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# WARFARE TODAY

FIRST COMING  
OF JESUS

**JUDGES 3: 1-4**

- TESTING
- PROVING
- OBEDIENCE

SECOND  
COMING  
OF JESUS

**WAR ZONE**

**EPH 6: 10-18**



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**THIS PRESENT AGE**

# AUTHORITY AND INTERCESSION

**Gen 1:28:** God transferred His authority to man.

Man passed this on to Satan  
(**Gen 3:15;**  
**John 12:31;**  
**II Cor 4:4**)

Man lost dominion and became cursed.

God sends a Saviour, an Intercessor -

JESUS!!!

**Is 59: 16, 17**  
**Is 53:12**

Jesus regained the legal balance of power;  
Re-established legal basis for our authority;  
Destroyed the works of the devil (I John 3:8);  
Returned God's authority to us (**John 20: 22, 23;**  
**Luke 10:19; Eph 1: 18-21;**  
**Matt 11:12**).



## A CITY'S FOUNDATION AND PERSONALITY

Every city composed has **character** (the peoples' character) - composed of their vision, their traditions, their stewardship, their culture, their sociology, their spirituality.

Every city is shaped by these components that continues to be shaped by incoming people who build upon others' **foundations**.

**Foundation:** Basic principles and precepts

**Hebrews 11:10** *"10 For he was [waiting expectantly and confidently] looking forward to the city which has fixed and firm foundations, whose Architect and Builder is God."*

**and Joshua 6:26** *"26 Then Joshua laid this oath on them, Cursed is the man before the Lord who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho. With the loss of his firstborn shall he lay its foundation, and with the loss of his youngest son shall he set up its gates."*

**Isa. 28:16** *"16 Therefore thus says the Lord God, Behold, I am laying in Zion for a foundation a Stone, a tested Stone, a precious Cornerstone of sure foundation; he who believes (trusts in, relies on, and adheres to that Stone) will not be ashamed or give way or hasten away [in sudden panic]."*

**1 Cor. 3:11** *"11 For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is [already] laid, which is Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)."*

**Eph. 2:20** *"20 You are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus Himself the chief Cornerstone."*

**2 Tim. 2:19** *"19 But the firm foundation of (laid by) God stands, sure and unshaken, bearing this seal (inscription): The Lord knows those who are His, and, Let everyone who names [himself by] the name of the Lord give up all iniquity and stand aloof from it."*

**Thus, Abraham looked for a foundation with specifics.**

Therefore, the city takes on the **foundation** and **personality** of the influences (people) of its **founding** (NB!!).

**In 1 Cor 3: 10-12**, Paul uses the same word as the **foundation of the human personality** and character (Now, one's **stewardship** becomes an important issue).

A city has **personality** and **character**.

**Matthew 11: 22-24** “22 I tell you [further], it shall be more endurable for Tyre and Sidon on the day of judgment than for you.  
23 And you, Capernaum, are you to be lifted up to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades [the region of the dead]! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have continued until today.  
24 But I tell you, it shall be more endurable for the land of Sodom on the day of judgment than for you.”

**Acts 8: 5-8** “5 Philip [the deacon, not the apostle] went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ (the Messiah) to them [the people];  
6 And great crowds of people with one accord listened to and heeded what was said by Philip, as they heard him and watched the miracles and wonders which he kept performing [from time to time].  
7 For foul spirits came out of many who were possessed by them, screaming and shouting with a loud voice, and many who were suffering from palsy or were crippled were restored to health.  
8 And there was great rejoicing in that city.”

It can change/be transformed for the better.

God has a **love for cities** (Nineveh; Sodom & Gomorrah; Jesus weeping over Jerusalem; the seven Churches in Revelation (Asia Minor).

## STEWARDSHIP AS DEFINED IN THE BIBLE

God taught Moses, who taught Israel, the economics of stewardship

**Deut 6: 10-12** “10 And when the Lord your God brings you into the land which He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give you, with great and goodly cities which you did not build,  
11 And **houses full of all good things** which **you did not fill**, and cisterns hewn out which **you did not hew**, and vineyards and olive trees **which you did not plant**, and when you eat and are full,  
12 Then beware lest you forget the Lord, Who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.”



God has delegated to us the responsibility of looking after His property – His land!

The people of Israel did not believe a person could own land - **God** was the owner - **they** had temporary custody and management (**Leviticus 25:23** – the land is **Mine** - you are strangers and **My** tenants).

Each person/nation in the past - and the present - was/is given temporary trust over God's property.

Those to whom land had been entrusted were responsible to be good stewards of this trust - for they would one day be held accountable of their custodianship of that land.

Stewards are really looking after **God's Time, Talent, and Treasure!** So ... it's a matter of stewardship **everyday**, not just Sunday!

The way in which a **STEWARD** looks after the property of the landowner has a direct bearing on that type of stewardship as well as on the **RESPONSE** of the landowner himself.

Jesus refers to this Himself through such stewardship parables as the tenants (**Matt 21: 33-34**);

- the workers in the vineyard (**Matt 21: 1-16**);
- the talents (**Matt 25: 14-30**);
- the sower/mustard seed/yeast/hidden treasure and pearl/the net, etc. (**Matt 13**).

All these refer to **STEWARDSHIP** that needs to be redeemed and invested so that God's purpose in the lives of His people can be brought to fruition. Each parable also gives insight to the obstacles and difficulties that hinder the stewardship from coming forth ... and so either gets lost, hidden, or stolen).

***Can you think of potential stewardship that should have come forth from your life/family/church/work/community/city ... but that has been stifled, interrupted, or even lost? What may be the reasons underlying this?***

## **RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN STEWARDSHIP AND LAND**

The land we look after takes on "characteristics" based on what we **do** - good and bad.

- ADAM & EVE - **Gen. 3:17** - "cursed ground" (& **vs. 18-19**).
- ABEL'S BLOOD - **Gen. 4:10** - Abel's blood cries out from the ground (**vs. 11** - Cain cursed and driven from the ground).
- ACHAN'S SIN - **Josh 7: 20-21, 25-26** - Thus, a "fetish" (**see RSV & NIV footnotes - "Valley of Trouble"**).

- VALLEY OF ESCHOL –

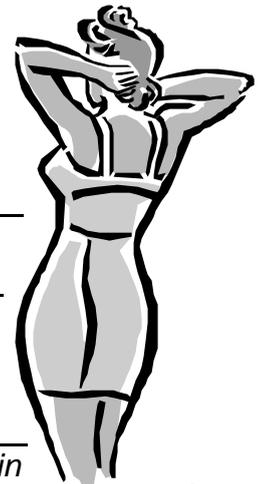
**Num 13: 23-24** “23 And they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two [of them]; they brought also some pomegranates and figs.  
24 That place was called the Valley of **Eshcol** [cluster] because of the cluster which the Israelites cut down there.”

**Footnotes:** "Eschol means *cluster*" – is signifying the richness of the fruit in that area.

- JUDAS' SUICIDE – The field of blood.

**Acts 1:18** “18 Now this man obtained a piece of land with the [money paid him as a] reward for his treachery and wickedness, and falling headlong he burst open in the middle [of his body] and all his intestines poured forth.”

- BITTER WATER OF MARAH – **Ex. 15: 22-27** – Called "Marah" because the water was bitter due to what had happened there earlier. (See **II Kings 2:19** re bad water - unproductive land and "the healing of that water").
- PROSTITUTION – wickedness filling the land.



**Lev 19:29** “29 Do not profane your daughter by causing her to be a harlot, lest the land fall into harlotry and become full of wickedness.”

- DEFILEMENT → PUNISHMENT → LAND VOMITING - This is serious to God and to the effect upon the land

**Lev 18: 24-25** “24 Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, for in all these things the nations are defiled which I am casting out before you.  
25 And the land is defiled; therefore I visit the iniquity of it upon it, and **the land itself vomits out her inhabitants.**”

- FERTILE LAND BECOMES DEFILED LAND – God's declaration!

**Jer 2:7** “7 And I brought you into a plentiful land to enjoy its fruits and good things. But when you entered, you defiled My land and made My heritage an abomination [detestable and loathsome].”

Thus the importance of the stewardship parables and understanding how to redeem lost/hidden/stolen/sinful stewardship.

**Stewardship in God's eyes is to be ACCOUNTABLE and PRODUCTIVE.**

## DEFINITION: A STEWARD

**Someone responsible for someone else's property ... GOD'S.**

That stewardship can become defiled and so needs cleansing! A steward, therefore, reclaims for God what is rightfully His, but which has been lost through bad/sinful stewardship.

WE BECOME DEFILED BY:

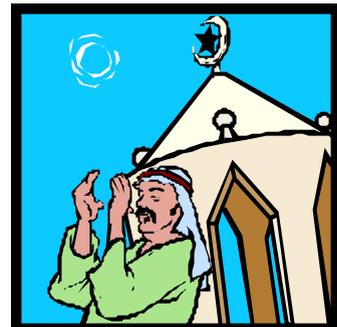
- What **WE** do.
- What **OTHERS** do to us (and we react).
- What our **ANCESTORS** in earlier generations have passed on to us.

Our communities/families/churches become subject to all this “stewardship”. The **sins** lead to **bondages...wounds develop** – even corporately. As a result, spirits gain right of entry through our permission (our sin) – our stewardship!

## WHAT HAS CAUSED OUR LAND TO BE DEFILED?

### 1. IDOLATRY

- Worshipping anyone/anything other than God.
- Putting trust/faith/confidence in anyone/anything other than God.
- A church that excludes itself from the Body of Christ.
- The worship of (our) creation rather than the Creator.



**Jer 3: 6-10** “6 Moreover, the Lord said to me

*[Jeremiah] in the days of Josiah the king [of Judah], Have you seen what that faithless and backsliding Israel has done—**how she went up on every high hill and under every green tree and there played the harlot?***

*7 And I said, After she has done all these things, she will return to Me; but she did not return, and her faithless and treacherous sister Judah saw it.*

*8 And I saw, even though [Judah knew] that for this very cause of committing adultery (idolatry) I [the Lord] had put faithless Israel away and given her a bill of divorce; yet her faithless and treacherous sister Judah was not afraid, but she **also went and played the harlot [following after idols].***

*9 And through the infamy and unseemly frivolity of **Israel's whoredom [because her immorality mattered little to her], she polluted and defiled the land, [by her idolatry] committing adultery with [idols of] stones and trees.***

*10 But in spite of all this, her faithless and treacherous sister Judah did not return to Me in sincerity and with her whole heart, but only in sheer hypocrisy [has she feigned obedience to King Josiah's reforms], says the Lord.”*

**Jer 16:18** “18 First [before I bring them back to their land] I will doubly recompense and punish them for their iniquity and their sin, because they have **polluted My land** with the **carcasses of their detestable idols** and with the abominable things offered to false gods with which they have filled My inheritance.”

## 2. IMMORALITY AND FORNICATION

- **Sexual indecency.**

**Lev 18: 1-23** “1 AND THE Lord said to Moses,  
2 Say to the Israelites, I am the Lord your God.  
3 You shall not do as was done in the land of Egypt in which you dwelt, nor shall you do as is done in the land of Canaan to which I am bringing you; neither shall you walk in their statutes.  
4 You shall do My ordinances and keep My statutes and walk in them. I am the Lord your God.  
5 You shall therefore keep My statutes and My ordinances which, if a man does, he shall live by them. I am the Lord.  
6 None of you **shall approach anyone close of kin to him to have sexual relations**. I am the Lord.  
7 **The nakedness of your father, which is the nakedness of your mother, you shall not uncover; she is your mother; you shall not have intercourse with her.**  
8 **The nakedness of your father’s wife** you shall not uncover; it is your father’s nakedness.  
9 You shall not have intercourse with or uncover **the nakedness of your sister**, the daughter of your father or of your mother, whether born at home or born abroad.  
10 You must not **have sexual relations with your son’s daughter or your daughter’s daughter**; their nakedness you shall not uncover, for they are your own flesh.  
11 You must **not have intercourse with your father’s wife’s daughter**; begotten by your father, she is your sister; you shall not uncover her nakedness.  
12 You shall **not have intercourse with your father’s sister**; she is your father’s near kinswoman.  
13 You **shall not have sexual relations with your mother’s sister**, for she is your mother’s near kinswoman.  
14 You shall **not have intercourse with your father’s brother’s wife**; you shall not approach his wife; she is your aunt.  
15 You shall not uncover **the nakedness of your daughter-in-law**; she is your son’s wife; you shall not have intercourse with her.  
16 You shall not have intercourse with **your brother’s wife**; she belongs to your brother.  
17 You shall **not marry a woman and her daughter**, nor shall you take her son’s daughter or her daughter’s daughter to have intercourse; they are [her] near kinswomen; it is wickedness and an outrageous offense.  
18 You must not marry **a woman in addition to her sister**, to be a rival to her, having sexual relations with the second sister when the first one is alive.

19 Also you shall **not have intercourse with a woman during her [menstrual period or similar] uncleanness.**

20 Moreover, you shall **not lie carnally with your neighbor's wife**, to defile yourself with her.

21 You shall not give any of **your children to pass through the fire and sacrifice them to Molech** [the fire god], nor shall you profane the name of your God [by giving it to false gods]. I am the Lord.

