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Renewing Covenant
with Our Gracious King





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Eternal Consequences

Deuteronomy 27–28



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4 Observations from Deuteronomy 27–28



1. Israel's covenant relationship with God was a profound and binding reality (27:1–8)



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2. God's curse is caused by ***idolatry***
and ***injustice*** (27:9–15)



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3. God's blessing is his overflowing favor that infiltrates every area of life
(28:1–6)



4. God's curse is his awful disfavor
that infiltrates every area of life
(28:15–19)



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“An idol is anything more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give.”

- Tim Keller



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“From college acceptance letters to photos of lattes in the sun, Instagram photos are tagged the same—#blessed. While often devoid of much theological reflection, this knee-jerk reaction to view the good things in life as God’s blessing is not far from the mark. . . . Our problem is not with labeling good gifts as God’s blessings, but in dangerously narrowing our vision of blessing to the extent that we only think it exists in the form of acceptance letters and creamy lattes.”

- William Osborne



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7 Bible Passages on Blessing and Curse



Passage # 1

And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.” —Genesis 1:28, ESV



Passage # 2

The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.” —Genesis 3:14, ESV



Passage # 3

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. —Numbers 6:24–26, ESV



Passage # 4

And if a man has committed a crime punishable by death and he is put to death, and you hang him on a tree, his body shall not remain all night on the tree, but you shall bury him the same day, for a hanged man is cursed by God. —Deuteronomy 21:22–23, ESV



Passage # 5

And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”
—Matthew 27:46, ESV



Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith. —Galatians 3:13–14, ESV



Passage # 7

No longer will there be anything accursed, but the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him. —Revelation 22:3, ESV



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6 Takeaways

From Deuteronomy 27–28



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1. Let's give thanks to the Lord for taking the curse for us!



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2. Let's cultivate an accurate picture
of God's character.



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3. Let's beware of being *around* the covenant but not *in* the covenant.



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4. Let's be clear that God's blessing comes in two stages.



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5. Let's be sobered by the terrible
reality of hell.



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6. Let's trust that the blessings coming our way are better than we could ever imagine.