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### Blessings and curses

Unintentional cursing is when a person unintentionally, usually out of agitation, anger, annoyance, or inattention, utters words or tones that belittle, curse, or ominously to another person or thing. Such remarks may lead to bad results, even though the speaker may not have real malice or intent to curse others. Here are some examples of unintentional curses:

"I hope you're unlucky!" : When someone feels extremely dissatisfied or angry, they may use words like this to express their emotions instead of really hoping that the other person is unlucky. However, such remarks may be seen as an unintentional curse.

"It's a disaster." : When faced with difficulties or setbacks, someone may use words like this to describe the situation instead of really hoping things get worse.

"I'm so unlucky!" : When, after an unfortunate event, someone may use such an expression instead of intentionally cursing themselves.

In these examples, people often do not really intend to curse others or themselves, but simply use derogatory or ominous words under emotional pressure. However, some may think that such rhetoric may influence the direction of things, so be careful with the use of language to avoid possible negative consequences.

Joseph's brothers cursed Joseph (Genesis 37:18-24): Joseph's brothers cursed him for being jealous of him and then threw him into an empty well with plans to sell him to the Ishmaelites.

A curse is a sacred or supernatural curse that is generally considered an act of calling on a god or supernatural force to bring someone or something to misfortune or doom. There are also examples in the Bible that involve plots of curses or curses, and here are some of them:

Balaam's Message (Numbers 22-24): This story takes place

Balaam was a sorcerer hired by King Baal of Moab to curse the Israelites. However, God changed Balaam's mind, and eventually he delivered a series of greetings instead of curses.

David and Sheeper (2 Samuel 16:5-14): In this passage, David is fleeing his son Absalom when a man named Shiki curses David, throwing stones and dust at him, cursing him for saying he is an evil man. David's loyalists wanted to kill Shee, but David stopped them and preferred to tolerate the curse.

Jesus curses the fruitless fig tree (Matthew 21:18-22): In this passage, Jesus sees a fig tree on the road, but it does not bear fruit. Jesus cursed the tree so that it would never bear fruit again, and set other examples. When the disciples returned the next day, they found that the tree had withered.

In these examples, curses are used in the Bible to demonstrate divine power, or as an act of divine condemnation. It is important to note that there are also many teachings in the Bible about love, forgiveness, and God's grace that do not necessarily emphasize the concept of curses.

A blessing is an expression of divine goodwill, goodwill, or divine grace and is often considered the advent of divine favor, grace, or divine power. In the Bible, there are many examples involving blessings, and here are some of them:

God's Promise to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3): This is one of the most famous blessings in the Bible. God promised Abraham that He would be a great nation and that all nations would be blessed because of Him. This promise is seen as the beginning of the nation of Israel.

Aaron's Rite of Blessing to the People (Numbers 6:22-27): In this passage, God commands Aaron and his descendants to bless the people of Israel, which is known as the blessing of the priesthood and is commonly used in Jewish rituals.

Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3-12): This is a series of blessings that Jesus gave His disciples on the Mount, often referred to as the "blessing of poverty." This includes "Blessed are the spiritually poor, for the kingdom of heaven is theirs" and so on.

Job's Blessings and Temptations (Job 42:10-17): In this passage, God restores Job's wealth and blesses him for a life after his tribulation is over.

In these examples, blessings are seen as an expression of God's grace and love, and are often associated with God's plan and purpose. These blessings reflect part of God's loving and divine plan for humanity.

Let us pray together

Heavenly Father, we acknowledge our weakness and sometimes fall into cursing or demeaning words. We are willing to repent before you and cleanse our hearts and fill our words and thoughts with love and forgiveness.

Lord, let our tongues be instruments of love, forgiveness, and constructiveness, not instruments of destruction and curses. Give us the strength to love our neighbors, forgive those who have done wrong for us, and work to build relationships of peace, kindness and understanding.

Give us the power of the Holy Spirit to turn away from malicious words and demonstrate your love in our daily lives. Help us to be those who can encourage, support, and bless others in word and deed.

Lord, we also pray that your blessings will come upon us. Please give us wisdom and forgiveness so that we can manifest your glory as light and salt in this world. We also pray for your blessings and blessings on us to be instruments of love and positive energy to others. Lead us so that our lives reflect your image and contribute to peace and harmony in our communities.

Thank you for listening to our prayers, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.t.

## CHAPTER 26

### CHAPTER 26

Le. 26:1 “Do not make idols or set up an image or a sacred stone for yourselves, and do not place a carved stone in your land to bow down before it. I am the LORD your God.

