



Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.



Deuteronomy 21:22-23

22 If someone guilty of a **capital offense** is **put to death** and **their body is exposed on a pole,**

23 you must **not** leave the body hanging on the pole overnight. Be sure to bury it that same day, because **anyone who is hung on a pole is under God's curse.** You must not desecrate the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance.



John 19:14-15

14 It was the day of **Preparation of the Passover**; it was about noon. "Here is your king," Pilate said to the Jews.

15 But they shouted, "Take him away! Take him away! Crucify him!" "Shall I crucify your king?" Pilate asked. "We have no king but Caesar," the chief priests answered.



John 19:30-32

30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, **"It is finished."** With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

31 Now it was the day of Preparation, and the next day was to be a special Sabbath. Because the **Jewish leaders did not want the bodies left on the crosses during the Sabbath**, they asked Pilate to **have the legs broken and the bodies taken down.**

32 The soldiers therefore came and broke the legs of the first man who had been crucified with Jesus, and then those of the other.



John 19:33-35

33 But when they came to Jesus and found that **he was already dead, they did not break his legs.**

34 Instead, one of the soldiers **pierced Jesus' side** with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of **blood and water.**

35 The man who saw it has given testimony, and his testimony is true. He knows that he tells the truth, and he testifies so that you also may believe.



Zechariah 12:10

“Then I will pour out a spirit of grace and prayer on the family of David and on the people of Jerusalem. **They will look on me whom they have pierced** and mourn for him as for an only son. They will grieve bitterly for him as for a firstborn son who has died.

Adam was a sinless man whom God put to sleep. From his side, God created the woman (his bride). In marriage, those two shall become one again.

Jesus, the second Adam, was put to sleep (on the cross), and from His side, God created His bride. At the great wedding feast, we will be one again.





John 19:36-37

36 These things happened so that the Scripture would be fulfilled:

"Not one of his bones will be broken,"

37 and, as another Scripture says, **"They will look on the one they have pierced."**



Numbers 9:10-12

10 "Tell the Israelites: 'When any of you or your descendants are unclean because of a dead body or are away on a journey, they are still to celebrate the LORD's Passover,

11 but they are to do it on the **fourteenth day of the second month** at twilight. They are to eat the lamb, together with unleavened bread and bitter herbs.

12 They must not leave any of it till morning or break any of its **bones**. When they celebrate the Passover, they must follow all the regulations.

Jesus, our Passover Lamb, who died to free us. Whose bones were not broken, but from His side flowed blood and water, creating a new mankind. He also took the position of a capital offense. He became a curse by hanging on that tree, and by this, He set us free from the curse of the law so that the blessings of the law and the blessings of Abraham would come to us Gentiles.





Galatians 3:7-10

7 Understand, then, that those who have faith are children of Abraham.

8 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: **"All nations will be blessed through you."**

9 So those who rely on faith are blessed along with Abraham, the man of faith.

10 For all who rely on the works of the law are under a curse, as it is written: **"Cursed is everyone who does not continue to do everything written in the Book of the Law."**



Galatians 3:11-14

11 Clearly, no one who relies on the law is justified before God, because "the righteous will live by faith."

12 The law is not based on faith; on the contrary, it says, "The person who does these things will live by them."

13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."

14 He redeemed us in order that the blessing given to Abraham might come to the Gentiles through Christ Jesus, so that by faith we might receive the promise of the Spirit.

Time for a break!





John 3:16 (NIV)

"For God **so** loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

"God loved the world **so much** that he gave his one and only Son. Anyone who believes in him will not die but will have eternal life.



John 3:14-15

"Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."



Numbers 21:8-9 (NIV)

8 "The LORD said to Moses, 'Make a snake and put it up **on a pole**; anyone who is bitten can look at it and live.'

9 So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was **bitten by a snake** and looked at the bronze snake, they lived."

The people sinned against God and Moses.
God sent venomous snakes, and many were bitten and died.

- The people then came to Moses, confessing their sin and asking him to pray to God to take the snakes away.

- God instructed Moses to make a bronze serpent and put it on a pole. Anyone who was bitten could look at the bronze serpent and live.





2 Kings 18:3-4 (NIV)

3 He did what was right in the eyes of the LORD, just as his ancestor David had done.

4 He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones, and cut down the Asherah poles. **He broke into pieces the bronze snake that Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it. It was called Nehushtan."**



John 3

Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness on a pole, in the same way, the Son of Man will be lifted up on a cross, so that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.