22 **You shall not lie with a man as with a woman; it is an abomination.**

23 Neither shall you **lie with any beast and defile yourself with it; neither shall any woman yield herself to a beast to lie with it; it is confusion, perversion, and degradedly carnal.**

- **Do not defile yourselves.**

**Lev 18: 24-25** "24 Do not defile yourselves in any of these ways, for in all these **things the nations are defiled** which I am casting out before you.

25 And **the land is defiled**; therefore I visit the iniquity of it upon it, and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants.

- **Homosexuality (cf Romans 1).**

**Lev. 18:22** "22 You shall not lie with a man as with a woman; it is an abomination."

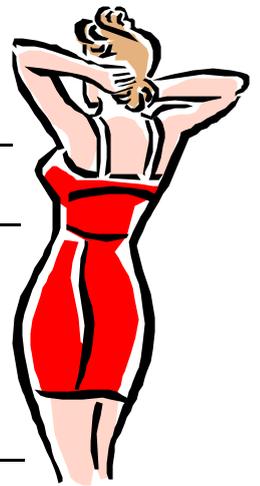
- **How prostitution affects the land.**

**Lev 19:29** "29 Do not profane your daughter by **causing her to be a harlot**, lest the land fall into harlotry and become full of wickedness."

- **"ravish".**

**Jer 3: 1-2** "1 **THAT IS** to say, If a man puts away his wife and she goes from him and becomes another man's, will he return to her again? [Of course not!] **Would not that land [where such a thing happened] be greatly polluted?** But you have played the harlot [against Me] with many lovers—yet would you now return to Me? says the Lord [or do you even think to return to Me?]

2 Lift up your eyes to the bare heights and see. Where have you not been adulterously lain with? By the wayside you have sat waiting for lovers [eager for idolatry], like an Arabian [desert tribesman who waits to plunder] in the wilderness; and **you have polluted the land with your vile harlotry and your wickedness (unfaithfulness and disobedience to God).**"



- **Imagery of ritual prostitution; v.27 NB: reduced territory.**

**Ezek 16: 25-27** "25 At every crossway you built your high place [for idol worship] and have made your beauty an abomination [abhorrent, loathsome, extremely disgusting, and detestable]; and you have made your body available to every passerby and multiplied your [idolatry and spiritual] harlotry.

26 You have also played the harlot with the Egyptians, your neighbors, [by adopting their idolatries] whose worship is thoroughly sensuous, and you have multiplied your harlotry to provoke Me to anger.

**27 Behold therefore, I have stretched out My hand against you, diminished your ordinary allowance of food, and delivered you over to the will of those**

*who hate and despise you, the daughters of the Philistines, who turned away in shame from your despicable policy and lewd behavior [for they are faithful to their gods]!”*

- **The land becomes defiled.**

**Jer 3:9** *“9 And through the infamy and unseemly frivolity of Israel’s whoredom [because her immorality mattered little to her], she polluted and defiled the land, [by her idolatry] committing a adultery with [idols of] stones and trees.”*

- When this is unaddressed, the church loses authority.
- One’s lust for power and authority.
- Lack of servant-spirit and humility.

### 3. BLOODSHED

- Especially when untimely.

**Num 35: 33-34** *“33 So you shall not pollute the land in which you live; for blood pollutes the land, and no atonement can be made for the land for the blood shed in it, but by the blood of him who shed it.  
34 And you shall not defile the land in which you live, in the midst of which I dwell, for I, the Lord, dwell in the midst of the people of Israel.”*

**Is 59: 1-3** *“1 BEHOLD, THE Lord’s hand is not shortened at all, that it cannot save, nor His ear dull with deafness, that it cannot hear.  
2 But your iniquities have made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.  
3 For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutters wickedness.”*

- The obvious, i.e. murder, sacrifice, slaughter of others.
- Criticism, anger, jealousy, bitterness, rage...as retained in one’s heart for another.



### 4. BROKEN COVENANTS

- A curse consuming the earth.

**Isaiah 24: 5-6** *“5 The land and the earth also are defiled by their inhabitants, because they have transgressed the laws, disregarded the statutes, and broken the everlasting covenant.  
6 Therefore a curse devours the land and the earth, and they who dwell in it suffer the punishment of their guilt. Therefore the inhabitants of the land and the earth are scorched and parched [under the curse of God’s wrath], and few people are left.”*

- Whatever promises made to/by us that were broken.
- The consequences of broken promises at personal/family/church/community/city/national levels.

## WHAT SCRIPTURE SAYS ABOUT LAND?

### 1. IT IS CURSED BECAUSE OF SIN

**Gen 3: 17-18** *“17 And to Adam He said, Because you have listened and given heed to the voice of your wife and have eaten of the tree of which I commanded you, saying, You shall not eat of it, the **ground is under a curse** because of you; in sorrow and toil shall you eat [of the fruits] of it all the days of your life. 18 Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth for you, and you shall eat the plants of the field.”*

**Gen 6:13** *“13 God said to Noah, I intend to make an end of all flesh, for through men the **land is filled with violence**; and behold, I will destroy them and the land.”*

**Isa 24:5** *“5 The land and the **earth** also are **defiled** by their inhabitants, because they have **transgressed the laws**, disregarded the statutes, and **broken the everlasting covenant**.”*

**Isa 24:6** *“6 Therefore a **curse devours the land and the earth**, and they who dwell in it suffer the punishment of their guilt. Therefore the inhabitants of the land and the earth are scorched and parched [under the curse of God's wrath], and few people are left.”*

### 2. THE CONSEQUENCES OF LOST DOMINION

- The problems on the land are not immediately removed!

**Ex 23:29** *“29 I will **not drive them out from before you in one year**, lest the land become desolate [for lack of attention] and the wild beasts multiply against you.”*

- Land defiled; full of iniquity; inhabitants vomited out.

**Lev 18:28** *“28 [Do none of these things] **lest the land spew you out when you defile it** as it spewed out the nation that was before you.”*

- Keep God's statutes so you are not removed because of your defilement upon it.

### 3. JUDGMENT BECAUSE OF SIN

**Lev. 26:20** *“20 And your strength shall be spent in vain, for your land shall **not yield its increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruit**.”*

**Lev. 26:32** *“32 And I will bring **the land into desolation**, and your enemies who dwell in it shall be astonished at it.”*

**Deut. 11:17** “17 And the Lord’s anger be kindled against you, and He shut up the **heavens** so that there will **be no rain** and the **land** will **not yield its fruit**, and you perish quickly off the good land which the Lord gives you.”

**Deut 28:42** “42 All your trees and the fruit of your ground shall the **locust possess**. [Fulfilled in Joel 1:4.]”



**Ezra 9:11** “11 Which You have commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, The land which you are entering to possess is an **unclean land with the pollutions of the peoples of the lands**, through their abominations which have **filled it from one end to the other with their filthiness**.”

**Ps. 105:16** “16 Moreover, He called for a **famine upon the land** [of Egypt]; He **cut off every source of bread**.”

**Jer 23:10** “10 For the land is full of adulterers (forsakers of God, Israel’s true Husband). **Because of the curse** [of God upon it] **the land mourns**, the pastures of the wilderness are dried up. They [both false prophets and people] rush into wickedness; and **their course is evil**, their might is not right.”

**Hag 1:11** “11 And I have called for a **drought upon the land and the hill country, upon the grain, the fresh wine, the oil, upon what the ground brings forth, upon men and cattle, and upon all the [wearisome] toil of [men’s] hands**.”

## CREATURES SUFFER BECAUSE OF MAN'S SIN

**Jer. 14: 5-7** “5 Yes, even the **hind gives birth** to her **calf** in the field and **forsakes it**, because there is no grass or herbage.

6 And the **wild donkeys** stand on the **bare heights**; they pant for air like **jackals** or **crocodiles**; their **eyesight fails** because there is no grass.

7 O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us [prays Jeremiah], deal and work with us for Your own name’s sake [that the heathen may witness Your might and faithfulness]! For our backslidings are many; we have sinned against You.”



**Hos 4: 1, 3** “1 HEAR THE word of the Lord, you children of Israel, for the Lord has a controversy (a pleading contention) with the inhabitants of the land, **because there is no faithfulness, love, pity and mercy, or knowledge of God [from personal experience with Him] in the land**.

3 **Therefore shall the land [continually] mourn**, and all who dwell in it shall languish, together with the wild **beasts** of the open country and the **birds** of the heavens; yes, the **fishes** of the sea also shall [perish because of the drought] be collected and taken away.

**Joel 1: 1-18** "1 **THE WORD** of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.  
2 Hear this, you aged men, and give ear, all you inhabitants of the land! Has such a thing as this occurred in your days or even in the days of your fathers?  
3 Tell your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation.  
4 What the crawling locust left, the swarming locust has eaten; and what the swarming locust left, the hopping locust has eaten; and what the hopping locust left, the stripping locust has eaten.  
5 Awake, you drunkards, and weep; wail, all you drinkers of wine, because of the [fresh] sweet juice [of the grape], for it is cut off and removed from your mouth.  
6 For a [heathen and hostile] nation [of locusts, illustrative of a human foe] has invaded My land, mighty and without number; its teeth are the teeth of a lion, and it has the jaw teeth of a lioness.  
7 It has laid waste My vine [symbol of God's people] and barked and broken My fig tree; it has made them completely bare and thrown them down; their branches are made white.  
8 Lament like a virgin [bride] girded with sackcloth for the husband of her youth [who has died].  
9 The meal or cereal offering and the drink offering are cut off from the house of the Lord; the priests, the Lord's ministers, mourn.  
10 **The field is laid waste, the ground mourns; for the grain is destroyed, the new juice [of the grape] is dried up, the oil fails.**  
11 Be ashamed, O you tillers of the soil; wail, O you vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley, because **the harvest of the field has perished.**  
12 **The vine is dried up and the fig tree fails**; the pomegranate tree, the palm tree also, and the apple or quince tree, even all the trees of the field are withered, so that joy has withered and fled away from the sons of men.  
13 Gird yourselves and lament, you priests; wail, you ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, you ministers of my [Joel's] God, for the cereal or meal offering and the drink offering are withheld from the house of your God.  
14 Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land in the house of the Lord, your God, and cry to the Lord [in penitent pleadings].  
15 Alas for the day! For the day of [the judgment of] the Lord is at hand, and as a destructive tempest from the Almighty will it come.  
16 **Is not the food cut off before our eyes, joy and gladness from the house of our God?**  
17 The seed [grain] rots and shrivels under the clods, the garners are desolate and empty, the barns are in ruins because the grain has failed.  
18 How the beasts groan! The **herds of cattle** are perplexed and huddle together because they **have no pasture**; even the flocks of sheep suffer punishment (are forsaken and made wretched).

**Rom 8:22** "22 We know that the **whole creation [of irrational creatures] has been moaning together in the pains of labor until now.**"

## LAND REFLECTS GOD'S CHARACTER

**Lev 25:23** “23 The land shall not be sold into perpetual ownership, for **the land is Mine**; you are [only] strangers and temporary residents with Me.”

**Deut. 11: 10-12** “10 For the land which you go in to possess is not like the land of Egypt, from which you came out, where you sowed your seed and watered it with your foot laboriously as in a garden of vegetables.  
11 But the land which you enter to possess is a land of hills and valleys which drinks water of the rain of the heavens,  
12 A **land** for which the **Lord your God cares**; the eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it from the beginning of the year to the end of the year.”

**The Lord longs to bless (our work).**

**Deut. 28:12** “12 The Lord shall open to you His good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain of your land in its season and **to bless all the work of your hands**; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow.”

**Job 12: 7-8** “7 For ask now the **animals**, and **they will teach you** [that God does not deal with His creatures according to their character]; ask the **birds** of the air, and **they will tell you**;  
8 Or speak to the earth [with its other forms of life], and it will teach you; and the **fish** of the sea will declare [this truth] to you.”

- God's bounty/love/grace/provision/protection/justness/love/beauty, etc. are all seen on the land (His creation).

## **FOUR JUDGEMENTS OF GOD**

### **1. FAMINE**

- Physically and spiritually.

**Eze 14:13** “13 Son of man, when a land sins against Me by committing a trespass, and I stretch out My hand against it and **break its staff of bread and send famine upon it and cut off from it man and beast**,”

### **2. ECOLOGICAL DEVASTATION (man and his environment)**

- Destruction of land.

**Eze 14:15** “15 If I cause ferocious and evil wild animals to pass through the land and they ravage and bereave it, and it becomes desolate so that no man may pass through because of the beasts;”

### 3. WAR

- Anger, jealousy, resentment, competitiveness, division, strife.

**Eze 14:17** *“17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land and say, Sword, go through the land, so that I cut off man and beast from it,”*



### 4. DISEASE

- Sorrow, illness – mental, emotional or spiritual.

