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Nathaniel Bronner: No cures comes without a cause.

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Female: And now for 5603, "The ABC's of Blessings and Cursings" part six.

Nathaniel Bronner: Amen. Amen. Amen and amen. My wife sent me a text because I was sitting there and she said "Why are you looking so serious? You need to smile a little bit." And I probably was looking serious because a lot was on my mind. I was actually thinking about even the messages and I was thinking "Lord, why do I'm just have to keep preaching all this stuff and all this curse that rather preach something of lift?" And God just begin to deal with me and he said "You realize what my son had to preach?"

And when you look at Jesus, do you know he **had** to see anything good to the church? He said "Nothing good to the preachers" that's why he **killed** him. So, if you really going to follow Jesus -- that's why you had to be careful when you really talk about "I'm going to follow Christ" when you really going to follow Jesus. You have to be careful what you say and you have to know what it did.

So, as begin he said "Do you realize what my son taught in the church? And most of the one (00:02:01) did not want to hear. They didn't want to hear with him and to be honest, they didn't really want to hear the truth. So, that's why I was looking so serious, I was thinking all of that and having to deal with all with these curses and it's something that the flesh just doesn't want to really fool with. (00:02:19) the good feeling, **shouting** stuff; I really don't want to fool with these curses but -- you all said "but" [*But*]. I rather obey God **than me**. And if you really going to follow Jesus, you will actually often times follow in a path of persecution not always a path of adoration and praise. That's why they **yelled them**.

So, when you understand truth versus tradition and good feel. When you understand truth, it will always take you down a different path, that's what Jesus had to do. Jesus had to tell some folks some stuff, they just did not want to hear at all. And as I was thinking about it, he even took me back to my motorcycle accident at 14 years which fit in to the category of a curse. But he said "If you had not had an accident you will kind of a daredevil, you are **speed** (00:03:20)." You haven't had an accident of any kind since. You've driven boat, you've driven scooters, you've driven motorcycles, you've driven airplanes and all kinds of car; you haven't had an accident since because you learned from that curse.

So, people, what I'm trying to do is show you that this person is -- they're still here, they just (00:03:40) they just manifested and to teach you to learn from the curse, so you don't have to go through it again. I would rather have you up (00:03:50) any day than to (00:03:52) to visit you in the hospital and try to lay hands on you to get you out. All of the brothers work out, every single one of us. Now, we believe in divine healing but we encounter (00:04:02) you all understand that?

(00:04:05) everyone of us do. James working out like man, see lion to working out like man. I'm working out like man; my **Dale** works out like man. Everyone of us believes in divine healing but not one of us counting on it. We are going to stay away from that stuff if we can. So, that's what I'm trying to get you to do. That's why God wants you to understand even the curses and the blessing to keep you out of the curses but often it like my motorcycle accident. If I didn't had this scars, I could have been dead and he protected me and I had grace and mercy to (00:04:37) but I learned from that first accident that I did not want this in my life again and in fact did want let in my life, I had to make some changes.

I would always be able to win the race by man because I **born** that race; yes, I did. I won that race but it caused me more than I wanted to take and I made a decision right then to never pay that price again because that was a fool past.

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And see, following the path of the world is a fool path but you got to know God (00:05:11) in order to follow it. Many of you have started 42; I'm starting 42. Later on (00:05:17) the reason (00:05:18) is what God spoke. Today is the first day of the new month and he said (00:05:23) because there's more power in starting something on the first day of the new month and that's quite a new age stuff, that's biblical. And I didn't understand to fully (00:05:31) was taking a class in (00:05:34) natural living and they were teaching about farming and they brought out the farm was (00:05:38) and they showed up all of the planning that all of the farmers do is all based on the moon. I didn't know anything about that but I (00:05:46) and he put the stuff into **sky** for suns and for seasons and see time and harvest would never end.

And they say, if you don't plant by the cycles of the moon, you get half of the crop and I had no idea about all of that stuff and see, the reason that even the Jewish calendar is set -- you know the Gregorian calendar is change so many times. The reason that Jewish calendar is set because man, can you fool with the moon? And that's why a month comes from. The new month begins with a new moon. That's how God's biblical calendar is based. If man can fool with it, he will. So, God put the sun in the sky so every time the Jewish know every new moon is a new month, that's why the woman cycle is the same as a number of days in the cycle of the moon. God placed all of these stuff in the earth and man can you fool with the moon?

Trust me. Is man can fool with it? He just can't fool with it. He fools with everything of God that he can. So, God play some stuff there that you can't even fool with it. So, that's why I begin at 42; I always begin in January and July on the first new moon of that month and there's a whole science behind what God has done just in the heavens, just with that but the stuff of God is amazing and nothing is accident when you can even half way understand what God has done. Bow your heads.

Dear Heavenly Father, we just thank you for this day. Father, I pray that you strengthen, you anoint my mind and my spirit, you give me the boldness and the audacity and the courage to preach that which you were ordained. Father, I pray that you open the minds and hearts of the people that they shall receive your word upon this day. Thy son Jesus name we pray. Amen.

Welcome to brothers of the word because brother you need the word. And today, I'm at part number six of the series called The ABC's of Blessings and Cursings. Action equals blessing or cursing? All coming from the 28th chapter of the book of Deuteronomy, the first few verses reads "Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the Lord your God." Then on down in Deuteronomy 28:15 "But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you."

