

BLESSINGS AND CURSING

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Many today believe only in a "goody, goody" God. All good comes from God and all hindrances come from Satan. They give God no credit for the correction that He is trying to bring in their lives. In their way of thinking, God is so good and Satan is so mean. They willfully overlook the scripture, "Behold the goodness and severity of God." ROM 11:22 The word severity is APOTOMIA. APO means "away" and TOME means "to cut". So the word severity means "to cut away". God needs to cut away those things in our lives that are not pleasing that He fore-ordained before the world began.

In DEU 28, God spoke of blessings and cursings. The word blessing means "prosperity". He will bring prosperity upon those who follow all His commandments. This does not necessarily mean to prosper financially, but rather, to be prosperous in our walk with God. The only way to receive His blessing is to be obedient to all His commandments.

He then pronounces His cursings. Unfortunately, the only understanding we have of cursings comes from the satanic realm when an evil person uses curses to bring harm upon someone. But the word curse, as used in DEU 28, means "the absence or reversal of a blessing, falling from our rightful state and being lowered into a lesser state". It is the opposite of sacred and means "to be separated". In other words, we are no longer in a place where God can bless us because we have separated ourselves from God through disobedience to His Word.

In the first thirteen verses of DEU 28, there are 32 promised blessings given to us if we follow all God's commandments. We need not to seek God for these blessings, for they are automatic if we are obedient. Moses wrote, "**And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God.**" **DEU 28:2**

God's hand will move to accomplish all these blessings in our lives so that He may establish unto Himself an holy people in the earth. This He has promised if we keep His commandments and walk in His ways, *** DEU 28:9. A further promise is given that all the people of the earth shall see that we are called by the name of the Lord and they shall be afraid of us, *** DEU 28:10. God is establishing His people in the earth so He can pour out all His blessings upon them. These blessed ones have kept all His commandments and have destroyed all the idols in their lives. Idols in the Bible were made of wood, stone and brass, and were referred to as molten or graven images. A molten image is anything made from materials that must be heated and shaped. These could be cars, boats, airplanes, bowling balls... Graven images are fabricated from natural materials and constructed into gods. These images could be houses, golf clubs, baseballs, etc.

There is another group of idols called teraphims. The word teraphim is the Hebrew word TERAPHIYM and means "a family idol, images." Teraphims are household gods; anything that takes our time and our money; those things around the house that tie us to the world, such as TV, stereos, video recorders, and others. Teraphims are the objects that keep us tied to the world, the objects that take our hearts away from God. Our God is a jealous God. "**For the Lord whose name is JEALOUS is a Jealous God.**" *** **EXO 34:14**

When we do all His commandments, God promises we will be the head and not the tail. "**And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only; and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:**" *** **DEU 28:13** This is living the overcoming life. It only took fourteen verses, DEU 28:1-14, to explain our blessings when we are obedient to God and observe and do all His commands. It took 54 verses to proclaim His cursings that will come upon us if we do not hearken unto the voice (not Moses' law) of the Lord thy God; "**...To observe and do all His commandments and His statutes which I command thee this day.**" *** **DEU 28:15**

God promised that those who refused to follow His voice would be cursed in the city, in the field (cultivated land), in thy basket (the gathering of food), cursed in thy store (kneading troughs, food preparation), fruit of their body (children), fruit of thy land, increase kine (cattle), also the flocks of sheep (sheep and goats), *** DEU 28:16-18. God promised that those who do not keep His commandments live in a lower realm, in every aspect of their lives, without the blessings of God.

God also promises the children of disobedience that they will be cursed when they come in and cursed when they go out, *** DEU 28:19. Every aspect of their lives and all the activities they partake of will be cursed; which is the reversal of a blessing. We will have fallen from the place of His wonderful blessings to being separated from God. When we become sensual in our thinking, we accept the cursings that God will bring. They believe that living on this lower realm is the normal way of life and they can expect nothing else. When we accept this as fact, we have fallen into dis-ease. Sickness will begin to overtake our bodies. Every dis-ease known to man is listed in DEU 28.