**Eze 14: 19-20** *“19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land and pour out My wrath upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast,  
20 Though Noah, Daniel, and Job were in it, as I live, says the Lord God, they would deliver neither son nor daughter; they would but deliver their own lives by their righteousness (their moral and spiritual rectitude in every area and relation).”*



These are prophetic words designed to “get our attention” when our moral madness / fallen stewardship is full. God is saying to us, **Don’t ignore me!!**

## RESEARCHING OUR SPIRITUAL HISTORY

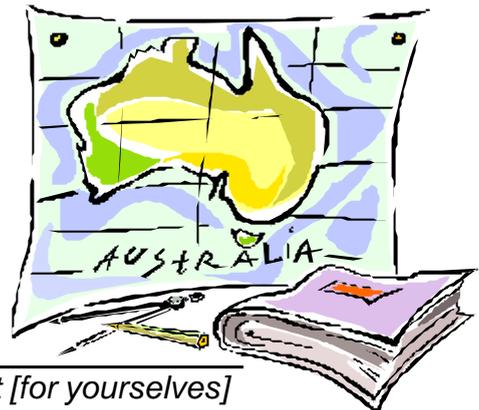
Knowing our spiritual history tells us many things about ourselves, our family, our church, our community, our company, our city, and our nation!

It tells us **where** we have come from, **why** we are **where** we are, and **where** we might be going! It requires a lot of **prayer**, along with research in four areas - **history, physical, cultural and spiritual.**

It means learning to **reach** into our community/city, **seeing** it from God's perspective, **identifying** with it, **falling in love** with it, and maybe even being **willing to die** for it. **Can you pay this price?**

**Diligent research**, combined with **persistent leadership** and **prevailing intercessory prayer**, can then determine the four main areas in which God's main areas of emphasis are combined towards fulfilling **The Great Commission**:

1. STRATEGIC LEVEL SPIRITUAL WARFARE.
2. INTERCESSORY PRAYER.
3. SPIRITUAL MAPPING.
4. COMMITMENT TO THE LAND.



## IS SPIRITUAL MAPPING BIBLICAL?

### NUMBERS 13

- Command of God (vs. 2).

**Num. 13:2** *"2 Send men to explore and scout out [for yourselves] the land of Canaan, which I give to the Israelites. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader or head among them."*

- Authority of the spies (vs. 3).

**Numbers 13:3** *"3 So Moses by the command of the Lord sent scouts from the Wilderness of Paran, all of them men who were heads of the Israelites."*

- Clear instructions (vs. 17-20).

**Numbers 13:17-20** *"17 Moses sent them to scout out the land of Canaan, and said to them, Get up this way by the South (the Negeb) and go up into the hill country,  
18 And see what the land is and whether the people who dwell there are strong or weak, few or many,  
19 And whether the land they live in is good or bad, and whether the cities they dwell in are camps or strongholds,  
20 And what the land is, whether it is fat or lean, whether there is timber on it or not. And be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes."*

- Lines of investigation (vs. 18-23).
  - Geographical / Topographical studies.
  - Sociological and Statistical studies.
  - Cultural studies.

**Numbers 13:18-23** “18 **And see what the land is** and whether the people who dwell there are **strong or weak, few or many,**  
 19 **And whether the land they live in is good or bad,** and whether the cities they dwell in are **camps or strongholds,**  
 20 **And what the land is, whether it is fat or lean,** whether there is timber on it or not. **And be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land.** Now the time was the time of the first ripe grapes.  
 21 **So they went up and scouted through the land from the Wilderness of Zin to Rehob, to the entrance of Hamath.**  
 22 **And then went up into the South (the Negeb) and came to Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmi [probably three tribes of] the sons of Anak were there. (Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.)**  
 23 **And they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two [of them]; they brought also some pomegranates and figs.”**

- Information reported (vs. 26-29).

**Numbers 13:26-29** “26 **They came to Moses and Aaron and to all the Israelite congregation in the Wilderness of Paran at Kadesh, and brought them word, and showed them the land’s fruit.**  
 27 **They told Moses, We came to the land to which you sent us; surely it flows with milk and honey. This is its fruit.**  
 28 **But the people who dwell there are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large; moreover, there we saw the sons of Anak [of great stature and courage].**  
 29 **Amalek dwells in the land of the South (the Negeb); the Hittite, the Jebusite, and the Amorite dwell in the hill country; and the Canaanite dwells by the sea and along by the side of the Jordan [River].”**

- Negative decision produced (vs. 31-33).

**Numbers 13:31-33** “31 **But his fellow scouts said, We are not able to go up against the people [of Canaan], for they are stronger than we are.**  
 32 **So they brought the Israelites an evil report of the land which they had scouted out, saying, The land through which we went to spy it out is a land that devours its inhabitants. And all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature.**  
 33 **There we saw the Nephilim [or giants], the sons of Anak, who come from the giants; and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.”**

## JOSHUA 2

- Spies sent (vs. 1-2).



**Joshua 2:1-2** “1 JOSHUA SON of Nun sent two men secretly from Shittim as scouts, saying, **Go, view the land**, especially Jericho. And they went and came to the house of a harlot named Rahab and lodged there.

2 It was told the king of Jericho, Behold, there came men in here tonight of the Israelites to search out the country.”

- Precise instructions.
- Lines of investigation (vs. 2)
  - General observation.
  - Reading of the situation in Jericho.

**Joshua 2:2** “2 It was told the king of Jericho, Behold, there came men in here tonight of the Israelites **to search out the country.**”

- God gives information through Rahab (vs. 9-13).

**Joshua 2:9-13** “9 And she said to the men, I know that the Lord has given you the land and that your terror is fallen upon us and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

10 For we have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to the two kings of the Amorites who were on the [east] side of the Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom you utterly destroyed.

11 When we heard it, our hearts melted, neither did spirit or courage remain any more in any man because of you, for the Lord your God, He is God in heaven above and on earth beneath.

12 Now then, I pray you, swear to me by the Lord, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father’s house, and give me a sure sign,

13 And save alive my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all they have, and deliver us from death.”

- Report made (vs. 23-24).

**Joshua 2:23-24** “23 So the two men descended from the mountain, passed over [the Jordan], and came to Joshua son of Nun, **and told him all that had befallen them.**

24 They said to Joshua, Truly the Lord has given all the land into our hands; for all the inhabitants of the country are faint because of us.”

## JOSHUA 18: 1-10 – DIVIDING UP THE REST OF THE LAND

- Make a **survey** of the land (vs. 4); write a **description** of it.
- The men (went) ... to **MAP** out the land ... and returned.
- They **wrote** its (the land) description - (and the land was distributed accordingly).

## QUESTION

***Did God not know what His land was like?  
YES!! But the men did not know, and God  
was calling them to undertake the necessary  
research in order that they would act as  
proper stewards based on what they learned!  
It has been said that “information breeds  
inspiration”!!***

See also **Nehemiah 2:11** – Nehemiah inspecting the walls around Jerusalem – his investigation and scouting **determined his actions!**

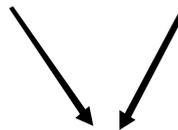
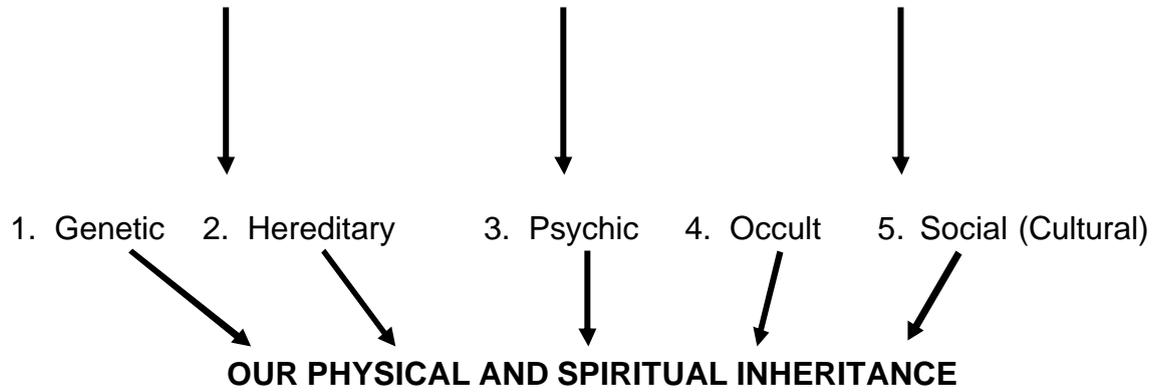
See also **Ezekiel 8: 7-8** and **Rev 2-3** – the state of the Temple and the Church being described so that the necessary action could take place.

**Acts 17:22** – What Paul **saw and learned** about Athens concerning its culture, art, statues and poetry as **he walked around the city**, determined his approach of ministry to them!

# ANCESTRAL AND PERSONAL SINS

WE BECOME DEFILED BY:

- What **WE** do.
- What **OTHERS** do to us.
- What our **ANCESTORS** in our earlier generations have passed on to us.



**THEIR SEED**

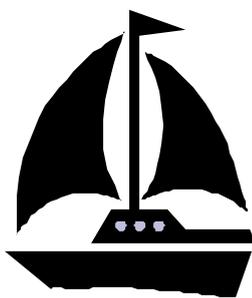
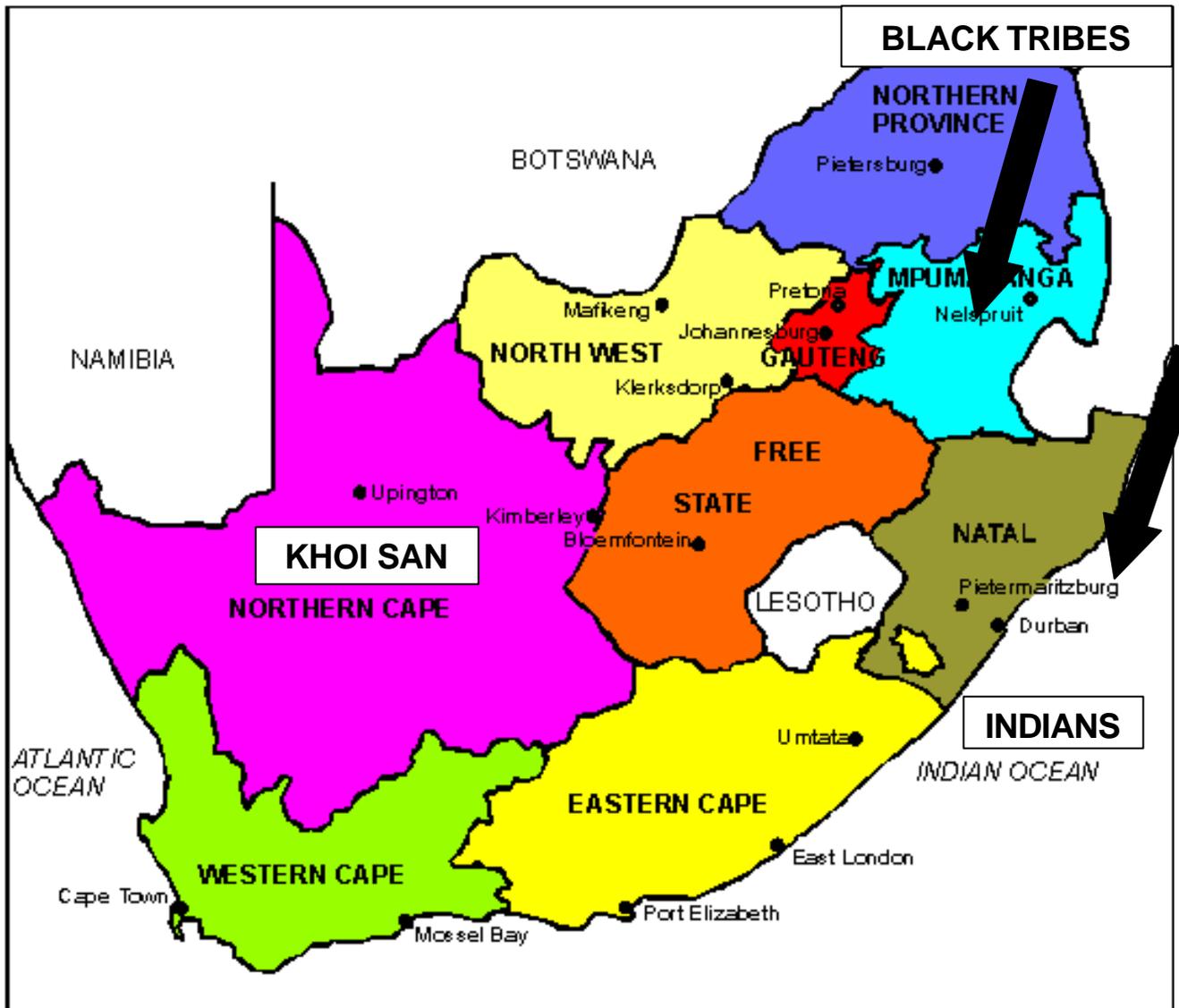


## **INTERCESSORS ARE ASKING THREE IMPORTANT QUESTIONS**

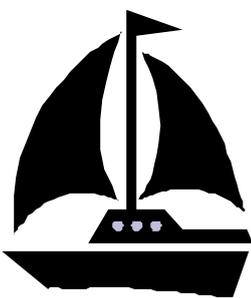
1. **Why** does spiritual darkness seem to linger where it does?
2. **How** is the enemy at work in our neighbourhood/community/  
church/city/nation?
3. **What** will we do about it? What will be our method/strategy/ plan of  
action and attack?

