

TAKE HEED WHAT YOU HEAR #2
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REVIEW:

- * Jesus said we must take heed what and how we hear.
- * "What" refers to the content; "How" refers to perception.
- * What we hear is what we will believe and have faith in.
- * Satan's main weapon is deception.

CONTINUE: MATTHEW 4:5-7

Satan delivered the right message, but used subtlety to distort Jesus' perception and get Him into presumption. Jesus didn't fall for it. Wrong teaching can prevent us from accessing God's grace by undermining our faith. **ROMANS 5:1-2**

Religious Tradition MARK 7:13 GNT, AMPC

Religious tradition is an inherited, established or customary pattern of thought, action or behavior; the handing down of information, beliefs or customs from one generation to the next. Believing wrong can make God's Word ineffective.

Paul's Thorn 2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

Tradition says Paul's thorn was a sickness God refused to heal. If God refused to heal Paul, He may refuse to heal us. The truth is an angel of Satan was assigned to stir up trouble for Paul and undermine his ministry. **NUMBERS 33:55; JOSHUA 23:13**

Generational Sins, Hexes and Curses

The teaching was a Dark Ages superstition revived in the mid-80's by a British teacher. Others were influenced by it and began teaching it as well.

- 1.) Scriptures used to support the teaching.
 - A.) **EXODUS 20:4-6, 34:6-7; LEVITICUS 26:39**
- 2.) Scriptures that were ignored.
 - A.) **DEUTERONOMY 24:16; 2 KINGS 14:6; EZEKIEL 18:20**
- 3.) The report of two prophets:
 - A.) **JEREMIAH 31:29-30; EZEKIEL 18:1-4.** Everyone is responsible for his own behavior.
- 4.) Important facts
 - A.) The sin was idolatry and hatred of God.
 - B.) Curse is not mentioned or broken.
 - C.) Repentance was required.

Hexes or Curses

A satanic curse or hex involves verbally invoking evil spirits to cause harm upon people.

- 1.) What the Bible teaches:
 - A.) **NUMBERS 22:6, 23:8, 20**
 - B.) No human or demonic curse can undo the Father's blessing.
 - C.) If the person believes in curses more than God's grace, then they can be controlled by fear. It's not the curse that creates problems, it's fear and unbelief.

New Testament Facts

- 1.) Christ delivered us from all evil powers. **COLOSSIANS 1:13, 2:15**
- 2.) Satan has no right to touch us. **1 JOHN 5:18**
- 3.) God doesn't remember our sins, let alone our ancestors'. **HEBREWS 10:16-17**
- 4.) There's not one Biblical example of Jesus or the Apostles breaking a curse, or teaching the subject.
- 5.) Believers are blessed. **EPHESIANS 1:3**
- 6.) Christ redeemed us from the curse. **GALATIANS 3:13-14**
- 7.) Christians are not under the Mosaic Law. **ROMANS 6:14**
- 8.) We don't make idols or hate God. **DEUTERONOMY 7:9**

CONCLUSION: "You shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free". JOHN 8:31,32