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Section Three

GENERATIONAL SINS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS

(The Sins of the Fathers and Evil Foundations)

Introduction

Transgressions of laws, commandments and ordinances bring the punishment of God, not only on the transgressors but also upon their offsprings, families, communities, cities or even nations. The effects run from one generation to another. (Ex. 20:5). When the fathers eat the sour grapes, as a consequence, their children's teeth will be set on edge. It is an established fact that many good people including Christians are suffering from the effects of sins they know nothing about. The good news is that deliverance and release are possible. Evil roots and faulty foundations can be visited by God's mercy.

(A) Examples of Generational Sins

- (i) Idolatry – Exodus 20:1-4.
- (ii) Adultery and fornication – Gen. 38:1-30; 2 Samuel 11:2-5.
- (iii) Murder and other forms of blood guiltiness – 2 Samuel 21:1-5.
- (iv) Sins that produced generational consequences:
 - (a) Gen. 9:25 – Ham saw his father's nakedness. Rather than cover it, he mocked his father and earned him a curse which has affected his descendants till today.
 - (b) 2 Kings 5 – Gehazi lusted after Naaman's wealth against the advice of Elisha and earned for himself and his descendants, the terrible disease of leprosy.
 - Gen. 38:1-30. (The immoral sin of Judah).
 - David was also affected – II Samuel 11:2-5.
 - I Samuel 17 – 19 – civil war in Israel because of David's sin of adultery.

(B) Mechanisms For Transmitting the Sins & Problems of the Fathers

“What are the dynamics; how does it happen; what mechanism is at work here that causes the sins of the fathers to come on down the family line?” Let us start out by saying “We don't know, at least, not for sure”. What we are about to present is certainly not a “Thus saith the Lord”, but rather it is in the realm of speculation and/or strong possibility. And of course, from practical experiences, some of these factors have been found to be true.

(1) Genes

genes themselves, causing alterations to the gene structure and order. Who knows what physical and/or mental disorders might result from this.(Ps 51 :5; Rom 5:12)

(2) Environment

Sins of the fathers could be partly propagated through the emotional and spiritual environment of our home, both while we are being formed in the womb and also in our early, growing up years. This is when we form our core beliefs and values in terms of how we are treated, tales we are told, ceremonies we partook in, and the patterns of our parent's lives. (Num. 25:1-3).

(3) Law of Sowing and Reaping

Also, as the sins of the fathers are being passed down, they bring into action the law of Sowing and Reaping, or more accurately, the law of Judgment, with "like evil" reproducing after its own kind (Gen. 1). Seeds of family violence, adultery, divorce, cursing, sexual perversion, incest, occult involvement, etc., clearly produce fruit of like nature generation after generation. (Gen. 8:22, Gal 6:7-8)

(4) Demons

Finally we believe that demons themselves help propagate sin, iniquity and problems associated with them. Besides the obvious demons such as anger, rejection, etc. There are also many testimonies of children or grandchildren receiving demons from their parents or grandparents. For example, we have heard of instances of a daughter or granddaughter experiencing the entrance of her grandmother's occult or disease demons at the time of the grandmother's death, if it hadn't already happened during a formal ritualistic ceremony. (Many times the child inheriting the demons have the same name as the forebearer). In some parts of black Africa, some children are actually believed to be the re-incarnation of dead parents or an ancestor.

In order to fully understand the workings of these demon spirits well we would categorize them into three areas based on their functions.

(i) Familiar Spirits

Where familiar spirits are at work the affliction is peculiar to a member of the family. This is distinctively obvious, as other members of the family do not suffer this fate but the trend is noticeable in the family line. The case is familiar to the person involved. Hence so many members of the person's family may be doing very well, but the victim will be like an enigma as he or she suffers untold hardships.

(ii) Ancestral Spirits

The manifestation of ancestral spirits affect majority of the family members. This becomes glaring as they all begin to exhibit common unbelievable traits irrespective of their age or sex. For example, when Abraham got to Egypt, he lied, when Isaac got to Gerar, he lied and Jacob lied with impunity to survive.

Furthermore, it is observed that there are four generations of barrenness identified in Abraham's family line. Please find these itemize below:

- (i) **Sarah** – *But Sarai was barren; She hath no child* (Gen 11:30)
- (ii) **Rebekah** – *And Isaac entreated the Lord for his wife, because she was barren: and the Lord was entreated of him, Rebekah his wife conceived* (Gen 25:21)
- (iii) **Leah** – *“and when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb....”* (Gen 29 :31)
- (iv) **Rachel** – *“And God remembered Rachel, and he opened her Womb.”* (Gen. 30:22)

(iii) Territorial Spirits

Territorial spirits influences affect a substantial number of families in the community where they operate. As a result they will all begin to exhibit common traits of afflictions or territorial behavioural patterns like drunkenness, immorality, anger, etc. The presence of these unseen forces of darkness and their visible consorts put the people in bondage through various subtle means such as village ceremonies and the revival of age long but devilish dead traditional rites.