**WHY** is the most important – it helps to explain the **WHAT** and the **HOW**.

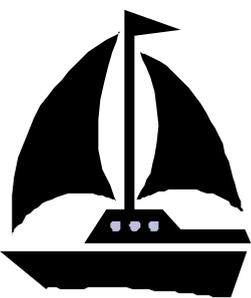
# SOUTH AFRICA



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Catholicism  
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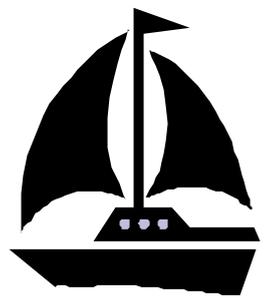
**English**  
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## WHAT DO WE DO NOW?

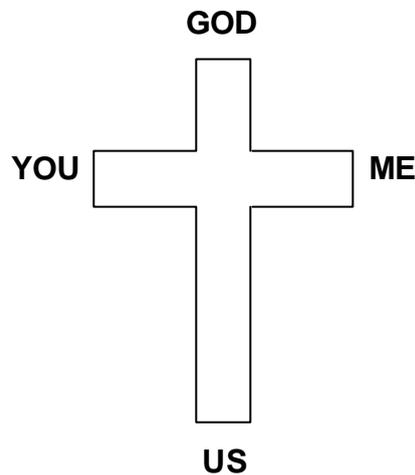
### 1. PRAYING THROUGH THE ISSUES (personal & corporate)

- Confession → Forgiveness.
- Breaking of bondages/mindsets.
- Casting out evil spirits (esp. witchcraft/Freemasonic curses/nature spirits – e.g. water spirits, four elements, ens).
- Praying for healing → Releasing God's deposited gift.



Thus → HEALING THE LAND  
(2 Chronicles 7:14)

ALL THIS LEADS TOWARDS RECONCILIATION



II Corinthians 4:4 - Blinders Removed - Veil Lifted.

The eyes of the community are opened to the Gospel

EFFECTIVE EVANGELISM

**II CHRON 7:14** If My people, who are called by My Name, will **humble themselves** and **pray** and **seek My Face** and **turn from their wicked ways**, then I will hear from Heaven and will **forgive their sin** and will **heal their land**.

**“Râpha”:** to cause to heal.

**Heal:** As used by physicians, meaning literally to heal, mend or repair; to make whole in a thorough manner.

**“Râpha”** is the same words for people and for land. Therefore, the land is healed as you deal with people and their fallen stewardship.

### THE RESULT?

As we pray land/communities/cities are all cleansed, renewed, reformed and rebuilt.

The people’s sufficiency was dealt with through God’s sufficiency and then their redeemed efficiency became their proficiency for God’s work.



### THE FRUIT?

**Eze 36:37** – Today we call this → EVANGELISM.

**Eze 36:37** “37 Thus says the Lord God: For this also I will let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do it for them; **I will increase their men like a flock.**”

**RSV** – **This also I will let the House of Israel ask Me to do for them: To increase their men like a flock.**



### CONCLUSION

**Community transformation IS possible!** As relationships between people and God and between people and people are dealt with and fallen stewardship that has taken place upon the land is removed, cleansed and renewed, the eyes of the people in that land can be corporately opened to the Gospel!

## THE BLESSINGS OF OBEDIENCE

- **Health for man and his environment**

**Lev 26:4** *“4 I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase and the trees of the field yield their fruit.”*



- **Economical health**

**Lev 26:5** *“5 And your threshing [time] shall reach to the vintage and the vintage [time] shall reach to the sowing time, and you shall eat your bread to the full and dwell in your land securely.”*

- **Personal security**

**Lev 26:6(a)** *“6 I will give peace in the land; you shall lie down and none shall fill you with dread or make you afraid;“*



- **Civil security**

**Lev 26:6(b).** *“and I will clear ferocious (wild) beasts out of the land, and no sword shall go through your land.”*

- **International security**

**Lev 26: 7-8(a)** *“7 And you shall chase your enemies, and they shall fall before you by the sword.  
8 Five of you shall chase a hundred, and a hundred of you shall put ten thousand to flight; your enemies shall fall before you by the sword.”*

- **Honour and growth**

**Lev 26:9** *“9 For I will be leaning toward you with favor and regard for you, rendering you fruitful, multiplying you, and establishing and ratifying My covenant with you.”*



- **Innovation and Creativity**

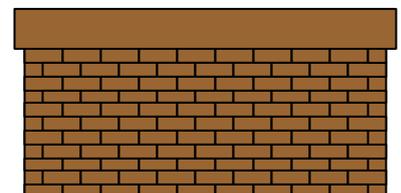
**Lev 26:10** *“10 And you shall eat the [abundant] old store of produce long kept, and clear out the old [to make room] for the new.”*

These blessings constitute God’s promises upon His people and His land when the people act as responsible stewards of His property.

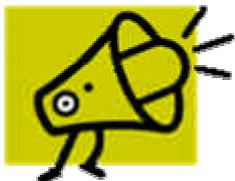
Today, as communities of all sizes are cleansed of their sin and fallen stewardship, these seven blessings are observable in the TRANSFORMATION that is taking place within all socio/economical/political and spiritual aspects of such communities, in varying degrees.

The local church is the **KEY** to reaching a community...It is the sign of God’s Kingdom in that community!!!

**REVIVAL WILL COME WHEN...WE GET THE WALLS DOWN...BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND THE COMMUNITY!!!!!!**



## A WORD FOR CAPE TOWN



### ISAIAH 27

**Verse 1:** *In that day the Lord will deliver CAPE TOWN from her enemies and also the rebel powers of evil and darkness. His SHARP and UNRELENTING, GREAT and STRONG SWORD will visit and punish LEVIATHAN, the **swiftly fleeing serpent, Leviathan, the twisting and winding serpent;** and He will slay the **monster** that is in the sea.*

**Verse 2:** *In that day it will be said of the redeemed City of Cape Town, A **VINEYARD** beloved and lovely; sing a responsive song to it and about it!*

**Verse 3:** *I, the Lord, am its **KEEPER**; I **water** it every moment; lest anyone harm it, I **GUARD** and **KEEP** it **NIGHT** and **DAY**.*

**Verse 5:** *There is but one alternative, let Cape Town take hold of **MY STRENGTH** and make complete surrender to **My PROTECTION**, that they may make **PEACE** with Me! Yes, let them make peace with Me!*

**Verse 6:** *In the days and generations to come Cape Town shall take root; Cape Town shall blossom and send forth shoots and fill the **whole world with fruit** of the knowledge of the **TRUE GOD**.*

**Verse 9:** *Only on this condition shall the iniquity of Cape Town be forgiven and purged, and this shall be the full fruit God requires for taking away Cape Town's sin: That Cape Town should make all the stones of the idol altars like chalk stones crushed to pieces, so that the Asherim and the **sun images** shall not **REMAIN STANDING OR RISE AGAIN**.*

**Verse 13:** *And it shall be in that day that a **GREAT TRUMPET will be blown**; and they will come who were **LOST** and ready to perish in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt (our slaves were driven into the arms of Islam) and they will worship the Lord on the holy mountain at Jerusalem (on Table Mountain at Cape Town!).*

**IDENTIFICATIONAL REPENTANCE:  
IS IT BIBLICAL?**

## IDENTIFICATIONAL REPENTANCE IS IT BIBLICAL? (Article taken out of JOY! September 1999)

**What is the Biblical – and more specifically the New Testament foundation for the confession and repentance of corporate guilt and sin?**

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PRAYER involving identificational repentance and/or confession of corporate sin, is being questioned by certain Christians. They consider it at best to be controversial and at worst to be unsupported in the New Testament.

I would like to address the principle objections to identificational repentance. As a seminary professor who teaches Old Testament, I would like to offer the core of biblical evidence I believe supports and instructs the Church to pray this way as we attempt to complete the Great Commission and draw nearer to the end of the ages which Jesus foretold in **Matthew 24**.

### Objections, and Answers from the Bible

**Objection 1.** *Isn't it a heavy burden for someone to have to be responsible to confess not only their own sins but also to wade through and confess the sins of their parents and grandparents or their church or their nation?*

First, Scripture indicates that when we confess sins, we are not on our own supposed to wade through any list of sins, whether our own personal sins or corporate and generational sins. **Philippians 3:12-15**, in which Paul says that God will reveal to the Philippians any incorrect thinking or attitudes in their lives, suggests it is God who enables the process of sanctification in our lives.

**Psalm 139:23-24**, *"Search me, O God..."* suggests that we, like David, need to ask God's Spirit to search us and show us our sins

**Psalm 19:12-13** *"12 Who can discern his lapses and errors? Clear me from hidden [and unconscious] faults.  
13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then shall I be blameless, and I shall be innocent and clear of great transgression."*

**1 John 1:7-9** shows us that it is as we walk in the light of God's presence, exposing everything to Him, that His light will expose our sins so that we can be cleansed (**John 3:20-21**). Because **1 John 1:7-9's** picture of walking in the light and confessing our sins to the Lord on an ongoing basis is written to believers, this shows us that God may not deal with all of our sins at once.

Instead the passage suggests that God will continually reveal to us sins in our lives, whether past or present, which we need to confess and be cleansed of. The Lord is the one who we should depend on to search us and test our hearts.

Secondly, confessing the sins of one's parents and grandparents under the guidance of God's Spirit is not an additional burden. In my own life, and in my experience of praying with and for others, such prayer often is an additional way from God to unburden oneself or one's church or ministry from personal and corporate guilt, oppression, and stubbornly entrenched sin patterns.

***Objection 2. Isn't identificational repentance for past sins the same as praying for the dead? Doesn't identificational repentance attempt to absolve someone else of their personal responsibility to repent and confess their personal guilt and sin?***

No, identificational repentance is not praying for the dead to undergo some purgatory-like cleansing from past sin. Nor does identificational repentance absolve others in the past or present of their personal responsibility to confess their own individual sin.

Identificational repentance is a means of receiving God's grace toward the one who is praying to be freed from any consequences of the sin by others, whether past or present, to which the person praying is linked in some way.

Jeremiah, who declared his own commitment to the Lord and confessed his people's sins in **Jeremiah 3:25; 14:7, 20**, was spared along with his servant, Baruch, from the captivity which resulted from his people's sin (**Jeremiah 40:1-6; 45:2-5**).

**Jeremiah 3:25;** *“25 Let us lie prostrate in our shame, and let our dishonor and confusion cover us; for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers; from our youth even to this day we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.”*

**Jeremiah 14:7, 20** *“7 O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us [prays Jeremiah], deal and work with us for Your own name's sake [that the heathen may witness Your might and faithfulness]! For our backslidings are many; we have sinned against You.  
20 We know and acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against You.”*

**Deuteronomy 21:7-9** *“7 And they shall testify, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it.  
8 Forgive, O Lord, Your people Israel, whom You have redeemed, and do not allow the shedding of innocent blood to be charged to Your people Israel. And the guilt of blood shall be forgiven them.  
9 So shall you purge the guilt of innocent blood from among you, when you do what is right in the sight of the Lord.”*

In **Deuteronomy 21:7-9** the Israelite elders of surrounding towns would be freed from the guilt of shedding blood in the case of an unsolved murder by renouncing before the Lord any complicity in the murder and asking the Lord to forgive by means of a sacrifice the guilt of the bloodshed in their territory. They did not commit the crime but were held responsible by the Lord to confess and remit the guilt.

Identificational repentance is also a means of releasing God's grace on a corporate level to others which may move them to repent more freely of their personal sins and turn to Christ. Scripture shows us examples of this in the accounts of Jesus' prayer for his persecutors on the cross, and the prayers of **Ezra**, **Nehemiah**, and **Moses** for God's people and for pagans.

***Objection 3. Is identificational repentance really biblical? Does the New Testament teach us to follow the Old Testament model of confessing corporate sin, generational sin, and national sin in addition to personal sin?***

The question is really the following: Is the confession of corporate sin - which includes generational sin and national sin - still a legitimate category of confession in New Testament faith, as it was in the Old Testament?

**First**, it should be clear from the start that we are saved not by keeping Old Testament covenantal law but by faith in Christ and the atonement of His blood for our sins (**Romans 6:14; Galatians 2:16; 5:6**). But this does not mean that the deeper principles of God's Character mentioned in **Exodus 34:5-7** or the deeper principles of the Ten Commandments mentioned in **Exodus 20:3-17** and **Deuteronomy 5:7-12** are nullified by faith in Christ.

Paul emphatically teaches this:

**Romans 3:31** *“Do we, then, nullify the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law.”*

New Testament faith fulfils or establishes the deeper principles of Old Testament law according to **Romans 8:4; 13:8**.

**Secondly**, The Old Testament was the only Bible - the only Canon of authoritative Scripture – the New Testament Church had before the New Testament documents began to be collected in the late first century A.D.

Since the Old Testament was the Bible of the early church pictured in Acts, this means that the Old Testament's view of sin and the Old Testament's model of confession was the only scriptural view of sin and model of confession the New Testament church had.

New Testament passages which explicitly teach about confessing sin, **James 5:16** and **1 John 1:9** are written against the background of the Old Testament's concept of sin and confession.

**Exodus 34:5-7** *“5 And the Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there and proclaimed the name of the Lord.  
6 And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord! the Lord! a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving-kindness and truth,  
7 Keeping mercy and loving-kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but Who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children’s children, to the third and fourth generation.”*

**Exodus 20:5-6** *“5 You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me,  
6 But showing mercy and steadfast love to a thousand generations of those who love Me and keep My commandments.”*

**Exodus 34:5-7** and **Exodus 20:5-6** shows that the Heart of the Lord's Character is that He shows compassion and love toward thousands of generations of those who love Him, but His holiness causes Him to visit the iniquity of parents upon their descendants to the third and fourth generation of those who hate him.