The first dis-ease listed is vexation. This is the word MEHUWMAH and means "confusion, disturbance, mental turmoil and trouble". Paul informed us that God is not of confusion but of peace, *** 1CO 14:33. When

we are in confusion and mental turmoil, we are not listening to the voice of our God, but listening to the voice of confusion. In ages past we would have said these people were vexed. When they put themselves in this place, they open themselves up to demonic activity.

The second dis-ease is rebuke, *** DEU 28:20. This word, MIGERETH, means "frustration caused by a fruitless conclusion of an activity". When they are unable to accomplish or finish a task, they end up frustrated and defeated, falling into self-condemnation. Self-condemnation leads to failed marriages, loss of employment and friends. Many people will draw into themselves and become reclusive and morose. These become subject to the spirit of suicide. This vexation and rebuke is "**In all that thou settest thine hand unto for to do, until thou be destroyed and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doing, whereby thou hast forsaken Me.**" *** DEU 28:20 If vexation (frustration) is a problem, all we need to do is return to God, repent of the wickedness and take heed to His still small voice.

The next dis-ease is pestilence, *** DEU 28:21. This word is DEBER and means "sickness and plagues that cause death". Examples of pestilence are the Bubonic Plague, which destroyed thousands in Europe; syphilis and gonorrhea plagues, which are sexual transmitted dis-eases; Cholera Epidemic, which arose early in this century; and Legionaries Disease, which recently surfaced as a killer.

The next curse God will put on those who refuse to follow His commandments is consumption, *** DEU 28:22. This word is SHACHEPHETH and means "a `dis-ease' that causes the body to waste away". This is God's promise of Aids, Cancer, Leprosy, Tuberculosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Lupus and Parkinson's Disease, to list a few. All these ultimately cause death.

Then comes inflammation and fever, *** DEU 28:22. These words are GADDACHATH and DALLEGETH meaning "a `dis-ease' that produces a fever", such as Scarlet Fever, Yellow Fever, Measles, Malaria, Rheumatic Fever and Diphtheria. Although some of the fever dis-eases do not cause death, they incapacitate the victim. The seventh is extreme burning, *** DEU 28:22. This word is CHARCHUR and means "disfigurement". The dis-eases that disfigure the body include Smallpox, Chicken Pox, Measles, Polio, Palsy, Venereal diseases, Muscular Dystrophy and Multiple Sclerosis. They may or may not cause death, but they leave enduring evidence of their presence.

The next dis-ease is emerods, *** DEU 28:27. Emerods are hemorrhoids. Hemorrhoids are generally caused by too much sitting, straining the body or lifting heavy loads the body was not designed to lift. These are extremes of God's intended use of the body. When proper judgment is not used and there is not a balance of activity and rest, many times, hemorrhoids are the result. God has given us commandments on how we are to use the body. When we violate these commandments, then we suffer dis-ease.

Another dis-ease is scab, *** DEU 28:27. This word is GARAB and means "to scratch". Scabs are skin dis-eases that affect the body from head to foot; from dandruff to athletes feet. Incurable skin dis-eases are prevalent throughout the earth today. These may cause burning or extreme itching. People spend millions each year trying to control skin dis-eases that are part of the curse of the scab.

The next curse is itch, *** DEU 28:28. The word is CHEREC and means "eczema". These are parasitic insects that affect the skin. There are many forms of skin dis-eases that are caused by these parasitic insects: scurvy and hives are but two. These dis-eases have plagued mankind from the beginning and are very much a part of the curse realm; all because man will not obey the commandments of God.

Then comes madness, *** DEU 28:28. This word is SHIGGAOWN and means "insanity caused by mental stress". Today the insane asylums are full. Psychologists and psychiatrists are paid high prices to deal with mental stress. Although these professions never healed anyone, they formulate a way the person can live in his or her stressful situation. They show avenues of accepting the problem and living with the problem instead of solving the problem. These avenues are developed so the mentally ill can cope with the stress that is of their own making, because they have violated the commandments of God.

