

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1197: Can Christians be Cursed and Curse Others? Curses Series (Part III)

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1. Explain how the words *anathema*, *anathematizō* *anathematizo* and *katanathematizō* are used in Acts 23 and Matthew 26. Why do you think dramatically declaring one's position on an issue is not necessarily good for a Christian to do? (See Acts 23:12-21, Matthew 26:73-75)
2. How does the Pharisees' use of "accursed" (*epikataratos*) expose their egocentricity? What should have been their role to the Jewish people? (See John 7:45-49)
3. What did Jesus teach us about how we are supposed to feel about our neighbors and our enemies (those who curse us)? How do you find empathy for those persecuting you rather than just feeling the persecution? (See Matthew 5:43-45)
4. How did the withering of the fig tree represent Israel's reception of Jesus as their Messiah? Did it (Israel or the fig tree) produce the fruit Jesus was seeking? (See Mark 11:12-14, 19-23)
5. In the Parable of the Sheep and the Goats, why does God separate the "accursed" (*kataraomai*) goats from the sheep? Why are the "goats" cursed? Does God send the goats into hellfire as a result of the curse? Does this curse represent a desire to bring harm, or are they for a different purpose? (See Matthew 25:31-33, 41-42, Episode 760)
6. How does the Apostle Paul use curses in his writings to the Jews and new Christians? Are the curses calling down "over the top" evil or harm? Explain. (See Galatians 3:10-14, Deuteronomy 27, Genesis 22:18, 1 Corinthians 16:21-22, Galatians 1:8-9, Hebrews 6:4-8)
7. How does Matthew 5 tell us to make our decisions or state our positions on issues? (See Matthew 5:34-37)
8. Do we have authority to wish evil, or curse, anyone? In James 3, what is "a restless evil and full of deadly poison"? What is this verse telling us? How did James and John violate this thought? (See James 3:7-11, 5:10-11, Luke 9:54-56)
9. If we have difficulties in our lives, are we cursed? Can we fight curses brought on by the spiritual powers of darkness? What are our options? (See Mark 5:6-13, Ephesians 6:10-12, Revelation 22:1-3)
10. Have you ever been afraid of curses? Has studying the biblical applications in the New Testament changed your thinking?