**Exodus 20:5** *“5 You shall not bow down yourself to them or serve them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children** to the third and fourth generation of those who hate Me,”*

**Exodus 34:7** *“7 Keeping mercy and loving-kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but Who will by no means clear the guilty, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children** and the children’s children, to the third and fourth generation.”*

Some translations are inaccurate in rendering **Exodus 20:5** and **34:7** "punishing the children for the sin of the fathers," since the Hebrew simply says "**visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children.**"

Parental sin patterns and sin guilt will be visited upon, repaid to or measured out upon the children. The children will not be punished for their parents' sins but challenged and influenced by the **sin-weaknesses** and **sin-tendencies** of their parents along with any accompanying spiritual bondage. (Spiritual bondage is explicitly referred to in **Hosea 4:12-13**.)

**Hosea 4:12-13** *"12 My people [habitually] ask counsel of their [senseless] wood [idols], and their staff [of wood] gives them oracles and instructs them. For the spirit of harlotry has led them astray and they have played the harlot, withdrawing themselves from subjection to their God.*

*13 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and they burn incense upon the hills and under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, because there the shade is good. Therefore your daughters play the harlot and your sons' wives commit adultery."*

**Ezekiel 18:20** *"20 The soul that sins, it [is the one that] shall die. The son shall not bear and be punished for the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear and be punished for the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him only, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon the wicked only."*

**Jeremiah 31:29-30** *"29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge.*

*30 But everyone shall die for his own iniquity [only]; every man who eats sour grapes—his [own] teeth shall be set on edge."*

The implicit challenge to the children in these passages (made explicit in **Ezekiel 18:20** and **Jeremiah 31:29-30**) is to repent and make a break with parental and generational sin rather than continue in it.

**Lamentations 5:7, 16** *"7 Our fathers sinned and are no more, and we have borne their iniquities.*

*16 The crown has fallen from our head [our honor is brought to the dust]! Woe to us, for we have sinned!"*

Passages like **Lamentations 5:7, 16** show us that generational sin becomes entrenched at the individual level and corporate level as the younger generation enter into and commit the same sins as their parents or past leaders.

**Psalms 79:8** *"8 O do not [earnestly] remember against us the iniquities and guilt of our forefathers! Let Your compassion and tender mercy speedily come to meet us, for we are brought very low."*

**2 Kings 17:14, 22-23** *"14 Yet they would not hear, but hardened their necks as did their fathers who did not believe (trust in, rely on, and remain steadfast to) the Lord their God.*

*22 For the Israelites walked in all the sins Jeroboam committed; they departed not from them*

*23 Until the Lord removed Israel from His sight, as He had foretold by all His servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away from their own land to Assyria to this day.”*

**2 Kings 23:36-37** *“36 Jehoiakim was twenty-five years old when he began his eleven-year reign in Jerusalem. His mother was Zebidah daughter of Pedaiiah of Rumah.*

*37 He did evil in the sight of the Lord, like all his [forefathers] had done.”*

**2 Kings 24:1-4** *“1 IN HIS days, Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant for three years; then he turned and rebelled against him.*

*2 The Lord sent against Jehoiakim bands of Chaldeans, of Syrians, of Moabites, and of Ammonites. And He sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the Lord which He spoke by His servants the prophets.*

*3 Surely this came upon Judah at the command of the Lord, to remove them out of His sight because of the sins of Manasseh according to all he had done,*

*4 And also for the innocent blood that he shed. For he filled Jerusalem with innocent blood, and the Lord would not pardon.”*

Spiritual oppression may result from generational sin, as is taught explicitly in such passages as **Hosea 4:12-13** and implicitly in the context of **Exodus 20:5** and **Deuteronomy 5:9**. Both the latter passages comprise the second of the Ten Commandments and set the generational sin cycling principle of God's character in the framework of the sin of idolatry.

**Psalm 106:36-37** *“36 And served their idols, which were a snare to them.*

*37 Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons”*

**Hosea 4:12-13** *“12 My people [habitually] ask counsel of their [senseless] wood [idols], and their staff [of wood] gives them oracles and instructs them. For the spirit of harlotry has led them astray and they have played the harlot, withdrawing themselves from subjection to their God.*

*13 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and they burn incense upon the hills and under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, because there the shade is good. Therefore your daughters play the harlot and your sons' wives commit adultery.”*

**Deuteronomy 32:16-17** *“16 They provoked Him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations they provoked Him to anger.*

*17 They sacrificed to demons, not to God—to gods whom they knew not, to new gods lately come up, whom your fathers never knew or feared.”*

**Psalm 106:36-37, Hosea 4:12-13, and Deuteronomy 32:16-17** all make it clear that the Israelites understood that idolatry brought one under demonic influence.

**Hosea 4:12-13** *"12 My people [habitually] ask counsel of their [senseless] wood [idols], and their staff [of wood] gives them oracles and instructs them. For the spirit of harlotry has led them astray and they have played the harlot, withdrawing themselves from subjection to their God.  
13 They sacrifice on the tops of the mountains, and they burn incense upon the hills and under oaks, poplars, and terebinths, because there the shade is good. Therefore your daughters play the harlot and your sons' wives commit adultery."*

**Hosea 4:12-13** actually mentions a demonic "spirit of prostitution," associated with the Baal-worship of the northern kingdom of Israel, which "answers" questions posed by worshippers (**Hosea 4:12**; see also **2 Kings 1:2; Isaiah 19:3; 1 Samuel 28:8**) and moves the second generation into the same or related sins (**Hosea 4:13**).

The Old Testament model of receiving forgiveness of sins is by confessing and repenting of our sins according to **Proverbs 28:13**.

**Proverbs 28:13** *"Whoever confesses and forsakes sins finds mercy."*

In the Old Testament's view one should not confess only personal sin but also parental and national sin according to **Leviticus 26:38-40\***. Nehemiah's prayer in **Nehemiah 1:6-9\*** shows that he understood that both confession and repentance are taught in the Pentateuch and that both are necessarily inseparable aspects of turning away from sin and returning to the Lord.

**\*Leviticus 26:38-40** *"38 You shall perish among the nations; the land of your enemies shall eat you up.  
39 And those of you who are left shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away like them.  
40 But if they confess their own and their fathers' iniquity in their treachery which they committed against Me—and also that because they walked contrary to Me"*

**\*Nehemiah 1:6-9** *"6 Let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to listen to the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You day and night for the Israelites, Your servants, confessing the sins of the Israelites which we have sinned against You. Yes, I and my father's house have sinned.  
7 We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, statutes, and ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.  
8 Remember [earnestly] what You commanded Your servant Moses: If you transgress and are unfaithful, I will scatter you abroad among the nations;*

*9 But if you return to Me and keep My commandments and do them, though your outcasts were in the farthest part of the heavens [the expanse of outer space], yet will I gather them from there and will bring them to the place in which I have chosen to set My Name.”*

We see the kind of confession of personal and corporate, generational sin which is prescribed in **Leviticus 26:40\*** practiced throughout Israel's history by Jeremiah (**Jeremiah 3:25\***; **14:7, 20\***), the author who composed **Psalms 106:6\***, by Daniel (**Daniel 9:8, 20\***), by Ezra (**Ezra 9:6-15\***), Nehemiah (**Nehemiah 1:6-7\***), and by the restoration Jewish community in **Nehemiah 9:2\***.

**\*Leviticus 26:40** *“40 But if they confess their own and their fathers’ iniquity in their treachery which they committed against Me—and also that because they walked contrary to Me”*

**\*Jeremiah 3:25; 14:7, 20** *“25 Let us lie prostrate in our shame, and let our dishonor and confusion cover us; for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers; from our youth even to this day we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.”*

**Jeremiah 14:7,20** *“7 O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us [prays Jeremiah], deal and work with us for Your own name’s sake [that the heathen may witness Your might and faithfulness]! For our backslidings are many; we have sinned against You.  
20 We know and acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against You.”*

**\*Psalm 106:6** *“6 We have sinned, as did also our fathers; we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.”*

**\*Daniel 9:8, 20** *“8 O Lord, to us belong confusion and shame of face—to our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers—because we have sinned against You.  
20 While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy hill of my God—“*

**\*Ezra 9:6-15** *“6 Saying, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to You, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads and our guilt has mounted to the heavens.  
7 Since the days of our fathers we have been exceedingly guilty; and for our willfulness we, our kings, and our priests have been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, captivity, plundering, and utter shame, as it is today.  
8 And now, for a brief moment, grace has been shown us by the Lord our God, Who has left us a remnant to escape and has given us a secure hold in His holy place, that our God may brighten our eyes and give us a little reviving in our bondage.*

9 For we are bondmen; yet our God has not forsaken us in our bondage, but has extended mercy and steadfast love to us before the kings of Persia, to give us some reviving to set up the house of our God, to repair its ruins, and to give us a wall [of protection] in Judah and Jerusalem.

10 Now, O our God, what can we say after this? For we have forsaken Your commands

11 Which You have commanded by Your servants the prophets, saying, The land which you are entering to possess is an unclean land with the pollutions of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations which have filled it from one end to the other with their filthiness.

12 Therefore, do not give your daughters to their sons or take their daughters for your sons; and never seek their peace or prosperity, that you may be strong and eat the good of the land and leave it as an inheritance to your children always.

13 And after all that has come upon us for our evil deeds and for our great guilt, seeing that You, our God, have punished us less than our iniquities deserved and have given us such a remnant,

14 Shall we break Your commandments again and intermarry with the peoples who practice these abominations? Would You not be angry with us till You had consumed us, so that there would be no remnant nor any to escape?

15 O Lord, the God of Israel, You are rigidly just and righteous, for we are left a remnant that is escaped, as it is this day. Behold, we are before You in our guilt, for none can stand before You because of this.”

**\*Nehemiah 1:6-7** “6 Let Your ear now be attentive and Your eyes open to listen to the prayer of Your servant which I pray before You day and night for the Israelites, Your servants, confessing the sins of the Israelites which we have sinned against You. Yes, I and my father’s house have sinned.

7 We have acted very corruptly against You and have not kept the commandments, statutes, and ordinances which You commanded Your servant Moses.”

**\*Nehemiah 9:2** “2 And the Israelites separated themselves from all foreigners and stood and confessed their sins and the iniquities of their fathers.”

This form of prayer is part of the covenantal background of the oft-quoted promise of **2 Chronicles 7:14**:

*"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

We also need to understand that the New Testament offers no new framework of sin and confession apart from that found in the Old Testament. The only fundamental modification in the New Testament is, that Christ is now the eternal sacrifice for all sin in place of all Old Testament sacrifices for sin (**Matthew 26:28; Mark. 14:24; Luke. 22:20; John. 1:9; Hebrews 9-10; 1 John. 2:2**).

Many Old Testament and New Testament scholars have pointed out that the New Testament concept of sin and the New Testament framework of public confession of personal and corporate sin pictured in such passages as **1 John 1:9** and **James 5:16** is entirely shaped by the Old Testament concept of sin and confession.

Furthermore, Jesus, Peter, and Paul all assumed and made passing mention of the Old Testament concept of generational sin as an ongoing reality in **Mathew 23:32-35** ("Fill up then the measure (of the sin) of your forefathers," alluding to **Genesis 15:16** and **Leviticus 18:25**; "upon you will come all the righteous blood," alluding to the theme of blood-guilt in such passages as **Isaiah 59:3**; **Ezekiel 9:9**; and **Leviticus 20:9**), and **1 Thessalonians 2:16** ("so as always to fill up (the measure of) their sin").

**Matthew 23:32-35** "32 Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers' sins to the brim [so that nothing may be wanting to a full measure].

33 You serpents! You spawn of vipers! How can you escape the penalty to be suffered in hell (Gehenna)?

34 Because of this, take notice: I am sending you prophets and wise men (interpreters and teachers) and scribes (men learned in the Mosaic Law and the Prophets); some of them you will kill, even crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue and persecute from town to town,

35 So that upon your heads may come all the blood of the righteous (those who correspond to the divine standard of right) shed on earth, from the blood of the righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar [of burnt offering]."

**Genesis 15:16** "16 And in the fourth generation they [your descendants] shall come back here [to Canaan] again, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full and complete."

**Leviticus 18:25** "25 And the land is defiled; therefore I visit the iniquity of it upon it, and the land itself vomits out her inhabitants."

**Isaiah 59:3** "3 For your hands are defiled with blood and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue mutters wickedness."

**Ezekiel 9:9** "9 Then said He to me, The iniquity and guilt of the house of Israel and Judah are exceedingly great; the land is full of blood and the city full of injustice and perverseness; for they say, The Lord has forsaken the land; the Lord does not see [what we are doing]."

**Leviticus 20:9** "9 Everyone who curses his father or mother shall surely be put to death; he has cursed his father or mother; his bloodguilt is upon him."

**1 Thessalonians 2:16** "16 Forbidding and hindering us from speaking to the Gentiles (the nations) that they may be saved. So as always they fill up [to the brim the measure of] their sins. But God's wrath has come upon them at last [completely and forever]!"

