

5 Proofs That God Can Still Bless Cursed People

That's a title that grabs your attention isn't it? Yet the truth behind it should grab our hearts even more. Let me give you just five examples.

ADAM AND EVE, AFTER THE FALL—The holy God of an immense, newly created universe walked in the Garden of Eden knowing evil had crept in before Him. His question pierced an atmosphere that was swirling with demonic activity, “Adam, where are you?” After the vessel that contained His own breath came forth and admitted his error, God voiced the curses that would be dealt out—to the serpent (“he shall crush your head”), to the woman (“I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception”), and to the man (“Cursed is the ground for your sake . . . in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life . . . till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for dust you are, and to dust you shall return” Genesis 3:17-19). But then, instead of storming out of the Garden in a fiery display of divine wrath, God takes on the gentle role of a Master Tailor, making Adam and Eve coats of skins. Surely He wanted it that way, so that their last lingering memory of Him would be one of tenderness and loving kindness. Furthermore, He put cherubim at the east of Eden and a flaming sword, to preserve the way back to the tree of life. Yes, the Lord of glory truly blessed the ones He had just cursed.

CAIN THE MURDERER—Years later, when the sons of Adam, Cain and Abel, came to offer worshipful sacrifices to God, Abel's was received but Cain's wasn't. So Cain rose up and murdered his brother, the one who had just brought a supernatural response from heaven. Yet instead of the Creator swiftly judging Cain's deed with some kind of divinely designed execution, upon exiling him, the Lord put a mark on Cain to prevent anyone from slaying him. Why would God do that? Maybe there was true

repentance and remorse within Cain. Maybe he never intended to take Abel's life. Only God knows the heart (see Gen. 4:1-15). But once again the Creator did it. "Mercy rejoiced against judgment" and He blessed one that just moments before He had cursed (see James 2:13). Can anybody say, "Wow!"

ABRAHAM, THE SON OF AN IDOLATER—According to Jewish history, Abraham's father was not only an idolater but an idol maker. According to Deut. 5:5-9, those who commit that sin pass down a dark curse ("the sins of the father") to the third and fourth generation. On top of that, Abram was married to his own half-sister, a type of union that would later be condemned in the Torah (see Deut. 27:22). So even though the Law was not yet known, Abram was cursed because of his father's idolatry and cursed because of his own marriage, but God manifested Himself to Abram, giving him an opportunity to obey and believe. The Creator pronounced such a blessing through Abraham and Sarah that it was destined to impact all nations and all families of the Earth (see Gen. 12:1-3). Abraham was even called "the friend of God" (James 2:23). How profound is that!

RUTH, THE MOABITE WOMAN—"An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter the congregation of the Lord . . . forever"; that's what God said in Deut. 23:3-4 because the Moabites did not receive the Israelites "with bread and water" when they came out of Egypt, but instead hired Balaam the backslidden prophet to curse them. Yet many years later, Ruth, the Moabite woman, changed the mind of God. After their husbands' deaths, she was so devoted to her mother-in-law Naomi, that Ruth pledged to her, "Your people shall be my people, and your God, my God." The Most High received her sincere display of love (toward Naomi and toward Himself). Evidently He was so touched that He allowed Ruth to be redeemed by Boaz, and to marry him—which placed her in the lineage that would one day bring forth the royal line of David, all the kings of Judah and ultimately, the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Amazing! That

should make us shout!

THE WHOLE WORLD WAS CURSED—that is, until “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law having become a curse for us” (Gal. 3:13). When the Son of God paid the price of redemption on the cross, He absorbed the sum total of all the curses that had or would ever fall on the human race. Yet the Father resurrected Him, restored Him to righteousness and made Him a channel of blessing to all the cursed sons and daughters of Adam who would turn their hearts toward Him. So the Father blessed His Son (who had become a curse) and He blessed all the seed of Adam (cursed ones) who put their trust in the Savior.

So we see a pattern. Over and over, God does it. It seems sincere love for Him and faith in His promises always makes a difference. When God sees that in the heart of a person, He is compelled to respond.

Yes, it really is quite amazing, but when hearts are genuinely inclined toward the Source of all life, GOD BLESSES CURSED PEOPLE. He’s God. He can change His mind if He decides to do so.

So don’t ever say that you or any other person have sunk too low or made too many mistakes.

Just pour out love for your MAKER.

He just might become your REMAKER!