Romans 10:9-11

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

11 As Scripture says, "Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame."



Romans 10:5-9

5 Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law:

"The person who does these things will live by them."

6 But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down)

7 "or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead).

8 But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim:

9 If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.



Romans 10:5-8

'Who will ascend into heaven?''

'Who will descend into the deep?''

“The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,”



Deuteronomy 30:11-14

11 Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach.

12 It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "**Who will ascend into heaven** to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?"

13 Nor is it beyond the sea, so that you have to ask, "**Who will cross the sea** to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?"

14 No, **the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart** so you may obey it.



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At the very end of Deuteronomy (The law), after sharing about the blessings and curses, Moses ends up as we read.

He spoke about **the Word and instructs us to obey it—the words you have heard in this book.**

Paul quotes Moses but speaks about **Christ and calls us to obey Him, because He is the one Moses spoke about.**

He is the one who ascended into heaven and is now proclaiming it to us.

He is the one speaking God's Word; He is the spoken Word of God that became alive and dwells among us.





John 1:1;14

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

14 The **Word became flesh** and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

The Torah Always Points to YHWH *Yahweh*

Genesis

Exodus

Leviticus

Numbers

Deuteronomy

תורה

תורה

יהוה

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הרות

TORH

TORH

YHWH

HROT

HROT

Count 49 letters from beginning
of chapter one spells TORH

Count 7 letters
from beginning
spells
YHWH

Count 49 letters from beginning
and spells TORH BACKWARD.



John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.



Heb 10:19-20

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us **through the curtain**, that is, his body,

Obey everything He said.... About loving our neighbors...

1. Love God with All Your Heart: (Matthew 22:37)
2. Love Your Neighbor as Yourself: (Matthew 22:39)
3. Love One Another: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." (John 13:34)
4. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."
(Matthew 5:44)
5. Treat Others as You Want to Be Treated: (Matthew 7:12)
6. Forgive Others (Matthew 6:14)



But also:

7. Do Not Lust (Matthew 5:28)

8. Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. (Matthew 4:17)

9. Deny yourself and take up your cross and follow me."

(Matthew 16:24)

10. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

(Matthew 6:33)

11. Store Up Treasures in Heaven: (Matthew 6:19-20)



Or:

12. Go and Make Disciples (Matthew 28:19)

13. Heal the sick (Matthew 10:8)

14. Drive out demons (Matthew 10:8)



Or:

15. Abide in Me: "Abide in me, and I in you." (John 15:4)

16. Do Not Worry (Matthew 6:25)

17. Do Not Be Afraid: "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?"
(Matthew 8:26)

18. Rejoice and Be Glad: (Matthew 5:11-12)





John 14:26

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and **bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.**



Luke 6:46-49

46 "Why do you call me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?"

47 As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and **puts them into practice**, I will show you what they are like.

48 They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built.

49 But the one who hears my words and **does not put them into practice** is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed, and its destruction was complete."

This is not a prayer where you repeat after someone...

This is our life...





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A life... If we live a life with Him as our LORD and believe in His word, we will live like He did.

Then one day when He returns, He will bring salvation to those that are waiting for Him, as we read here:





Hebrews 9:27-28

27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, **but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.**



Act 7:44-45

44 "Our ancestors had the tabernacle of the covenant law with them in the wilderness. It had been made as God directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen.

45 After receiving the tabernacle, our ancestors under **Joshua** brought it with them when they took the land from the nations God drove out before them. It remained in the land until the time of David,

45 Which also our fathers that came after brought in with **Jesus** into the possession of the Gentiles, whom God drove out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David;

JOSHUA / JESUS

Their names mean “Yahweh is salvation” or “the Lord saves.”

What Moses and the Law could not accomplish because of sin, Joshua (Jesus) did.

Joshua brought the Israelites into the Promised Land, while Jesus brings us into the true Promised Land.

Joshua led the people through the Jordan River, symbolizing a new beginning, just as Jesus, the bringer of new birth, leads us through the waters into the promises God has for us.



Jesus Promises the Holy Spirit

John 14:15

"If you love me, keep my commands.

And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth.

John 14:26

But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.

Act 1:8

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."