**Objection 4. Don't Ezekiel 18:20 and Jeremiah 31:29-30 teach that we no longer share the iniquity of our parents and that generational sin no longer affects children?**

**Ezekiel 18:19-21** states, "Yet you ask, 'Why does the son not share the guilt of his father?' Since the son has done what is just and right and has been careful to keep all my decrees, he will surely live. The soul that sins is the one who will die. The son will not share the guilt of the father, nor will the father share the guilt of the son..."

*But if a wicked man turns away from all the sins he has committed and keeps all my decrees... he will surely live; he will not die."*

And **Jeremiah 31:29-30** states, "In those days people will no longer say, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes and the children's teeth are set on edge.' Instead, everyone will die for his own sin; whoever eats sour grapes-his own teeth will be set on edge."

Suggesting that both of these passages teach that the iniquity of the fathers is no longer visited upon the children implies that these passages contradict **Exodus 34:5-7** which relates the generational cycling of iniquity to God's very Character.

Does God's fundamental character change? **James 1:17, Hebrews 13:8, Malachi 3:6, and Psalm 102:27** say never. Such a suggestion also implies that **Jeremiah 31:29-30** and **Ezekiel 18:19-21** contradict the same principle restated in the Ten Commandments as a fundamental principle of Covenant Law (**Exodus 20:5 and Deuteronomy 5:9; also Leviticus 18:25; Numbers 14:18, 33; Deuteronomy 7:10; Isaiah 65:6-7; Jeremiah 32:18; cf. Job 21:19; Psalm 79:8; 109:14-16**).

The glaring problem with this assumption is that while **Jeremiah 31:29-30** states "every one will die for his own sin," (which thematically and chronologically parallels the statement of **Ezekiel 18:20** "the soul that sins is the one who will die"), it is followed one chapter later by an affirmation that the iniquity or sin-guilt of parents is visited upon children.

**Jeremiah 32:18**, "repaying the iniquity of the fathers to the bosom of the sons."

In the same way the prophecies of Ezekiel assume the ongoing reality of generational sin. **Ezekiel 20:18-36** charges the Israelites with walking in the same sins as their fathers "to this day (**Ezekiel 20:31\***)" and says they will therefore be judged for it (**Ezekiel 20:23-26**). **Ezekiel 4:4\*** explicitly points to Israel's generational iniquity extending over 390 years.

These passages in Ezekiel and Jeremiah, which affirm the ongoing reality of generational sin, make it clear that **Jeremiah 31:29-30\*** and **Ezekiel 18:20\*** do not contradict or update the Covenant Law principle of **Exodus 34:5-7** or **Exodus 20:5**, **Deuteronomy 5:9** and their parallels **that the iniquity of the fathers will be visited upon the sons.**

**\*Ezekiel 20:31** *“31 And when you offer your gifts, when you make your sons pass through the fire, do you not debase and defile yourselves with all your idols to this day? And shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, says the Lord God, I will not be inquired of by you!”*

**\*Ezekiel 4:4** *“4 Then [bound as you are] lie upon your left [and north] side to bear symbolically the iniquity of the house of the ten tribes of Israel upon that side. According to the number of days that you shall lie upon it you shall bear their iniquity.”*

**\*Jeremiah 31:29-30** *“29 In those days they shall say no more, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge.  
30 But everyone shall die for his own iniquity [only]; every man who eats sour grapes—his [own] teeth shall be set on edge.”*

**\*Ezekiel 18:20** *“20 The soul that sins, it [is the one that] shall die. The son shall not bear and be punished for the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear and be punished for the iniquity of the son; the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him only, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon the wicked only.”*

**Jeremiah 31:29-30** and **Ezekiel 18:20** complement the covenant principle of generational sin and corporate confession of generational sin. Children will still be affected by but not punished for their parents' sins. Even common sense suggests that just as we may inherit physical weaknesses from our parents – such as tendencies toward alcoholism, cancer or high cholesterol – so we may also inherit spiritual weaknesses and tendencies toward certain sins such as anger, lust, criticism, greed, idolatry, or occultism. **Ezekiel 18:20** and **Jeremiah 31:29** teach that generational sin will not bring judgment on those who *“turn away from (Ezekiel 18:21\*)”* and repent of personal sin and parental or ancestral sins.

**\*Ezekiel 18:21** *“21 But if the wicked man turns from all his sins that he has committed and keeps all My statutes and does that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die.”*

The specific abuse Ezekiel and Jeremiah address is the false assumption of the Judean exiles in Babylonia that they were exiled from the land of Israel because of their parents' sins and not because of their own sins (**Ezekiel 18:2** *“What do you people mean by quoting this proverb about the land of Israel: ‘The fathers eat sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge?’”* - the same proverb quoted also in **Jeremiah 31:29**).

But as mentioned above, Ezekiel made it clear throughout his prophecies, in passages like **Ezekiel 20:18-36**, that the exiles had been walking in the same sins as their fathers which brought on the judgment of exile from the land.

**Ezekiel 18:2-31** does not deny, then, that children will be visited and challenged by the sins of their parents, but it clearly teaches that only children who turn away from or repent of their sins and the sins of their parents will escape judgment for their sins and the sins of their parents.

**Jeremiah 3:25** *“25 Let us lie prostrate in our shame, and let our dishonor and confusion cover us; for we have sinned against the Lord our God, we and our fathers; from our youth even to this day we have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God.*

**Jeremiah 14:7, 20** *7 O Lord, though our iniquities testify against us [prays Jeremiah], deal and work with us for Your own name’s sake [that the heathen may witness Your might and faithfulness]! For our backslidings are many; we have sinned against You.  
20 We know and acknowledge, O Lord, our wickedness and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against You.”*

Jeremiah confesses the generational sin of his people in **Jeremiah 3:25; 14:7, 20**. He didn't commit the sins his people did. He didn't rebel against the Lord, worship false gods, and oppress the poor. But he did take part in confessing those sins on behalf of Jerusalem and Judah. Do we have to be racists to confess South Africa's sin of racism? Jeremiah would say "no."

***Objection 5. Why should we take responsibility for past sins in our family lines or the sins of our nation which we have not committed?***

Firstly, **1 Peter 2:9** says that we are a "royal priesthood," and there is a priestly aspect to biblical examples of identificational repentance prayer. Even in cases where we have not personally committed the corporate sins we are confessing before God, John Dawson points out that *"we can all identify with the roots of any given sin."* We may not have had an abortion, but we can identify with the lust, the love of comfort, the love of money, the rejection, and the unbelief which are the sinful root attitudes leading to abortion.

Jeremiah did not commit the sins he confessed in **Jeremiah 3:25; 14:7, 20**. Rather, he prophesied against the sins of Judah and Jerusalem and was persecuted for it. But Jeremiah confessed Judah and Jerusalem's sins nonetheless according to the instruction of **Leviticus 26:40**.

**Jeremiah 14:20** *"we acknowledge our wickedness and the iniquity of our fathers; we have... sinned against you").*

When Ezra (**Ezra 9:6-15**), Nehemiah (**Nehemiah 1:6**), and Daniel (**Daniel 9:8, 20**) confessed the sin of their people, no evidence in any of the texts suggests they had committed all those sins. But in obedience to **Leviticus 26:40** they confessed their people's sin, as Jeremiah before them had done.

**Leviticus 26:40** *"40 But if they confess their own and their fathers' iniquity in their treachery which they committed against Me—and also that because they walked contrary to Me"*

There is a second benefit to prayer involving identificational repentance for our families, churches, and nation. Daniel's example of identificational repentance in **Daniel 9 and 10** shows that identificational repentance breaks through the spiritual opposition of satanic principalities and powers. Repentance from sin smashes the work of the devil, because the devil and his forces work through sin in the world and in our lives (**1 John. 3:7-9; Ephesians 4:26-27 and context**). Daniel's identificational repentance led to spiritual breakthrough in **Daniel 9:20-22\*** when the angel Gabriel appeared to him. **Daniel 9:3** mentions that Daniel was praying and fasting when he confessed his people's sins on that occasion. **Daniel 10:2-3, 12** shows that Daniel was praying and fasting on a second occasion.

**Daniel 9:20-22** *"20 While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my supplication before the Lord my God for the holy hill of my God—  
21 Yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the former vision, being caused to fly swiftly, came near to me and touched me about the time of the evening sacrifice.  
22 He instructed me and made me understand; he talked with me and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give you skill and wisdom and understanding."*

The result of Daniel's **prayer**, **fasting**, and **identificational repentance** was that the angel sent to him on the second occasion broke through the opposition of the demonic principalities of Persia and Greece (**Daniel 10:13, 20**). Because there was spiritual breakthrough, God's desire was fulfilled to reveal to Daniel by the angel of God what God's redemptive plan was for Israel in world history – that the anointed Messiah of Israel would establish God's Kingdom over Israel and all nations.

***Objection 6. Doesn't the Bible show that we can only seek and receive forgiveness for our own individual sin and that we cannot remit the sins of others - we cannot receive God's forgiveness or apply God's forgiveness to the sins of others, whether families, corporate bodies, or nations from which we come or to which we belong?***

If it were true that the Bible teaches one cannot seek or receive God's forgiveness on a corporate level for the sins of others, one would have a hard time explaining why Moses did just that for Israel after their sin with the golden calf (**Exodus 32:9-14; 34:8-9; Deuteronomy 9:18-29; 10:10-11; Psalm 106:23**). In **Exodus 34:8-9** he identifies himself with sins he did not commit, *"Forgive our wickedness and our sin."*

In **Numbers 14:13-20**, he asked for the Lord's mercy and forgiveness for Israel's rebellious refusal to enter Canaan after the spies' bad report. And Moses received forgiveness for Israel.

**Numbers 14:20**, *"The Lord replied, 'I have forgiven them as you asked.'"*

The Lord's intention to destroy Israel was abated because of Moses' intercession. Moses did remit the sins of Israel: he sought and received God's forgiveness for them. This kind of **prophetic intercession** was so basic to prophetic ministry from Moses onward, that Samuel the prophet said it would be a sin for him not to pray for Israel regularly.

**1 Samuel 12:23** *"23 Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you; but I will instruct you in the good and right way."*

And this is precisely the kind of intercession the Lord looked for to avert His wrath and to extend forgiveness to His people according to **Ezekiel 22:29-30**.

Scriptural examples show us that God has a concern for whole nations to turn to Him through faith in Christ (compare **Genesis 12:3** and **Exodus 19:6** with **Isaiah 19:21, 25; 56:7-8; Jonah 4:11; Romans 15:9** (Greek, *"that the nations may glorify God for his mercy"*)).

The book of Jonah shows us that God has a desire to show mercy to pagan cities and nations (Nineveh was the chief capital city of Assyria and also represents the nation in the book of Jonah), so they might turn to Him in faith.

**Jonah 3:10; 4:11** *"10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God revoked His [sentence of] evil that He had said that He would do to them and He did not do it [for He was comforted and eased concerning them].  
11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons not [yet old enough to] know their right hand from their left, and also many cattle [not accountable for sin]?"*

In **John 20:23** Jesus gives the disciples the authority to forgive the sins of others – to apply God's forgiveness to others. And Paul seems to expect the Corinthians to exercise such forgiveness toward a repentant member of the church in **2 Corinthians 2:7-10**. Again, this seems to suggest a priestly function which reflects the fact that we are "*royal priesthood* (**1 Peter 2:9**)" who can receive and apply and proclaim God's forgiveness to others we pray for and pray with.

**Objection 7. Isn't the Old Testament idea of generational sin and confessing generational and national sin foreign to the New Testament?**

**Matthew 23:32-35, 1 Thessalonians 2:16, and 1 Peter 1:18** all show that the New Testament assumes the ongoing reality of the Old Testament view of generational sin (see discussion above under Objection 3).

Corporate confession is still a legitimate category of confession in New Testament faith and practice. No New Testament passage contradicts the Old Testament pattern of confessing personal and corporate sin.

There is simply no New Testament evidence that suggests that either the Old Testament concept of generational sin or its corollary concept of confessing corporate, generational and national sin was negated or changed in New Testament faith.

On the contrary, the fact that the Old Testament concept of generational sin continued to be assumed in the New Testament, as demonstrated above (see Objection 3), suggests that it was still a legitimate category of confession in the New Testament.

**Objection 8.** *Once we put our faith in Christ aren't we forgiven and our past sins automatically covered by the blood of Christ? Doesn't this mean we don't have to confess or repent of any specific former sins?*

**Leviticus 26:39-42** *“39 And those of you who are left shall pine away in their iniquity in your enemies' lands; also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away like them.  
40 But if they confess their own and their fathers' iniquity in their treachery which they committed against Me—and also that because they walked contrary to Me  
41 I also walked contrary to them and brought them into the land of their enemies—if then their uncircumcised hearts are humbled and they then accept the punishment for their iniquity,  
42 Then will I [earnestly] remember My covenant with Jacob, My covenant with Isaac, and My covenant with Abraham, and [earnestly] remember the land.”*

**Deuteronomy 30:1** *“1 AND WHEN all these things have come upon you, the blessings and the curses which I have set before you, and you shall call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you,”*

Above we noted that **Proverbs 28:13** shows that the Old Testament pattern of receiving forgiveness of sin involves confessing one's sin and repenting of it. The parallel passages, **Leviticus 26:39-42** and **Deuteronomy 30:1-3**, which speak of Israel receiving the Lord's forgiveness for breaking covenant with the Lord respectively reflect the dual aspects of returning to the Lord—confessing personal and corporate sin (**Leviticus 26:39-42**) and repenting of such sin (**Deuteronomy 30:1-3**).

