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Sins of our Fathers and Consequences

"You were Redeemed From your futile way of the inherited from your forefathers....
With The blood of Christ." (1 Pe 1:18-19)

In our last newsletter, we have mentioned that the sins of the father and resulting curses need to be confessed so that the legal ground can be recovered from the enemy.

In fact, sins of the fathers and mothers and the resulting curses are a major source of oppression for our society. Our fathers' and mothers' sins are passed onto the next generation and they enter the same sins as their parents. Regrettably Christians seldom address this issue even though they know the scripture about generational sins. When the sins and curses coming down a family line are alcoholism, drugs or sexual abuse, abortion, the problem is easily identified. The root cause and how to eradicate it from the family line remain a mystery. With less serious sins they are not considered as generational. It is just like a 'chip of the old block'.

Sins of the fathers have been said to represent the accumulation of all sins committed by their ancestors. It is the heart (iniquity) tendency that we inherit from our forefathers to rebel against (i.e. disobedience to) God's commandments and His laws. The accumulation of sins continues until God's condition for repentance is met.

Sexual sins of our forefathers are one of the causes of marriage failure today as well as shame. When sexual sins come down to the family line it will affect the lives of the children and grandchildren.

Case Study on the result of ancestors' sins

John was born out of wedlock and later given to his aunty to raise up. He grew up, married, divorced and remarried. He was faithful in marriage but one of his daughters was molested and the other sexually permissive. Her second child is cohabiting with her boyfriend and refused to marry. Her third child has been married several times. She has three children. The oldest was married but now divorced and sexually permissive. Her fourth child Jack is separated from his former wife and has several sexual partners but never had any children. Her fifth child is having serious marriage problems and temporarily separated from his wife. Their children are all very young.

Some of John's children are Christians but they still have not escaped from the pressures of sexual sin. Not a single one is happily married to his or her original mate. This is the result of ancestral sexual sins and curses not worked through and cleared out and until these receive deep level healing, the mind cannot be renewed with God's truth. The invisible hurts of the inner person must be healed and demonic forces must be removed. As I mentioned in my last newsletter, the four areas are inter-related:

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- (a) sins of the fathers and resulting curses
- (b) Ungodly beliefs
- (c) Soul/spirit hurts
- (d) Demonic oppression

If one or more of these areas is not ministered to, the already healed areas may be undermined and the healing already gained might be lost.

Sins of the fathers and resulting curses can result in ungodly beliefs

Parents often repeat the sins of their fathers and mothers. They may replicate sinful attitudes, prejudices and/or values which their children then assimilate from them as parents. Parents' sins normally cause the offspring to form ungodly beliefs based on their own hurts.

For instance, when a child is abandoned and left for others to raise, he or she will experience the wounding of sudden abandonment and there will be a tendency to form many ungodly beliefs about himself or herself and his value or her value about what life is like and about his or her parents. Later on in life he or she will have a very difficult time loving or trusting God. His or her beliefs were very divergent from God's truth. There are some who in their fifties are still weeding out those ungodly beliefs and replacing them with God's truths i.e. godly beliefs.

Ancestral sins and curses relate to soul/spirit hurts

Sins of our parents exert pressure on the next generation to carry on the same sins. Godly beliefs do help people withstand the pressure but forbearing is not the solution. It will result in the person throughout their lives continuing to hurt others as hurting people tend to hurt others and they themselves too are easily hurt. I have seen this in many Christians even those in spiritual leadership. Think of the number of hurts these people will cause as they will inflict hurts not only to friends but family members, extended family, friends, business associates and church members. Those who are in alcoholic addiction fall into this category.

Sins of the fathers and resulting curses are related to demonic oppression

In fact sins of the fathers and resulting curses work hand in hand with demons to create an ugly, vicious cycle. The initial sin normally will cause an opening through which demon can oppress. Then once established, the demons endeavour to continue down the family line where they even exert pressure on the descendants to sin in the same way as their forefathers. When a father or mother sins, the sins need to be confessed or it will leave room for demons to oppress continuously generation after generation. Demons are agents that carry out the causes coming from the sins of the fathers.

Solution: Parents should confess their sins, apply the power of the cross to nullify all the pressure of generational sins and to break the power of the associated curses from their lives. It is important to impose this responsibility on ourselves. We need to be accountable for our own lives; no one can be accountable for your lives. Each one must stand at the judgement seat of Jesus Christ to give an account of what he or she does on earth. (2 Cor 5:10)

Prayer:

Lord I desire to be fully cleansed and restored so that I can be an effective warrior in Your Army and also I like to know You more intimately. Holy Spirit, reveal to me those areas that have blocked my freedom because of the sins of my fathers and the resulting curses. Show me the underlying roots that need to be dealt with. I thank You Lord that I could be set free because of Your death on the cross. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, Amen!



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Scriptural verses to take note of sins of the fathers

Lev 26:39 A warning to the Israelites that they and their children will waste away in a foreign land

Mt 23:30-32 Scribes and Pharisees identify with their ancestors who killed the prophets (NIV)

Exodus 20:1-17, Dt 5:6-21 The iniquity of the fathers is visited upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

Exodus 21:23-25 The Law of Judgement is an 'eye for an eye'.

Exodus 34:6-7, Numbers 14:18 God's description of Himself, of His goodness, is that He is merciful and just.