

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1195: Are Curses Real? Curses Series (Part I)

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See:



1. What do the words “execrate” and “imprecate” mean? How can they help us understand how the Bible uses the word “curse”? Which word is used in Genesis 3:14,16-17? Who or what is cursed in these verses?
2. What is a locus of control? As Christians, what should we strive for in our *internal* locus? What should drive our *external* locus? How will this help relieve our worries about curses?
(See Romans 8:28, 1 Corinthians 6:19)
3. What can we do to increase our tolerance of ambiguity? How can this help remove the trait of neuroticism? (See Matthew 6:34, Philippians 3:7-8, 1 Peter 4:12)
4. What is the “nocebo effect”? What are the results of this and the placebo effect based on? What can we do to limit its impact on our thoughts and actions? (See 1 Timothy 6:17-19)
5. What role can epigenetics play in the way we process the idea of curses? Is it *inevitable* that we react in certain ways due to our epigenetic markers? Do we have a choice?
(See Psalms 139:13-14, Romans 7:21-25, 1 Corinthians 2:11-12)
6. What can we do to counteract our personal susceptibility to the fear of curses? Is it possible to change an epigenetic marker through therapy? How might this help with our role in God’s kingdom?
(See Philippians 4:12-13)
7. Why should we be careful to steer clear of the curse removal business both within and outside of Christianity? (See Psalms 40:7-8, Matthew 5:25, Hebrews 10:7-12)
8. If we are afraid of curses, what should we believe? Would it help to negotiate with Satan over our sins? (See 1 Peter 5:6-8)
9. What was God’s curse because of Adam’s disobedience? How were Adam and Eve under the “curse of sin”? How did the Lord look at Lucifer when He cursed him? How was the ground cursed after Adam’s sin? Will you change your answer to question number 1? Who or what was cursed in these verses?
(See Genesis 3:14,16-17)
10. Are curses real? If so, are you afraid of them? What do/will you do to combat their effects on your life?