In the New Testament one finds the same correlation of receiving forgiveness through confessing sin and resolving to repent of it. Both **Luke. 19:8-9** (the account of Zacchaeus' conversion) and **Acts 19:18-19** (the account of the conversion and public repentance of the Ephesians) show that the normal New

Testament model of conversion included expressing faith in Christ accompanied by confessing specific sins and expressing the resolve to bear the fruit of repentance.

**Acts 8:22-23** shows that if we fail specifically to apply the blood of Christ to pre-Christian sins by confessing them and resolving to .repent of them, we may remain captive to sin as Simon the converted magician was. Simon was a baptized believer who had put his faith in Jesus Christ (**Acts 8:13**). **1 John 1:7, 9** shows that the way we receive redemption through the blood of Christ and the way our sins are forgiven by the blood of Christ is by our confessing our sins at conversion and after conversion.

Without the shedding of Christ's blood there is no forgiveness (**Hebrews 9:22**), and confessing sins with the intention to repent is the New Testament way of being forgiven and cleansed of sin.

It is because Simon the magician apparently did not confess or decide to repent of his former pre-Christian sins of greed and lust for power that he remained "*captive to sin*" (**Acts 8:23**)" after making a commitment of faith in Christ.

***Objection 9. Isn't the effect of generational sin part of the Old Testament curse of the law from which Christ redeemed us according to Galatians 3:13?***

As noted before, we are clearly justified before God by Christ's blood and not by observing Old Testament Law according to **Romans 6:14; Galatians 2:16; 5:6**. But the deeper principles of God's character mentioned in **Exodus 34:7** and the deeper principles of the Ten Commandments mentioned in **Exodus 20:3-17** and **Deuteronomy 5:7-21** are not nullified by faith in Christ. They are established by faith in Christ (**Romans 3:31; 8:4; 13:8**).

No passage in the New Testament states that the Old Testament cycle of generational sin and bondage is nullified automatically - without specific confession and intention to repent of such sins - by faith in Christ.

Nor does any New Testament passage state that the Old Testament model of confessing not only personal but also parental and national sin is nullified by faith in Christ. Instead the Ten Commandments, in which the principle of generational sin is found, are upheld by Paul in the New Testament as the deeper principles of the law still in effect in New Testament faith. Paul considers clean and unclean categories of the Law to be "*disputable*" (**Romans 14:1** but reaffirms the Ten Commandments as commandments whose principles are still in force in New Testament faith (**Romans 13:8-10; Ephesians 6:1-3; cf. James. 2:11; 1 Peter 1:16**) and whose principles are fulfilled by "*faith (in Christ) expressing itself in love*" (**Galatians 5:6; cf. 2:16; 5:14; Romans 6:14**).

The "curse of the law" from which we are released according to **Galatians 3:13** is the Covenant curse of drought, famine, pestilence, barrenness,

defeat, and exile from the Promised Land (see **Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28**) – the Covenant curse which would come upon Israel for failing to keep all the Law in order to maintain covenant relationship with the Lord.

Clearly **Galatians 3:13** does not refer to the deeper principles of God's Character and the Ten Commandments, including the principle of generational sin and confession of corporate sin, being nullified by New Testament faith in Christ.

**Psalm 19:11** *"By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward."*

The Lord did not preserve the deeper truths of the Old Testament for ancient Israel alone, but for New Testament believers also. Rather, He intends that the Body of Christ use the Old Testament to equip believers *"for every good work (2 Timothy 3:16-17)"* to advance His Kingdom throughout the world:

**Deuteronomy 29:29** *"The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our children forever."*

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## PRAYERS

### 1. FREEMASONRY

If you were once a Mason or are a descendent of a Mason, we recommend that you pray through the following prayer from your heart, firstly for yourself and your family, and secondly for your city and country.

Father God, Creator of heaven and earth, we come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ Your Son. We confess to You that we, the people of South Africa, have sinned by allowing the sinful practice of Freemasonry to take place in our country.

We now confess and repent of the various sins of Freemasonry as a false religion that we have allowed and in which some of our ancestors and, in some cases ourselves, have participated. We confess and repent of these the known sins of Freemasonry and ask that You will assist this prayer through the Holy Spirit, because some of the sins of Freemasonry might still be veiled to us.

We confess, renounce, forsake and repent of all involvement in Freemasonry by our people, our ancestors and ourselves, even on behalf of some people that have been involved who did it in good faith and were never aware of the true nature of Freemasonry.

Detailed confession and repentance of the sin of Freemasonry will now be addressed as classified in the main areas of sin.

#### ➤ IDOLATRY

We confess and repent of the sin of idolatry in Freemasonry, whereby a **host of false gods are worshipped** in various ways, some of which is a mockery of the atonement by our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross and His resurrection as well as the false representation of Holy Communion in various rites.

We confess and repent of our worship of satan and his demons in the various rites in Freemasonry as the Great Architect Of The Universe, Lucifer, Ba'al, Baphomet, Jah-Bul-On, the Egyptian gods Osiris, Isis, Anubis, Horus and the power of the pyramids as well as phallic and sun worship through the obelisk; Masonry's false trinitarian deity AUM from the Eastern religions, and its parts: Brahma the creator, Vishnu the preserver, and Shiva the destroyer. We renounce the deity of AHURA-MAZDA, the claimed spirit or source of all light. We confess the sin of emulating Hiram Abiff as the personification of Jesus Christ being resurrected in the third degree initiation ceremony. We also renounce the false claim that Lucifer is the Morning Star and Shining One and we declare that Jesus Christ is the Bright and Morning Star of Revelation 22:16.

We confess and repent of the **worshipping of man** by the positions awarded to them by Freemasonry, including but not limited to the following: "Tyier", "Master", "Worshipful Master", "Grand Knight Kadosh", "Grand Inspector Inquisitor Commander", "Sublime Prince of the Royal Secret" and "Grand Sovereign Inspector General".

**We confess and repent of the blasphemy and rejection of the deity of Jesus Christ, His atonement for us and the mockery of the communion taken in some rites including a biscuit, salt and white wine.**

*We confess and repent of the **false doctrine of reincarnation** accepted by Freemasonry.*

We confess and repent of the **lusts of the flesh** that draws people to Freemasonry, i.e. lust for power, authority, the love of money, avarice or greed, pride and advancement by favoritism. We confess and repent of the **deception and manipulation** of lower level masons by the human authorities of Freemasonry, both within and without South Africa.

We confess and repent of the **fear** instilled in its participants by Freemasonry. We renounce all the fears, which hold people in Masonry, especially the fears of death, fears of men, and fears of trusting in the Name of Jesus Christ.

We confess and repent of the **entrapping of others** into Masonry, and observing the helplessness of others during the rituals.

We confess, renounce and repent of the **net of Freemasonry** cast over the cities and towns of South Africa (with the lodges as nodes) and its connection with the world wide net of Freemasonry.

#### ➤ **BREAKING OF COVENANTS / MAKING UNHOLY COVENANTS**

We confess of the sins of **breaking the New Covenant in Jesus Christ** by the entering into various **unholy covenants in Freemasonry** as the Freemason progresses through the various initiation ceremonies of the Freemasonry degrees.

We confess, renounce and repent of the **oaths** (including the oath of secrecy) taken during the various Freemasonry degrees, from the first degree to the highest degree.

We confess the sin of **broken marriage covenants** due to the secrecy oaths of Freemasonry that overruled the oneness of the marriage covenant. We confess and repent of the false marriage contract with Freemasonry as signified by an oath and a ring on the fourth finger of the right hand. We confess and repent of the emotional rejection of Masonry passed on through any female family member who felt distrusted and rejected by her husband as he entered and attended any lodge and refused to tell her of his secret activities.

We also confess, renounce and repent of the **blasphemous kissing of the Bible** on a witchcraft oath.

We confess and renounce and repent of the various **curses** that we accepted on our families and ourselves during the various initiations from the lowest to the highest degree. These curses mostly involved the punishment for breaking the secrecy of Freemasonry and the rituals of the various degrees.

We confess, renounce and repent of the curses of death which also brought various illnesses over our people: heart attack, suffocation, various throat and lung illnesses (throat, vocal cords, nasal passages, sinus, bronchial tubes), illnesses of the stomach, gall bladder, womb (barrenness and miscarriages), liver and any other organs of the body affected by Masonry. We specifically confess, renounce and repent of any invitation to death or death wish or curse that was made.

We also confess, renounce and repent of the various **secret passwords** given in the various rites of Freemasonry and their meanings and the curses embodied in them.

We confess, renounce and repent of the various secret **covenants of Freemasonry with other organizations**, like social organizations (e.g. Rotary Club and Lions) acting as screening grounds for Freemasonry, business organizations to maintain control over finances and cults and false religions (e.g. witchdoctors in South Africa) to span the net of Freemasonry and therefore of satan even wider.

#### ➤ **SEXUAL IMMORALITY**

We confess and repent of the **sins** against (sexual perversity, homosexuality and bi-sexuality) and the **curse on marriages** that Freemasonry brings.

#### ➤ **BLOODSHED**

We confess and repent of the **sins of worship of death, blood oaths and bloodshed** that Freemasonry brings as well as the spiritual death of its members and communities. We confess and repent of the drinking from a scull in various ceremonies.

#### ➤ **ASSOCIATED SECRET SOCIETIES**

We confess and repent of the idolatry and broken covenants of all secret societies associated with Freemasonry, such as the women's Orders of the Eastern Star, the girls' Order of the Daughters of the Eastern Star, the girls' Order of the Rainbow girls and the boys' Order of De Molay, and their effects on us our families and our country.

## ➤ **SYMBOLIC CONFIRMATION OF REPENTANCE**

All Freemasons, former Freemasons or descendants of Freemasons should now be invited to sincerely carry out the following:

Symbolically remove the blindfold (hoodwink) and give it to the Lord for disposal. In the same way, symbolically remove the veil of mourning; symbolically cut and remove the noose from around the neck, gather it up with the cable-tow running down the body and give it all to the Lord for His disposal; renounce the false Freemasonry marriage covenant, removing from the fourth finger of the right hand the ring of this false marriage covenant, giving it to the Lord to dispose of it; symbolically remove the chains and bondages of Freemasonry from your body (remove the ball and chain from the ankles); symbolically remove all Freemasonry regalia and armour, especially the Apron; confess the sin of and repent of and seek forgiveness for having walked on all unholy ground including Freemasonry lodges and temples, including any other occultist Masonic organizations.

## ➤ **CONCLUSION**

Father God, we now ask humbly for the Blood of Jesus Christ Your Son, to cleanse us and our country from all these sins we have confessed, renounced and repented of; to cleanse our spirit, soul, mind, emotions and every part of our bodies which have been affected by these sins, in Jesus' Name! We declare that Jesus Christ is the only Worshipful Master, Lord and Saviour. As a nation we (use the name of your nation, e.g. Zulu, Afrikaners, etc.) renounce the sin of Freemasonry in our nation and turn our back on it.

Father God, we pray that You will cancel the curses brought on us and our country by our adherence to Freemasonry, including the curses on the marriage, the children (especially the first-born), our finances and businesses, our health, our congregations, the curse of sexual immorality, division, deception, confusion, openness to idolatry and spiritual death in many forms.

Father God, we forgive all our ancestors for the effects of their sins with regard to Freemasonry on our children and us. We pray, Father God that in Jesus' Name, the axe will now cut the root so that from now our descendents will be free from the sin of Freemasonry committed in our family, our nation and our country up to this day.

Father God, we also proclaim in the Name of Jesus Christ that satan and his demons no longer have any legal rights to mislead and manipulate the person/s seeking help to exit Freemasonry in South Africa.

Amen.

## 2. BROKEN COVENANTS

Father, thank You for Jesus Christ, Who opened the way and through whose Blood we have access to You. Thank You for Jesus' Blood, the New Covenant, and for the promise of forgiveness of sins. Covenant-keeping God, You who revealed Yourself as Elohim, El-Shaddai, YHWH, Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, we come to Your throne of grace because we South Africans need help. We acknowledge and confess that in South Africa we have broken covenants with You and with one another. We confess that as a nation we have not always lived according to Your precepts and commands. We, and our fathers, have deviated from Your ways and followed the dictates of our own hearts, which many times were ways of injustice. Please forgive us.

### ➤ BROKEN COVENANTS AND TREATIES

God of the Covenant, we confess that South Africa is guilty of breaking covenants with one another. In the history of our country we have made agreements with one another but then broken those agreements through deceptions and lies and sometimes even bloodshed. We confess the broken covenants between the Nguni Tribes (Zulu, Swazi and Xhosa); the broken covenants between the Zulu and Sotho tribes; the broken covenants between the Xhosa, Zulu, Khoi and San tribes; the broken covenants between the Ndebele, Sotho and Tswana tribes; the broken covenants between the Zulu and Shangaan tribes; the broken covenants between the Venda and Pedi tribes; the broken covenants between the European Settlers and the Khoi tribes; the broken covenants between the European settlers and the Xhosa tribes; the broken covenants between the Voortrekkers and the Zulu; the broken covenants between the British and the Zulu and Xhosa tribes; the broken covenants between the British and Afrikaners; the broken covenants between the Afrikaners and the ethnic tribes of South Africa; the broken covenants between \_\_\_\_\_ (any covenant or agreement or treaty between people groups in South Africa that you are aware of). We ask for the Blood of Jesus to cancel the curse on the land because of these broken covenants.

