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Breaking Ungodly Generational Inheritances

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The effects of gross or deeply established patterns of sin in a person can be passed from one generation to another according to Exodus 34:7: “He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations” (NASB). This is clearly seen in the lives of the Israelites. Their failure to live up to God’s standards of righteousness resulted in many generations suffering from a host of curses released upon them (Deut. 11:26-28). These inherited consequences of sin can actually be carried through an ancestral line for many more generations than three or four because every time a new generation engages in the sin, the inheritance gets extended another three or four generations (e.g. Lam. 5:1-18).

What seems to occur in generational inheritances is that subsequent generations experience an increased temptation to succumb to the same sin(s) of their forefathers. The accumulated guilt and curses connected to that sin may not be released upon a particular person, however, until he himself actually engages in the sin (Mat. 23:34-35).

Just as with personal sin, confession is the way to overcome the power of generational sin in one’s life (Ps. 106; Neh. 9; Jer. 3:22—4:2; Dan.9:3-19). This will not only remove the heightened tendency to sin in the way of one’s forefathers and the curses that come from doing so, but it will also break the chain of inheritance from flowing any further to one’s succeeding generations. It may even open the way for blessing to flow into the generational line instead (Ex. 20:5-6).

The following procedure can be used to break ungodly generational inheritances from one’s life:

1. Most High God, I desire to stand in the gap on behalf of my ancestral lines on my mother’s and my father’s side to acknowledge, renounce, and confess on their behalf the iniquity of _____. (Be specific. You can list several iniquities at the same time.)
2. I am willing to forgive my ancestors for bringing this generational inheritance and its consequences into my life and to put all responsibility for bringing judgment into Your hands.
3. I am also willing to renounce and to repent of any and every way that any part of me has knowingly or unknowingly, willingly or unwillingly participated in these iniquities myself. (Be specific about the various ways in which God brings to mind that you have done this.)
4. I ask You through the shed blood of Jesus Christ to break this generational inheritance and its curses from my life and from the lives of my descendants going forward for a thousand generations.
5. I ask You to remove from me all ungodly entities and powers that gained access to me because of this generational inheritance, to pass judgment on them, to dispatch them to the destination of your choosing, and to seal with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ all portals and orifices they used for access to me. Please fill all evacuated places with Your Holy Spirit.
6. As You remove these generational curses from my life, will You please release any of Your generational blessings intended for me that were blocked because of this generational iniquity?

Thank you, Most High God.

To lead someone else through generational repentance:

1. Ask the individual:

- a. Are you willing to stand in the gap on behalf of your ancestral lines on your mother's and your father's side to acknowledge, renounce, and confess on their behalf the iniquity of _____? (Be specific. You can list several iniquities at the same time.)
- b. Are you willing to forgive your ancestors for bringing this generational inheritance and its consequences into your life and to put all responsibility for bringing judgment into God's hands?
- c. Are you willing to renounce and to repent of any and every way that any part of you has knowingly or unknowingly, willingly or unwillingly participated in these iniquities yourself? (Be specific about the various ways God brings to mind that the person may have done this.)

2. Pray:

- a. Most High God, I ask You on the basis of what _____ has stated and through the shed blood of Jesus Christ to break this generational inheritance and its curses from his/her life and from the lives of his/her descendants going forward for a thousand generations.
- b. I ask You to remove from _____ all ungodly entities and powers that gained access to him/her because of this generational inheritance, to pass judgment on them, to dispatch them to the destination of your choosing, to seal with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ all portals and orifices they used for access to him/her, and to fill all evacuated places with Your Holy Spirit.
- c. As You remove these generational curses from _____'s life, will You please release any of Your generational blessings intended for him/her that were blocked because of this generational iniquity?

Thank you, Most High God.