

# **Restoring Generational Blessings**

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Many times when we hear the phrase “spiritual warfare” we immediately begin to imagine what it looks like. However, I would like for us to consider a fresh perspective. This approach does not discredit the way we have always done spiritual warfare but just presents another facet of warfare. He that has an ear let him hear.

Let's begin by building a foundation with a few concepts.

Divine Displacement...

...is warfare in that we pursue an overflow of God. Basically, we overwhelm the Kingdom of darkness with the Kingdom of Light. Its focus is more God and less enemy.

How do we counteract darkness? We add light. If we focus on darkness, we stay in the dark. If we focus on the light, we live in the light. Is the absence of darkness, light? Genesis 1:2 says no! When the earth was in darkness and if darkness were removed, what would replace it? Light was created later. God did not focus on the darkness, he created the light.

When we dispel darkness, we need to consider the possibility that the Father and Son actually knew what they were doing and when we realize this, we do likewise.

When Jesus said, “Your sins are forgiven you,” He was saying that I am about to pour so much of Me in you, the sin and the sickness will have to flee.

When Jesus healed Lazarus. He spoke life into nothing. He didn't curse death. He spoke life. Lazarus had no faith. Jesus spoke life.

Breaking generational curses focuses on what we or someone else did wrong. Restoring generational blessings focuses on what we or someone else did right. Breaking generational curses focuses on the sin. Restoring generational blessings focuses on His mercy and power. There is a time to break generational curses through god, old fashioned spiritual warfare, but there are some times we may need to consider that there is more than one way to fight.

At what point does God cease blessing? His power is unlimited. His love is unlimited. His timing is unlimited.

Moses wanted to see God's face. God compromised.

#### Moses Background

Exodus 33:18-23 (ESV)

[18] Moses said, "Please show me your glory." [19] And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name 'The Lord.' And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. [20] But," he said, "you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live." [21] And the Lord said, "Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, [22] and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. [23] Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen."

Elijah had a similar experience

#### Elijah Background

1 Kings 19:9-14

[9] There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the Lord came to him, and he said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" [10] He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away." [11] And he said, "Go out and stand on the mount before the Lord." And behold, the Lord passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. [12] And after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. [13] And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in

his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" [14] He said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away."

Their Blessing. The fulfillment of Moses' request.

Matthew 17:1-3 (ESV)

[1] And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. [2] And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. [3] And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

God blessed Moses and Elijah beyond their graves. The Patriarch meets the Prophet, meets the Messiah. God's blessing from generation to the next generation to the next.

Elisha's Blessing

2 Kings 13:20-21

[20] So Elisha died, and they buried him. Now bands of Moabites used to invade the land in the spring of the year. [21] And as a man was being buried, behold, a marauding band was seen and the man was thrown into the grave of Elisha, and as soon as the man touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.

God is not confined or defined by laws of nature or of this world. Timing. Power. Ability. They are all constantly at His disposal. God can bless beyond our natural laws and even our natural lives.

God is a generational God. He refers to himself as the God of Abraham. The God of Isaac. The God of Jacob. Remember: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob don't qualify God, His blessings qualify them.

Could invoking the name God of Jacob or the God of Abraham also serve as a means of blessing - calling to God's remembrance His covenants and His blessings. And in doing so benefit from someone else's, another generation's, blessing.

Application:

### **ABORTION**

When praying against abortion maybe we can pray remembering the Declaration of Independence:

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

Our founding fathers established many precedents concerning the value of life. Many covenants were made with God. Let's consider the possibility that speaking life into those old covenants is just as valuable as praying against abortion.

### **POVERTY**

When praying against poverty why not consider the possibility that praying for a restoration of the pioneer's work ethic could be as effective. If the latter occurs then poverty is eradicated.

### **UNITY**

Instead of simply praying against jealousy, division and other events that happened in the past why not pray for the duplication of past righteous attitudes and actions. For instance in 1916, West Point Manufacturing Company built Fairfax Union Church, home of Fairfax Disciples of Christ, Fairfax Methodist, and Fairfax Baptist. The Disciples of Christ purchased the building after the others left to build their own churches and renamed Fairfax First Christian Church. Why not pray that efforts like these be reborn instead of focusing on what the enemy sees as his personal victories.

Spiritual mapping is a strategy that many use when engaging in spiritual warfare. Essentially it involves researching the past discovering injustices and various sin patterns. In doing so we can

repent for the sins of our ancestors. I believe this to be a valid strategy. But consider the possibility that instead of just focusing on the activity of the enemy we can focus on the activity of the Father. Also, consider the possibility that we can tap into the blessings He bestowed in times past. In doing so, divine displacement becomes generational.