Next is blindness, *** DEU 28:28. The word is AVVERETH and means "astonishment". Astonishment means "confusion of mind from fear and surprise at unexpected events". Fear does not come from God. We are informed in *** 2TI 1:7 that God has not given us the spirit of fear. When we do not follow the Lord's commandments, we give place to the spirit of fear; satan. Fear has gripped our nation and the world. Three generations of children have grown up with the threat of nuclear annihilation hanging over their heads, not knowing where to turn. Jesus said that, in our day, men's hearts would fail them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth. *** LUK 21:26

Those who are keeping God's commandments and following His Word are not allowing fear to reign in their lives. They are not astonished at what is coming upon the earth. They have understanding of the coming events that are foretold in God's Word. Fear not only causes mental anguish, but can cause physical illness also. Sore sickness is the next "dis-ease", *** DEU 28:59. This word is RA and means "malady, anxiety, calamity, grief". This is commonly recognized as depression. Manic depression is rampant. Depression is being in the lowest parts of the earth; when we sink into melancholy that totally saps our strength and dims our outlook

causing us to slide into a state of hopelessness. Depression is the opposite of the joy of the Lord and we fall into a lower state of existence because we have not followed the commandments of God.

God says He will smite us in the knees and in the legs with a sore botch that cannot be healed from the soles of our feet unto the top of our heads, *** DEU 28:35. The word botch, SHEKIN, means "boils and inflamed spots". Boils can be caused by germs, dirt or diet. It is one of the curses from God because we have violated His commandments and His Word.

All of these curses affect our body and our total existence. There are other curses God has promised if we do not do all His commandments. God's curses are not only on the human body, but upon every facet of our lives. It is upon the agriculture that produces our food. God promises "Curses will be in the field." He states that if we do not follow all His commandments, He will curse our agriculture. Not only will He curse the growing of our crops, He will also curse the gathering and the storage of our crops, "our basket and store". *** DEU 28:16 God reveals that we are to keep all His commandments. One of the main commandments that man has violated over the centuries is "let the land rest one year in seven." Moses recorded:

"But in the seventh year shall be a Sabbath of rest unto the land, a Sabbath for the Lord: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest thou shalt not reap, neither gather the grapes of thy vine undressed: for it is a year of rest unto the land." * LEV 25:4-5**

Man has violated this and other commandments concerning God's land, and God has pronounced curses. **"And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be brass, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. The Lord shall make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed." *** DEU 28:23-24**

The heavens over their head would be brass. Brass means "heat and rainlessness". Many parts of our nation and the world have suffered heat and drought; some for five years or longer. The water table has dropped dramatically in the west, midwest and the south. Crop failures are rampant. The food supply of corn, wheat and many of the world's staple crops have dropped to an all time low of only a 55 day supply. There is already famine in many parts of the world. Countries that, in the past were crop-exporting nations, are suffering starvation because they have turned their backs on God.

Moses records, "the earth under thee shall be iron." We have witnessed this curse in the past few generations. Agriculturists have turned from tried and true agricultural practices of crop rotation, to heavy application of chemicals in fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides and fungicides. The soil has lost its pliability. The soil structure has been altered and the bio life destroyed. In the last 40 years, larger equipment has had to be used in plowing because the earth is like iron. To prepare seed beds, special heavier equipment must be used which further compacts the soils and ruins soil structure. In verse 23, both iron and brass are used as descriptive terms to describe the soil. Iron and brass relate to judgment. In verse 24 Moses said, "The rain of thy land would be powder and dust." This describes the curse of drought. When the land dries up, the top soil blows away, the land becomes infertile and crops are unable to grow. *** DEU 28:38 states, "**Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field and shalt gather in little.**" The germination rate of chemically grown seed is much lower. More seed must be sown to produce the same crop. Other contributing factors are drought and flood. Areas not suffering drought are experiencing flooding. God has promised to give us rain in due season, *** LEV 26:4, but when we violate God's commandments concerning the use of His earth, the curse is applied and we no longer partake of the goodness and mercy of God. When the food producing ability of the earth fails; the result is famine.

Another curse on the land that would pursue is blasting, *** DEU 28:22. Blasting is a species of locust. It is also translated "grasshopper". Locust are crop destroying insects. Today, the list of crop destroying insects is at an all time high. Science proclaims they have lost the battle with these insects. Yet, we continue to pour billions of dollars of man-made poisons on the life-bearing and life-giving soil to no avail.