Please stop the cycle of hatred, revenge and bitterness because of these broken covenants. Bring healing and reconciliation between people groups and restore in South Africa the gift of reconciliation so that we may accept and bless one another and the nations of the world through reconciliation. Please build a multi-ethnic House of Prayer in South Africa that will stand in agreement before Your throne and ask for Your will to be done in South Africa.

### ➤ LAWS AND POLICIES OF INJUSTICE

*[We have not included all the laws of injustice in this prayer. Please follow the leading of the Holy Spirit as you pray concerning this issue.]*

Father, as South Africans and ..... (own ethnic group), we confess the laws of injustice of our own and previous generations. We confess and repent of the laws that caused people to be robbed of their basic rights as people before You: The Slavery laws, Population Registration Act (1950) and

Mixed Marriages Act (1949). We confess and repent of the laws that were, and still are, biased towards a certain racial group and caused discrimination and hatred amongst ethnic groups (e.g. Glen Grey Act of 1894). We confess and repent of laws that dehumanised and humiliated people (e.g. "Pass Laws" and Afscheidingsbeleid of 1846). We confess and repent of laws that caused people to be estranged from their land and property: Group Areas Act (1950), Land Acts of 1913 and 1936. We confess and repent of laws that did injustice to strangers in our land. We confess and repent of anti-Semitic policies of past and present.

We confess and repent of laws that are directly in opposition against Your Word: Legalising Abortion and Legalising gambling and lottery. We confess and repent of laws of injustice that caused innocent blood to be shed (e.g. Shaka's law to kill pregnant women after his mother's death). We confess and repent of the tribal laws of \_\_\_\_\_ (own ethnic group), which are in direct opposition against Your Word. We confess and repent of laws that betrayed the trust people had in You.

### ➤ **DIVORCE**

Faithful One, we acknowledge and confess our guilt before You because of divorce in our country. Many homes are broken and lives destroyed because of this sin. Please forgive our unfaithfulness and selfishness in not keeping the marriage covenants and vows we made. We pray for the restoration of marriages, broken relationships and families, and that You will bring healing to those who are hurting. Please help us to be faithful, to serve one another and to resist the temptations that come our way. Please restore the fathers as priests of their families and bring mothers and children under the protection of the head of the family.

### ➤ **INJUSTICE**

Father, we come before You to confess the many injustices in our society. We confess and repent of the cursing, lying and stealing in our community. We confess and repent of the lawlessness of our society. We confess and repent of the many ways in which our country's laws are broken through carelessness, recklessness, irresponsibility and disregard of law. We confess and repent of the neglect of certain sectors of society, especially the elderly people and children. We confess and repent of the apathy towards those who suffer from poverty and disease. We confess and repent of withholding our tithes from Your storerooms, so that people in need can be cared for and looked after. We confess and repent of seeking our own comfort before carrying the burden of those around us. We ask that You will restore our "eyesight" to see what You see in our society, to feel with Your heart and to help with Your help. Help us to take responsibility of those in need and to feed and clothe them according to Your Word. May the Church be truly Your representative in South Africa.

Father, we as Your Body, want to take responsibility for South Africa, to pray for the Government, to speak out on Your behalf. Please give us the courage to stand up for what is right, to speak out against what is wrong and to speak out for those who are oppressed and downtrodden.

Please deliver South Africa from the guilt of injustice, broken covenants and broken relationships. Cleanse us with the Blood of Jesus and bring healing and restoration to our nation. Please remove the curse from the land and restore the ground to produce food once more. Destroy all wickedness and pagan influences that entered our nation because of these broken covenants. Bring health to our people and let Your face shine over us with Your favour. May Your Name be glorified in South Africa. May we become a nation that serves You in righteousness. May we be called blessed because of the good You will do towards us. Pour out Your Spirit on this land, in the Name of Jesus Christ, our High Priest.

AMEN!

### 3. IDOLATRY, BLOODGUILT, IMMORALITY AND BROKEN COVENANTS

Father God, I come to You, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Holy One Who revealed Yourself to Israel as YHWH, the eternal I AM, the covenant-keeping God. I acknowledge that You are the only True God. The Supreme God of gods and King of kings. I believe that You have revealed Yourself through Jesus Christ who came in the flesh, died on the cross, rose from the dead and ascended to heaven to sit at Your right hand on the throne. I enter now into Your Presence through the way Jesus Christ opened by the sacrifice of Himself on the cross and come before You in His Name. I confess that I am saved by faith in the work of Jesus Christ on the cross and not by works, but that my salvation was a gift from You. I submit myself under Your authority as the Judge who has the power to forgive sin and bring healing. I come before You today in confession and repentance on behalf of myself and my ancestors to ask You to break the power of sin in my life and the lives of my people. I want to honour my earthly father and mother and all my ancestors of my own flesh and blood, but I reject their sin and turn my back upon it. I forgive my ancestors for the effect of their sin on my descendants and on me. I confess and reject all my own sins and ask You to allow the Holy Spirit to apply, the power of the Blood of Jesus Christ shed on the cross in my life and to release the victory of the cross over sin and bondages in my life as well as those of my descendants. I also ask You to allow the Holy Spirit to apply the power of the Blood of Jesus Christ over satan and all his hosts of darkness. I believe through faith that the victory is available right now.

#### ➤ IDOLATRY

- I confess that my ancestors and I were involved in the sin of **idolatry**. I now reject and renounce all forms of idolatry.
- I reject and renounce the worship of **images** made of wood, stone, gold, bronze or any other material.
- I reject and renounce the worship of **sacred pillars, poles** or **obelisks**, as well as the worship of **standing stones, trees** or any other similar objects.
- I reject and renounce all **myths, legends** and **stories** about gods and spirits and also all **incantations** that are used by any and all cults.
- I reject and renounce all forms of **nature worship** and the worship of creation in the **sun, moon, stars, planets** or the **earth** itself.
- I reject and renounce any gods and spirits worshipped in my culture that I do not know and I list those whose names I know and renounce them by name (give time for people to think and pray on their own). I now turn my back on these gods and ask in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ that they will be made the footstool of Jesus.
- I reject and renounce all forms of **animal worship** or **totems**. I cut all soul ties between me and the animal kingdom and every animal worshipped in my culture, especially the worship and charming of snakes, serpents, dragons or any other water spirit or spirit of fire.
- I reject and renounce all worship of **plants** in my culture, including the witchcraft use of plants as medicines in alternative healing.
- I reject and renounce all forms of **ancestor worship**, including ceremonies and rituals at ancestral **tombs** and **graves**.

- I ask forgiveness for every ungodly sprinkling and incense burning in temples of idols and reject and renounce it as practices of Satan and idol worship. I reject and renounce the belief in incantations and formulas, as well as **rituals and prayers during burials**.
- I reject and renounce all forms of **humanism**, including ceremonies and rituals at **monuments** honouring my ancestors.
- I reject and renounce all forms of worship of my **nationality** or national emblems of my country.
- I reject and renounce any self-centeredness, self-exaltation, self-seeking or pride in human accomplishments. I also reject any form of rebellion against God's authority.
- I reject and renounce all forms of **exclusiveness**, even those of any secret society or organization that excludes membership to certain people.
- I reject and renounce all forms of **ideologies** and arguments in my culture that exalted itself against the knowledge of God.
- I cut my descendants and myself loose from any ties to idols and demonic spirits inhabiting any objects, ideas or customs in my culture.
- I reject and renounce any **altars** to idols whether it is images, ideas or ideologies. I cut my soul ties with any priests or priestesses, all temples and places of worship as well as all worship rituals and ceremonies with idols.
- I cut myself free and turn my back on all **superstition**, any observances and remembrances of special days, seasons or ceremonies performed for idols in my culture.
- I cut myself free from the **cycle of fertility and reincarnation**.
- I cut myself loose from all **magic powers**, secret formulas and medicines, false healing and healing powers, including those used in alternative medicines introduced from the East.
- In the Name of Jesus Christ, I cut my ancestors' and descendants' names free from any person, gods or evil forces, which would use our names to bring us under their power and authority. I cancel all curses, charms, incantations and magic or witchcraft done against us in the name of any spiritual force and take us out under the mastery of satan, the cosmic universe or any document and place it under the Lordship of the true God revealed in three Persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
- I cut myself free from any **supernatural powers** or energies my ancestors or I have received from spiritual forces.
- I petition for protection for myself and my descendants and family against any spiritual force still worshipped by my family or people in my culture through ceremonies, rituals or observances.
- I ask for the Blood of Jesus to cover all sins of idolatry and witchcraft.

## ➤ BLOODGUILT

- I confess that my ancestors and I have been involved in the sin of bloodshed. I accept the guilt of this sin on behalf of my family and myself.
- I confess, reject and renounce all shedding of blood at illegal altars to idols or spiritual forces, whether blood of animals or humans.
- I confess the sin of bloodshed in abortion and acknowledge that it is murder and the shedding of innocent blood and I reject this practice.
- I confess, reject and renounce any bloodshed through murders or killings done by my ancestors or myself, including any suicides in my bloodline.
- I confess, reject and renounce any bloodshed during times of war that my ancestors or myself were involved in, whether it be through defence or attack.
- I confess any bloodshed that occurred in any accident that my ancestors or myself were involved in. I silence all blood that was shed because of miscarriages. I release the spirit/s of the unborn child/ren to Jesus.
- I confess, reject and repent of any bloodshed through mutilation or scarification on my body or any body piercing done.
- I confess, reject and repent of drinking or eating of blood done in my culture that my ancestors or I partook in.
- I confess, reject and repent of any rituals involving blood, any documentation signed in blood or any ceremonies where my ancestors or myself used blood. I confess, reject and repent of any blood covenants made with spiritual forces, people or animals.
- I forgive anyone who has committed bloodshed against me, my family or my ancestors and people.
- In the Name of Jesus I ask that the Blood of Jesus silence the voices of blood crying out against my family and me. I ask that the cycle of violence and bloodshed will stop and that no more revenge will be asked.

## ➤ IMMORALITY

- I confess that my family and I have been involved in the sin of immorality.
- I confess, reject and renounce any form of perversity in the lives of my ancestors or myself: the sin of incest in the family, intercourse during menstruation, adultery, homosexuality, bestiality, masturbation, fornication, premarital sex, prostitution, pornography, sexual abuse of any form, rape, the uncovering of my own or anybody else's nakedness in perversity, multiple relationships (with or without practicing sex), any other form of uncleanness in my thoughts, through watching x-rated movies or movies with explicit sex scenes or through reading books.
- I ask forgiveness for any illegitimate births taking place in my family. I break the curse of illegitimacy over my descendants and myself until the tenth generation.
- I recognized that my involvement in sexual sin has contributed to a spirit of violence in the land and I confess and repent of this contribution.
- I forgive anyone who was involved in violating my body, thoughts or emotions through sexual assault.
- I ask now that the Blood of Jesus Christ will cleanse my body and soul from any memories, thoughts, wounds or emotions.

## ➤ BROKEN COVENANTS

- I confess the sin of broken covenants or broken treaties in the lives of my ancestors and myself.
- I confess, reject and renounce the practice of **divorce** (broken covenant). I now ask for forgiveness for the involvement in the breaking of marriage vows and I forgive my marriage partner for breaking covenant with me. I forgive my ancestors who broke covenant in marriages and the effect this had on my life as well as those of my descendants. I now cut my descendants and myself free from the curse of broken covenants.
- I confess, reject and renounce any broken covenants or treaties my country or people were involved in whether with God or another culture or people.
- I confess, reject and renounce any broken covenants my family or I committed in **business**. I ask for an opportunity to bring restitution if that is necessary.
- I confess, reject and renounce any contribution I had to the breaking up of my family and forgive anyone else who was involved in such a way.

## ➤ PROCLAMATION

In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, and with the authority which I have as a believer in Him, I now declare that I have been redeemed out of the hand of satan and all idolatry and that I am cleansed of this sin and through His Blood I am forgiven, sanctified, cleansed and justified. I now turn my back on all forms of idolatry. I take my territory back from satan and tear up any contracts made with him. I cut my descendant and myself free from all oaths, blood bonds and soul ties with every person who was involved in the above.

I ask for a total removal of all guilt and shame on my descendants and me for whatever sin we have been involved in. I now strip gatekeepers of their authority, and ask You Lord Jesus that all ungodly keys will be destroyed, all papers of commission be torn up, and them to be decommissioned. In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I ask that You will please close all evil doors and seal them with Your Blood.

I ask forgiveness for my and my ancestors' involvement with all the above-mentioned things and confess that it is an abomination in Your sight. I thank You Father, that You will never think of these sins and that You will remove them as far as the East is from the West. In the Name of Jesus Christ, I now command every evil spirit to leave me immediately and all idols to come under God's judgment. I pray that all curses on the land because of my sin and the sin of my ancestors will now be broken and nullified in the Name of Jesus Christ and that the land will be set free from my sin. I pray Lord Jesus Christ that You will send Your Spirit in a mighty revival to set people free who are still in bondage to sin and Satan.

**AMEN.**

