

Curses as a consequence of sin

Example: David's sins of adultery and murder

2 Samuel 12—Prophet Nathan rebukes David
pronounces a FAMILY CURSE from GOD

David recognizes his sin quickly (vs 13)
Result: Forgiven, exempted from death penalty

BUT not exempt from the consequences of his sin
Family curse that will bring sorrow, separation, shame and death.
As he ripped Uriah's family apart, God will allow David's family to be
ripped apart.
Perhaps the curse means a lifting of God's hand of protection, allowing
the constant onslaughts of the evil one to find a resting place.

The outworking of the consequences—

1. His child by Bathsheba died. 12:14
2. His son Amnon raped his daughter Tamar. Ch 13
3. His son Absalom killed his son Amnon. 13:23ff
4. He was separated from his son Absalom. Ch 14
5. His son Absalom conspired against him. Ch 15
6. His son Absalom was killed in his rebellion. Ch 18
7. His son Solomon got messed up with women in the same way
he had, and his heart turned away from the Lord. 1 Kings 11
8. Eventually his whole nation fell into idol worship and was
Destroyed by Babylon. 2 Kings 25

In the Old Testament there was NO WAY to life such a curse. Jesus gave believers
authority over curses (Matthew 16:19) We can bind curses on people and lift them.
Jesus can do this because He became a curse for us. (Galatians 3:13)

Note: David's children could easily see that his lapse into sin with Bathsheba was not
characteristic of his whole life.

BUT

1. They could always look to that isolated example of disobedience any time they were
weak or discouraged or looking for an excuse to do sin.
2. His sin opened the door for evil spirits to work in his family. He gave place to the
devil. Ephesians 4:27

BREAKING FAMILY CURSES DUE TO CONSEQUENCES OF SIN

1. Real repentance. Seeing our sin as God sees it, naming it, acknowledging our guilt,
turning from it. Forgiveness follows repentance. Private sin needs private repentance
and public sin needs public repentance.

2. Another believer must loose you from the curse in Jesus' name and bind your family with a blessing instead. (Matthew 16:19)
3. Submit to deliverance for your whole family. (Luke 9:1)
4. Be alert to the possibility of relapse and walk in accountability, with at least one other believer praying for you. (James 5:16)