God also promised us mildew, also in *** DEU 28:22. The word is **YERAQOWN** and means "paleness and loss of vibrancy". In crops, this is recognised as weak, watery, unhealthy plants caused by drought, infertility and insects. Since the use of chemicals, the plant no longer has the ability to receive nutrition from the soil as God intended. Man is no longer being nourished from the life-giving earth. The soil is only used as a holding agent and is nourished by chemicals applied in huge doses as plant stimulants. The plants seem to grow, but the nutritional value is practically nil. The medical profession has proclaimed that we are starving on a full stomach because our food has no nutritional value.

The weak, watery, unhealthy plants we are growing are giving a smorgasbord to the destroying insects. The heavy applications of pesticides destroy the good insects that God created to keep the destroying insects under control. God created one insect in ten to destroy the weak, watery plants. But the use of chemical pesticides has destroyed these nine good insects. Also the use of chemicals has destroyed the birds that help control insects. **"Thou shalt plant vineyards, and dress them, but shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the worms shall eat them." *** DEU 28:39**

"All thy trees and fruit of thy land shall the locust consume." *** DEU 28:42 The god of greed has blinded the eyes of those who have the responsibility over the soil. Our bodies are made up of the same elements that are in the soil. This is because God created us from the earth. He gave us herbs to maintain our bodies. As long as the soil is healthy, our bodies will be healthy. But when the health of the soil is depleted, our health is severely affected. It all reverts back to the violation of God's commandments. Man believes himself to be god and he has the right to violate God's order. Therefore the blessings of God have been removed and we witness the results.

We are informed that the olive tree would cast its fruit, *** DEU 28:50. The olive was Israel's main commodity. It was used for food, oil and building materials. God has forewarned us that our main foods will fail to bear fruit when chemicals are used. Chemically grown fruit has a tendency to drop its fruit before it matures. Knowing the end from the beginning, God knew the whole world would get caught up in this chemical hell that we live in today. As we witness our hospitals full of children with cancer and other dis-eases, we need to learn that we have violated God's commandments and have destroyed the life-giving quality of His earth. Jesus proclaimed to John on the Isle of Patmos: "And shouldest destroy them which destroy the earth." *** REV 11:18

Until we turn from our wicked ways, God will not heal the land. The curse that disobedience brings, not only affects the health of the people and the land, but it affects the nation itself. As you read this book you may decide that God intended these curses for Israel only. Paul revealed "The things that came upon Israel are only examples, and are written for our admonition, (bringing to remembrance) upon whom the ends of the world (age) have come." *** 1CO 10:11 God proclaims, "**I change not. I am the same yesterday, today and forever.**" If God judged Israel for their sin, He will judge the United States for their sin, also, and He will do it speedily.

As we study DEU 28, it is easily discovered that these precise judgments are already upon this nation. God foretold of other judgments that are also coming. God proclaims, "**Cursed shalt thou be in the cities.**" *** DEU 28:16 We wonder why our cities have become murder capitals and lawlessness is out of control; why crime in our major cities increases every year; why rape, bank robberies, burglaries are at an all time High. Cities such as Detroit, Michigan; Miami, Florida; Washington D.C. and New York City have areas that are totally given over to the criminal elements. The curse on our cities is because we have not heeded God's commandments. Cities have become armed camps, ready to explode in violence. Teen gangs and organized crime are out of control. Today, 95% of crime is drug related. Brutal crimes, such as beating the old and child abuse, are unparalleled in our time. Sexual abuse of children is rampant, not only in the cities but in the suburbs and countryside.

When man forsakes the ways of God, as this nation has, and depends on his old beast nature, then the curse of God becomes evident in their lives. God promises that He will "**send upon thee cursing, vexation (confusion) and rebuke in all that thou setteth thine hand to do. Until thou be destroyed and until thou perish quickly because of the wickedness of thy doings, whereby thou hast forsake Me.**" *** DEU 28:20

God will set His hand against a nation who rejects His council. He will bring cursing and vexation to that nation. This nation has become a system of confusion. This describes the workings of our Senate, House of Representatives and Supreme Court. They have become a system of confusion and compromise. Every decision they make is against God. The end result of their actions will be anguish and torment. God's judgment hand is set against this nation because it has violated His commandments and His curses are ever present.

