

# **When Blessings Become a Curse**

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## **Introduction**

Sometimes, a curse can become a blessing (Deut. 23:3-6; Num. 23:7-10). Alternatively, a blessing may at times become a curse (Mal. 2:1-2; 1 Cor. 1:22-25).

## **The Jews Require a Sign**

Down through their history, the Jews were blessed with signs from heaven; however, they allowed this blessing to become a curse. During the ministry of Christ, they repeatedly demanded, "Show us a sign..." (Matt. 12:38-42; 16:1-4; John 2:18-22; 4:48; 6:30-33; etc.).

## **The Greeks Seek after Wisdom**

Down through history, the Greeks were blessed with intellect and wisdom; however, they allowed this blessing to become a curse. Trusting in their own understanding, they scoffed at the wisdom of God (Acts 17:18-34; cf. Prov. 3:7; 26:12; Isa. 5:21; Matt. 11:25-27).

## **We May Pursue Possessions**

Material possessions are indeed a blessing; however, if we trust in riches, this blessing becomes a curse. Those who are covetous and complacent forsake the Lord (Deut. 8:11-14; 31:19-22; Prov. 30:7-9; Neh. 9:24-29; Rev. 3:15-21).

## **We May Follow Friends & Family**

Friends and family are indeed a blessing; however, if we allow them to pull us away from God, this blessing becomes a curse. Many compromise their convictions in an effort to follow the crowd or please their family (Prov. 1:10-19; 13:20; Matt. 10:34-39; 1 Cor. 5:6-8; 15:33-34).

## **Conclusion**

In His grace and mercy, God sets before us a blessing and a curse: a blessing if we obey, and curse if we rebel (Deut. 11:26-28; 30:19-20). How are you responding to the blessings of God (1 Cor. 1:18-31)?

God has blessed us with credible evidence of His existence. How do you respond to the recorded signs of Scripture? God has blessed us with intellect and understanding. How do you react to the revealed wisdom from above? God has blessed us with material provision. How do you view such bounty? God has blessed us with friends and family. What sort of influence are they having in your life, and what sort of influence are you having in their lives?