(5) Finally

The most likely situation is that a combination of the above factors are working in concert with each other. They probably occur with different combinations and frequencies within different people.

So, the likely main factors that are transmitting the sins of the fathers from one generation to the next and helping the outworking of the curses are the:

- ❖ Genes
- ❖ Grow-up environment
- ❖ Law of sowing and reaping
- ❖ Demonic operation.
- ❖ Others.

(C) Effects of Generational Sins

- (i) Promotes the ministry of Satan in the land e.g. stealing, killing and destruction – John 10:10a; 8:37-47.
- (ii) Delays the programme of God – Deut. 23:1-3; Matthew 1:1-6.
- (iii) Strifes, wars and contention – II Samuel 11:2-5; I Kings 11:1-3.
- (iv) Violence – II Samuel 13:22-29; 15:1-37.
- (v) Unsolvable mistakes – Ezekiel 44:10-16, 23, 24.

- (vi) Rebellions – I Kings 2.
- (vii) Spread of the worship of idols – I kings 15:25, 26.
- (viii) Unending problems and prolonged affliction.
- (ix) Trend of death, divorce, or barrenness from generation to generation, e.g. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob - barrenness.

A Practical Example:

The Tippecanoe of American Presidency

Between 1800 and 2000 AD there have been eight open attempts of assassination on American Presidents, four of which cut down the targeted helms-men, while four others failed to accomplish their purpose.

Added to these four, were other Presidents that died in office by illness or accident. The common factor about all the Presidents that died in office is that they were all first elected into the Presidency in years divisible by twenty beginning from 1840. Noticeable Trend.

1st TO DIE IN OFFICE

Williams Henry Harrison - 9th American President 1841

History

Born February 8, 1773 in Charles City County, Virginia. Left College to study medicine in 1790. Abandoned his studies to enlist in the Army in 1791. Married Anna Symmes in November, 1795 and had 10 children with only 4 surviving him. Was appointed Secretary of the Northwest Territory after resigning from the Army in June 1798. And the first delegate to the Congress from the territory.

In 1800 he was appointed the Governor of Indiana following the division of the Northwest Territory into Indiana and Ohio.

He negotiated the treaty of Fort Wayne, which secured approximately the 3 million Acres of land from four Indian tribes (Natives of America - the Aborigines) in 1809.

A Federation of INDIAN tribes under the Shawnee Chief was defeated by Governor Henry Harrison in the battle of TIPPECANOE in 1811. Thereafter the Indian natives invoked terrible curses from their gods and deities on him.

He resigned from the Army in 1814 and was elected into the U.S. House of Representatives, Ohio State Senate, and the U.S. Senate in 1816, 1819 and 1825 respectively.

He ran for Presidency in 1836 but was defeated by Marlin. Later he ran successfully for the Presidency using the slogan: TIPPECANOE AND TYLER TOO. He won.

He was elected in the year 1840, forty years after he became Governor of Indiana, 31 years after he got the 3 million acres plot off them by deceit, 29 years after he defeated a coalition of British and Indian Armies. He died 30 years later after the Tippecanoe battle.

He took Tippecanoe and its acquired curses to the White House and since then, majority of those who got elected in the sequence of 20 years after him into the White House have died in office either by assassination, accident or illness.

The Years of Date with Death in Office of American Presidents. The Years of Date with Death in Office of American Presidents.

1840, 1860, 1880, 1900, 1920, 1940, 1960, 1980, 2000? 2020? 2040? 2060?

The Men Who Had a Date with Death the Men who Had a Date with Death

- 1840 - WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON - died in office of pneumonia on April 4th, 1841
- 1860 - ABRAHAM LINCOLN - killed by an assassin
- 1880 - JAMES ABRAM GARTRELD - died from an assassin's bullet
- 1900 - WILLIAM, McKINLEY - killed by an assassin
- 1900 - THEODORE ROOSEVELT (1st elected 1900 along with WILLIAM) shot but recovered in a bid to recapture Presidency in 1912.
- 1920 - WARREN GAMALIEL HARDIM - died while returning from San Francisco.
- 1940 - FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT - died in office 1945
- 1960 - JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY - killed by assassins 1963
- 1980 - RONALD WILSON REAGAN was shot but escaped death.
- 2000 - BILL CLINTON - curse broken, by serious repentance and intercession after sin of adultery was exposed.

This is a typical effect of generational sins.

(D) Dealing with the Problem of Generational Sins

- (a) Every minister of deliverance must realise that all creation waits for the manifestation of the sons of God
- Rom. 8:19-23.
- (b) God loves the world and still calls us to save the helpless - John 3:16; Hosea 3:1 3.
- (c) Generational sins must be dealt with on the basis of the new birth - John 3:3; Gal. 2:19-20. (Salvation). 2 Cor. 5:17, Gal. 3:13.
- (d) Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law. Galatians 3:10-13.

(E) Steps in Dealing With Generational Sins and Their Effects

- (h) Violently cut off the spiritual umbilical cord through which evil flows in your generations.
- (i) Release yourself from collective or selective captivity.

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