

# Step 7

## Generational Sin

Scripture teaches that the iniquities of one generation can be visited on the third and fourth generation of those who hate Him, but God's blessings will be poured out on thousands of generations of those who love and obey Him. (Exodus 20:4-6).

While we are not guilty of the sins of our ancestors, because of their sin, Satan may have gained access to our family. These things may control us until we renounce them. This is not to deny that many problems are transmitted genetically, or acquired from an immoral atmosphere. In addition, deceived people may try to curse you.

*You have all the authority and protection* you need in Christ to stand against such curses and assignments.

Scripture tells us that there is a cleansing when generational sin is confessed (Leviticus 26:30-42) (Nehemiah 9). So it is important to confess these sins.

Ask the Lord to reveal to you the things you need to deal with by praying the following prayer.

Dear Heavenly Father, I thank You that I am a new creation in Christ. I desire to obey Your command to honor my father and my mother, but I also acknowledge that my heritage has not been perfect. I ask You to reveal to my mind the sins and iniquities of my ancestors in order to confess, renounce and forsake them. In Jesus' powerful name I pray. Amen.

List below the areas of sin, including acts, addictions, attitudes, emotions, illnesses, etc. that you have seen in any relatives, that have been repeated in yourself or your children.

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### Declaration:

I here and now reject and disown all the sins and iniquities of my ancestors. I specifically renounce the sins of (list here the areas of family sin the Lord revealed to you). As one who has been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son, I declare myself to be free from all evil influences that have been passed on to me from my ancestors. As one who has been crucified and raised with Jesus Christ and who sits with Him in heavenly places, I renounce all satanic assignments that are directed toward me, (my marriage, *my family*, and *my ministry*), and I reject every curse that Satan and his workers may have put upon me. I announce to Satan and all his forces that every curse was broken when Christ became a curse for me (Gal.3: 13) when He died for my sin on the cross. I reject any and every way in which Satan may claim ownership of me. I belong to the Lord Jesus Christ who purchased me with His own blood. I reject all other blood sacrifices whereby Satan may claim ownership of me. I declare myself to be eternally and completely signed over and committed to the Lord Jesus Christ. By the authority I have in Jesus Christ, I now command every spiritual enemy of the Lord Jesus Christ to leave my presence. I commit myself to my Heavenly Father to do His will from this day forward.

### PRAYER:

Dear Heavenly Father,

I come to You as Your child purchased by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are the Lord of the universe and the Lord of my life. I submit my body to You as an instrument of righteousness, a living sacrifice, that I may glorify You in my body. I now ask You to fill me with Your Holy Spirit. I commit myself to the renewing of my mind in order to prove that Your will is good, perfect and acceptable for me. All this I do in the name and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

## Possible Generational Sins/Weakness

### Exodus 20:4-5

"You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness *of anything* that *is* in heaven above, or that *is* in the earth beneath, or that *is* in the water under the earth; <sup>5</sup> you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me.

### Leviticus

#### 26:30

<sup>30</sup> I will destroy

your high places, cut down your incense altars and pile your dead bodies<sup>[a]</sup> on the lifeless forms of your idols, and I will abhor you. <sup>31</sup> I will turn your cities into ruins and lay waste your sanctuaries, and I will take no delight in the pleasing aroma of your offerings. <sup>32</sup> I myself will lay waste the land, so that your enemies who live there will be appalled. <sup>33</sup> I will scatter you among the nations and will draw out my sword and pursue you. Your land will be laid waste, and your cities will lie in ruins. <sup>34</sup> Then the land will enjoy its sabbath years all the time that it lies desolate and you are in the country of your enemies; then the land will rest and enjoy its sabbaths. <sup>35</sup> All the time that it lies desolate, the land will have the rest it did not have during the sabbaths you lived in it. <sup>36</sup> "As for those of you who are left, I will make their hearts so fearful in the lands of their enemies that the sound of a windblown leaf will put them to flight. They will run as though fleeing from the sword, and they will fall, even though no one is pursuing them. <sup>37</sup> They will stumble over one another as though fleeing from the sword, even though no one is pursuing them. So you will not be able to stand before your enemies. <sup>38</sup> You will perish among the nations; the land of your enemies will devour you. <sup>39</sup> Those of you who are left will waste away in the lands of their enemies because of their sins; also because of their ancestors' sins they will waste away.

<sup>40</sup> "But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their ancestors—their unfaithfulness and their hostility toward me, <sup>41</sup> which made me hostile toward them so that I sent them into the land of their enemies—then when their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they pay for their sin, <sup>42</sup> I will remember my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.

### Nehemiah 9:2-3

Then those of Israelite lineage separated themselves from all foreigners; and they stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers. <sup>3</sup> And they stood up in their place and read from the Book of the Law of the LORD their God *for one-fourth* of the day; and *for another* fourth they confessed and worshiped the LORD their God.

Abuse – Emotional, Physical, Sexual  
or Spiritual  
Adultery/premarital sex  
Alcohol/drugs/Food Addictions  
Anger  
Anxiety/worry  
Avoidance  
Belittling  
Bitterness  
Covetousness  
Cruelty  
Cursing  
Cutting  
Divorce  
Depression

Discouragement  
Despair/suicidal thoughts  
Envy/jealousy  
Evil speaking  
Fear  
Gambling  
Gluttony  
Ingratitude  
Laziness/or avoiding problems  
Lying  
Lust  
Occult  
Manipulation  
Negative Attitude

Physical and mental  
disorders/illnesses  
Pornography  
Pride/Prejudice  
Procrastination  
Rage  
Rebellion/Stubbornness  
Religious legalism  
Self Pity  
Stealing  
Suicide  
Temporal (worldly) values (no eternal  
values)  
Unforgiveness  
Workaholics