Le. 26:2 “Observe my Sabbaths and have reverence for my sanctuary. I am the LORD.

Le. 26:3 “If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands,

Le. 26:4 I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees of the field their fruit.

Le. 26:5 Your threshing will continue until grape harvest and the grape harvest will continue until planting, and you will eat all the food you want and live in safety in your land.

Le. 26:6 “I will grant peace in the land, and you will lie down and no one will make you afraid. I will remove savage beasts from the land, and the sword will not pass through your country.

Le. 26:7 You will pursue your enemies, and they will fall by the sword before you.

Le. 26:8 Five of you will chase a hundred, and a hundred of you will chase ten thousand, and your enemies will fall by the sword before you.

Le. 26:9 “I will look on you with favour and make you fruitful and increase your numbers, and I will keep my covenant with you.

Le. 26:10 You will still be eating last year’s harvest when you will have to move it out to make room for the new.

Le. 26:11 I will put my dwelling-place [Or my tabernacle] among you, and I will not abhor you.

Le. 26:12 I will walk among you and be your God, and you will be my

Le. 26:13 I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt so that you would no longer be slaves to the Egyptians; I broke the bars of your yoke and enabled you to walk with heads held high.

Le. 26:14 “But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands,

Le. 26:15 and if you reject my decrees and abhor my laws and fail to carry out all my commands and so violate my covenant,

Le. 26:16 then I will do this to you: I will bring upon you sudden terror, wasting diseases and fever that will destroy your sight and drain away your life. You will plant seed in vain, because your enemies will eat it.

Le. 26:17 I will set my face against you so that you will be defeated by your enemies; those who hate you will rule over you, and you will flee even when no-one is pursuing you.

Le. 26:18 “If after all this you will not listen to me, I will punish you for your sins seven times over.

Le. 26:19 I will break down your stubborn pride and make the sky above you like iron and the ground beneath you like bronze.

Le. 26:20 Your strength will be spent in vain, because your soil will not yield its crops, nor will the trees of the land yield their fruit.

Le. 26:21 “If you remain hostile towards me and refuse to listen to me, I will multiply your afflictions seven times over, as your sins deserve.

Le. 26:22 I will send wild animals against you, and they will rob you of your children, destroy your cattle and make you so few in number that your roads will be deserted.

Le. 26:23 “If in spite of these things you do not accept my correction but continue to be hostile towards me,

Le. 26:24 I myself will be hostile towards you and will afflict you for your sins seven times over.

Le. 26:25 And I will bring the sword upon you to avenge the breaking of the covenant. When you withdraw into your cities, I will send a plague among you, and you will be given into enemy hands.

Le. 26:26 When I cut off your supply of bread, ten women will be able to bake your bread in one oven, and they will dole out the bread by weight. You will eat, but you will not be satisfied.

Le. 26:27 “If in spite of this you still do not listen to me but continue to be hostile towards me,

Le. 26:28 then in my anger I will be hostile towards you, and I myself will punish you for your sins seven times over.

Le. 26:29 You will eat the flesh of your sons and the flesh of your daughters.

Le. 26:30 I will destroy your high places, cut down your incense altars

and pile your dead bodies on the lifeless forms of your idols,  
and I will abhor you.

Le. 26:31 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.

Le. 26:32 I will lay waste the land, so that your enemies who live there will be appalled.

Le. 26:33 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.

Le. 26:34 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.

Le. 26:35 All the time that it lies desolate, the land will have the rest it did not have during the sabbaths you lived in it.

Le. 26:36 ““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.

Le. 26:37 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.

Le. 26:38 You will perish among the nations; the land of your enemies will devour you.

Le. 26:39 Those of you who are left will waste away in the lands of their enemies because of their sins; also because of their fathers' sins they will waste away.

Le. 26:40 ““But if they will confess their sins and the sins of their

fathers — their treachery against me and their hostility towards me,

Le. 26:41 which made me hostile towards 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,

Le. 26:42 I will remember my covenant with Jacob and my covenant with Isaac and my covenant with Abraham, and I will remember the land.

Le. 26:43 For the land will be deserted by them and will enjoy its sabbaths while it lies desolate without them. They will pay for their sins because they rejected my laws and abhorred my decrees.

Le. 26:44 Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them completely, breaking my covenant with them. I am the LORD their God.

Le. 26:45 But for their sake I will remember the covenant with their ancestors whom I brought out of Egypt in the sight of the nations to be their God. I am the LORD.”

