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Sermon: Playing with Fire

Scripture: Leviticus 19:31, Gen 12:1-3

Main Message: Don't set yourself or others up to be cursed

All true Christians recognize their fallen status as a sinner. That burden is upon us for our entire lives. Unlike last week though, where sometimes the fallen nature of the world, our prior generations, and just plain bad circumstance can get us, a bigger problem is that we bring curses upon ourselves. I will give you a personal example. Unbeknownst to me back in my military days, I was invited to come and play a board game. Ouija. That was a mistake. I knew nothing about it. It was very intriguing because in my mind, the little pointer thing seemed to work by others hands. I recall on one occasion telling some other friends about it. Well, I didn't recognize it for years, but playing around with the spiritual realm that is not of God is going to enable all manner of garbage. Once I realized that mistake, I prayed most fervently to break whatever garbage that released into my life. With respect to curses, there are no innocent mistakes – only life altering ones.

Read Leviticus 19:31

Let's get one right out of the way now. Read Genesis 12:1-3. God has never revoked or modified this blessing/curse. It is as valid today as ever. Also, I would be careful to consider Abrahams seed coming through Ishmael also of relevance. Be not a part of cursing anyone.

For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall be surely put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood [shall be] upon him. - Leviticus 20:9 KJV

He that saith unto the wicked, Thou [art] righteous; him shall the people curse, nations shall abhor him: - Proverbs 24:24 KJV – This is an interesting curse. Don't think that curses can't come from your bad choices and be seen by others who will curse you and not just God.

He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse. - Proverbs 28:27 KJV

Accuse not a servant unto his master, lest he curse thee, and thou be found guilty. - Proverbs 30:10 KJV

Curse not the king, no not in thy thought; and curse not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the air shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter. - Ecclesiastes 10:20 KJV

In a sermon, I can't possibly cover all the sources and issues of curses. We certainly don't want to have a curse upon us, but let us be ever vigilant to not curse anyone by words spoken by us. Nobody gets better with a curse laid upon them. What we should be doing is working with them to break the curse. A curse is anything said that is meant to harm the other person spiritually, emotionally, or physically.

If we have an area in our life which is a tangled up mess as I spoke of last week, then Let Jesus take it from you. IF we have an area that we keep playing with fire by our own sinful actions, then we need to repent. Make a conscious effort to reverse the course of curse ridden behavior. It's vital that you want to actually break the curse. The fix is still Jesus because we have a reason to repent and a path to take that frees us from this burden.

A think I must emphasize this week is that curses can come from things outside of our control, including others. Don't look to blame others without giving great care to stopping things that you are doing which brings continual trouble.