One of the curses upon a nation which violates God's commandments is that it will be smitten before their enemies. We shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways, *** DEU 28:25. Since the end of World War II, we have not come out victorious in any conflict, unless we count Grenada and Panama victories, where we attacked these small defenseless nations. We backed out of Korea, crawled out of VietNam and ran out of Beirut, failed at the Bay of Pigs and cowered in our holes while Iran held our government officials for 444 days. Since World War II we have truly fled before our enemies seven ways. Another curse spoken by God is that strangers within shall get up above thee very high, and thou shalt come down very low, *** DEU 28:43. The word stranger is **GER** and means "alien or sojourner". This refers to those who are not native to the nation, but enjoy the rights of that nation.

Many who are not natural citizens, but those who have been brought here for various reasons: such as refugees from the Korean, VietNam, Cambodian and Laotian Wars; the Cuban boat lift; as well as the Columbian refugees which number in the millions, have become discontent with their lot in the cities. Seeking for the "American" way of life, they have become disillusioned because of the lack of jobs and high cost of living and have suffered a meager existence in the cities. Many of those have bound themselves in cultic groups, arming themselves to overthrow the government so they may have a better way of life. Many of these groups have mafia connections and are armed and financed by these connections. Many are being trained in terrorist activities. The strangers in our midst will raise themselves up very high.

Another aspect of the strangers in our midst is the purchasing power of the oil rich nations such as Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Iran, Libya, United Arab Emirates and others. Other highly industrialized nations, such as Japan and Germany, have been allowed to purchase large quantities of lands (farming and industrial), banks, office buildings and manufacturing facilities; all purchased by strangers in our land. This curse has come upon our land because we have violated the commandments of our God.

Another curse God has pronounced upon this nation is the curse in our finances. Moses recorded that the strangers who come upon the land shall lend to thee and thou shalt not lend to him. He shall be the head and thou shalt be the tail. *** DEU 28:44 In ten short years of the "80's", this nation has gone from the richest, to the greatest debtor nation on earth. In the recent past we loaned and gave away multi-billions of dollars and we did not need to borrow. Today, we still give much away, but we are borrowing from foreign nations at the rate of 100 billion dollars a year. Truly, we have become the tail and not the head. Our national debt stands at 3.5 trillion dollars, not counting what we owe the Federal Reserve Board which is not part of our government, but is a privately held corporation that coins our monies and regulates the cash flow of the nation. This nation can no longer claim the promises that God made to those who obey His commandments. **"The Lord shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which the Lord sware unto thy fathers to give thee. The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in His season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow." *** DEU 28:12-13** The idea that "debt is healthy and good for big business" has not only enticed big business into many paper, multi-billion dollar mergers, which are falling by the wayside in bankruptcy court, but it has enslaved the farmer who produces our food. Foreclosures on farms have been at an all time record high because God's commandments were violated. **"Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to rescue them." *** DEU 28:31**

Sheriff and courthouse sales have become commonplace where farms and operating equipment have been sold at public auctions. Truly, the farmer's goods were taken away violently. No resistance could be mustered because of debt. How far have we fallen, having forsaken the commandments of God? The last area where the curse of God has fallen is the American family. Moses writes: **"Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity." *** DEU 28:41**

The American family is no longer a blissful unit, but rather a battleground between the parents and children; even in their pre-teenage years. Since the children's rights movement in the early "80's", sex education in the public school system, coupled with the access to drugs and alcohol, coupled with the fact that the rod of correction has been taken from the parent's hand by the government; where if the family corrects their children, they can be taken away (Department of Human Services or Children Services); truly, the parents can no longer enjoy their children. The children have gone into captivity; to drugs, alcohol, sex and rebellion.

The home has further been invaded by rock and roll, acid rock, heavy metal and other satanic forms of godless activities. The children are allowed to display godless, satanic images in their rooms. These satanic images are portrayed on the children's walls in the form of star posters of this perversion. Many of these children go into witchcraft and crime to support their new found lifestyle. They become a thorn in the parent's soul.

"Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people, and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day long: and there shall be no might in thine hand." * DEU 28:32** This is because we have forsaken God and His commandments. He is no longer the head of the home. The American home has been rocked to the foundation. Divorce is over 50% and the number of unmarried living together has never been higher. Will we not turn back to God?