Le. 26:46 These are the decrees, the laws and the regulations that the LORD established on Mount Sinai between himself and the Israelites through Moses

summary of chapter 26 in the book Leviticus in bible

Leviticus 26 outlines the blessings that will come upon the people of Israel if they obey God's commandments and the curses that will come upon them if they disobey. The chapter begins by reminding the people that they are to have no other gods before the Lord and to keep His Sabbaths and reverence His sanctuary.

If they obey these commands, God promises to bless them with rain, fertile land, and prosperity. They will be victorious in battle, and their enemies will flee before them. They will live in peace and security and be fruitful and multiply.

However, if they disobey, God will bring upon them a series of increasingly severe punishments. These include famine, disease, defeat in battle, captivity, and ultimately exile from the land. The chapter ends with a promise of restoration and forgiveness if the people repent and return to God.

Overall, Leviticus 26 serves as a reminder of the importance of obedience to God's commandments and the consequences of disobedience. It

emphasizes the relationship between God and His people and the need for a faithful and obedient response to His will.

The key verses in chapter 26 in the book of Leviticus in christian bible

Leviticus chapter 26 contains blessings for obedience and consequences for disobedience to God's laws. Some key verses in this chapter include:

- "If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my commands, I will send you rain in its season, and the ground will yield its crops and the trees their fruit." (Leviticus 26:3-4)
- "But if you will not listen to me and carry out all these commands... I will send wild animals against you, and they will rob you of your children, destroy your cattle and make you so few in number that your roads will be deserted." (Leviticus 26:14, 22)
- "If in spite of these things you do not accept my correction but continue to be hostile toward me, I myself will be hostile toward you and will afflict you for your sins seven times over." (Leviticus 26:23-24)
- "Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them or abhor them so as to destroy them completely, breaking my covenant with them. I am the Lord their God." (Leviticus 26:44)

These verses emphasize the importance of obedience to God's laws and the consequences for disobedience, as well as God's faithfulness to his people even when they fail to obey.

Chapter 26 of the Book of Leviticus in the Bible contains blessings and curses associated with the obedience or disobedience of God's commandments. It emphasizes the importance of faithfulness, obedience, and the consequences of disobedience. Here is a reflection on the key themes and lessons found in Leviticus chapter 26:



**The Blessings of Obedience:** Leviticus 26 begins by outlining the blessings that would come upon the people of Israel if they obeyed God's commandments. These blessings include fruitful harvests, peace, security, and God's presence among them.

**Reflection:** The blessings of obedience remind us of the rewards that come from aligning our lives with God's will. It challenges us to seek obedience to God's commandments, knowing that He desires our well-being and flourishing. It prompts us to cultivate a life of faithfulness and devotion to God, trusting in His faithfulness and experiencing the blessings that come from walking in His ways.

**The Consequences of Disobedience:** Leviticus 26 also outlines the curses that would befall the people of Israel if they turned away from God and disregarded His commandments. These curses include famine, disease, military defeat, and exile.

**Reflection:** The consequences of disobedience remind us of the seriousness of sin and the need for repentance. It challenges us to consider the implications of our choices and actions, recognizing that disobedience separates us from God's blessings. It prompts us to examine our lives, repent of our sins, and turn back to God, seeking His forgiveness and restoration.

**God's Faithfulness and Discipline:** Leviticus 26 highlights God's faithfulness even in times of discipline. Despite the consequences of disobedience, God promises to remember His covenant and to restore His people when they repent.

**Reflection:** God's faithfulness and discipline remind us of His enduring love and desire for our restoration. It challenges us to trust in God's discipline, knowing that it is ultimately for our good and transformation. It prompts us to humbly acknowledge our sins, seek His forgiveness, and submit ourselves to His loving correction.

**The Call to Holiness:** Leviticus 26 emphasizes the call to holiness and the importance of living in obedience to God's commandments. God commands the people to be separate from the nations around them and to uphold His laws.

**Reflection:** The call to holiness challenges us to live distinctively as followers of God. It prompts us to examine our lives, ensuring that our thoughts, words, and actions align with God's standards. It encourages us to pursue righteousness and integrity, knowing that our obedience to God's commandments is a testimony of our love for Him.

In summary, Leviticus chapter 26 focuses on the themes of blessings and curses, obedience and disobedience, and God's faithfulness and discipline. It reminds us of the rewards of obedience and the consequences of disobedience. It challenges us to seek obedience, repentance, and holiness in our lives. Ultimately, it encourages us to trust in God's faithfulness, turn away from

sin, and experience the blessings that come from a life lived in alignment with His commandments.