



LESSON 14

Spiritual Warfare on a Spectrum:

CURSES: THE OPPOSITE of BLESSINGS

The most potent way to understand what curses are and how they operate is to contrast them to God’s Heart and intention towards us, which we understand powerfully through the study of *blessing*. It would make sense that, if God intended our lives to be solely experiencing blessing (because of Christ, with Christ, and in Christ), the *Anti-Christ* would labor in *anti-blessing* ways - what we call Curses.

HIGHLIGHTS

NOTES

1. Old Testament: Hebrew *barak*, “to kneel, bless”

a. Indicates a relationship between man, who adores God by kneeling, and God, who benefits men with His presence.

b. In our weakness, we kneel before God and He provides his blessing; thus, a blessing from God is empowerment to be able to do what is not within our natural capabilities.

2. Old Testament: Hebrew *esher*, “happiness”

a. Happiness due to the knowledge that God is at work to direct us in the right path.

3. New Testament: Greek *makarios*, “happiness”

a. Again, happiness due to the knowledge that God is at work to direct us in the right path.