Every aspect of life is plagued by these curses. Our personal health, the agriculture community that produces our food, industry that maintains this way of life, the financial structure of the nation and the family unit itself; all are cursed with a curse. **"Moreover He will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed." ***DEU 28:60-61**

Will our "dis-ease" problems get better? Does medical science have the answers? Can this nation work their way out of their financial mess? Can the industrial community survive? And can the American home return as the foundational structure of the nation?

I believe the answer is in DEU: **"Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which He commanded thee: Because thou servedst not the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things." *** DEU 28:45, 47**

This nation will not turn back to God. God has given us, His Body, the key in His Word as to how we can break the chain of sickness, dis-ease and decay. We can reverse the curse in our own lives if we hear His voice and turn from our evil ways and become a praise unto God in the earth. Then, and only then can we expect the blessings of God to begin to flow to us.

BLESSINGS & CURSINGS QUESTIONS

1. What is the only way to receive God's blessing? (DEU 28)
2. What does the word "curse" in DEU 28 meant?
3. How many blessings are promised in the first thirteen verses of DEU 29 to those who are obedient?
4. What are molten images?
5. What does the Hebrew word ""TERAPHIYM" mean?
6. What does God promise to those who do not keep His commandments?
7. The first disease mentioned in DEU 28 is vexation which means what?
8. When we do not listen to the voice of our God but listen to the voice of confusion, what will happen to us?
9. When we do not follow the Lord's commandments, what spirit do we give place to?
10. Fear, not only causes _____ anguish, but can also cause _____.
11. What is the opposite of the joy of the Lord?
12. What is the result when the food producing ability of the earth fails?
13. What is one of the main commands of God in the Bible that man has violated over the centuries? (LEV 25:4-5)
14. Why has the medical profession proclaimed we are starving?
15. How have we destroyed the life giving quality of the earth?
16. Today, what percentage of crime is drug related?
17. Who will God set His hand against?
18. In ten short years of the 1980's, this nation has gone from the _____, to the _____ nation on earth.
19. Is the American family still a blissful unit?
20. How can we reverse the curse in our lives?

BLESSINGS & CURSINGS ANSWER KEY

1. **What is the only way to receive God's blessing? (DEU 28)** *To be obedient to all of His commandments*
2. **What does the word "curse" in DEU 28 meant?** *The absence or reversal of a blessing, falling from our rightful state and being lowered into a lesser state, the opposite of sacred, to be separated*
3. **How many blessings are promised in the first thirteen verses of DEU 29 to those who are obedient?** *Thirty-two*
4. **What are molten images?** *Anything made from materials that must be heated and shaped*
5. **What does the Hebrew word ""TERAPHIYM" mean?** *A family idol, images*
6. **What does God promise to those who do not keep His commandments?** *They will live in a lower realm in every aspect of their lives, without the blessings of God.*
7. **The first disease mentioned in DEU 28 is vexation which means what?** *Confusion, disturbance, mental turmoil, trouble.*
8. **When we do not listen to the voice of our God but listen to the voice of confusion, what will happen to us?** *We will have confusion and mental turmoil*
9. **When we do not follow the Lord's commandments, what spirit do we give place to?** *Spirit of fear, Satan*
10. **Fear, not only causes _____ anguish, but can also cause _____.** *Mental, physical illness*
11. **What is the opposite of the joy of the Lord?** *Depression*
12. **What is the result when the food producing ability of the earth fails?** *The result is famine*
13. **What is one of the main commands of God in the Bible that man has violated over the centuries? (Lev 25:4-5)** *Let the land rest one year in seven*
14. **Why has the medical profession proclaimed we are starving?** *Because our food has no nutritional value*
15. **How have we destroyed the life giving quality of the earth?** *By violating God's commandments*
16. **Today, what percentage of crime is drug related?** *95 %*
17. **Who will God set His hand against?** *A nation who rejects His council*
18. **In ten short years of the 1980's, this nation has gone from the _____, to the _____ nation on earth.** *Richest, greatest debtor*
19. **Is the American family still a blissful unit?** *No, it has become a battleground between parents and children*
20. **How can we reverse the curse in our lives?** *By listening to God's voice and turning from our evil ways to become a praise unto God in the earth*