And there are basically seven different areas of blessings and cursing and I order them by the number of words, it was devoted to each one in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy. And the first one was food that had a greatest number of awards devoted. Food; our (00:08:43) our daily food and even in the Lord's prayer "Give us this day our daily bread." The first blessing and curse; foods. Second, protection from and victory over enemies. Third was disease. The fourth curse; confusion and rebuke.

And today, I'm dealing with the fifth curse. Now, the last time I talk about how evil with confusion and rebuke. God says that the people are confused about five things and five Ps and one of those Ps was partners, and that's what the fifth curse revolves around relationship issues, both personal and natural; scattering the nation, scattering the family; it's the fifth curse and here in Deuteronomy the verses the verses that reads "You shalt betroth a wife but another man shall lie with her. The

sensitive and very refined man among you will be hostile toward his brother, toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the rest of his children whom he leaves behind. The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground because of her delicateness and sensitivity, will refuse to the husband of her bosom, and to her son and to her daughter and towards her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which you shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly in the siege and straightness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.”

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And basically, these verses on relationships says four things in the curse. It says, Number 1, the woman who you are engaged to will have sex with another man, that's deep. Second, very nice men will be mean that his brothers, his wife, his children, and he leave them. Sound like that they don't owned it. Very nice and gentle women, so refine that they won't even get their feet dirty will be selfish and refused her husband and children and eat them. Number 4, the mother will eat their children. (0:10:42) four things in net shield and the corollaries of these are not in the blessings. So, this is another one in those areas where he didn't even mention the stuff in the blessed. It's just all in the curse. The woman who you are engaged to will have sex with another man. Do you know that's a curse? Is this s (0:11:03) but that fundamentally covers the engagement, it covers marriage. Basically, it says, you wife or your fiancé, another man will have her.

And do you know now, man, have first of all, always kind to be unfaithful but now the women are now biding the man and on safe for this (0:11:24) of showing that the rate of women be on unfaithful is closed to the rate of man. I was talking to another pastor, a few weeks ago, and he was telling me that pastor is a large church. He was telling me that in his counselling, these are pastors. Now, when I'm counselling couples, it used to be long time ago. The woman was worried about the man cheating now is the women. he is almost every case out counsel for the last year. It's all been the women cheat and the men are

worried about the women cheat. That's a curse. That's a broader point. And frugality is a curse and all curses have a cause. And that's one thing to understand that we like to (0:12:07). All curses have a (0:12:11). I believed that everything that happens, God is aware of and He controls. Proverbs says, and in Proverbs 26:2, "As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come." The end I'll be put it like this, "Like a fluttering sparrow or a darting swallow, an undeserved curse does not come to rest." And Jesus said, in Matthew 10:29 "Are not two sparrows sold for a farthing, and one of them shall not fall on the ground without your Father, but the very hairs of your head are all number." And then people don't you know, if God says, that a bird, a small bird of sparrow is almost one of the smallest birds in nature. It says, if a sparrow will not fall to the ground, we'll help God knowing on it. Do you think God know that your wife cheated? That has a deep (0:13:08), but the Bible says, you'll betrothed to the wife and another man shall love with her. Do you know that that's a curse? But there's a reason.

See, no curse comes without a cause. Very nice man will be mean that his brothers, his wife, his children and he will leave them and very nice and gentle women, so refined. It is a start of my (00:13:35) sophisticated. When says, so refined they won't even get their feet dirty because they only go outside barefoot. And that's of, you know, plain ladies. They are not just what they called, hoochie mamas, they are ladies. That some of you man are known of hoochie mama is? What the Bible – these are not hoochie mamas these are refined ladies, so refined. That they weren't go outside. Won't even get their feet dirty but the other says, they will be selfish and refused their husband and children that you have to understand the context even of these. And basically God, He was dealing with situation where he had sent neighboring countries, enemies and on them to conquer and placed them on the siege. And when they did that, they blocked off the siege that it didn't let food come in and outside. Basically, a siege starved the people out, so they had no food but God in work on a whole bunch away to feed.

The point is it, it was God who was doing and no matter what the result was, it was God who was doing it but sitting on inside of those gate looking outside seeing the enemy and looked like (00:14:46) and they were starving them out. And they couldn't have anything to eat. Killing them when they went out of the gate, so that was God. So, God had simply enemies and on the people because they had been disobedient after he gave Him all a long period of mercy and grace.

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They still wouldn't straight now and still wouldn't get right. (00:15:06) drought, (00:15:07), wind, (00:15:08) and that whatever got, God got the whole universe. You think man had some weapon? You haven't seen what God have. God got some stuff that he can send it to you and it may look like the devil but it ended (00:15:20) what to do. That was the Lord doing all the this. So here, it says that the nice men and the very nice seem sophisticated. When the nice men will be mean to there was it mean to their family just leave their children. Do you know (00:15:35) that men leaving their children these days. That's the curse. And see, it's always got the calls when you know the whole story. When you know the whole story, it is always a calls. There's always disobedience from God's word, and as a result, hat thing creates and effect but men leave them. Women or leave them? It's called divorce.

Six out of ten children live in a single parent household. In this country, six out of ten children live in a single parent household. 90 percent of which are hated by women and a (00:16:18) 89 percent of people currently going through a divorce subsided a family history of divorce is being a contributing factor to the ending of their marriage. The curse becomes generation.

In America, every 24 hours 3,000 children see their parents divorced. Brother point, divorce is a curse and all curses have a calls, and sometimes we don't relate these kinds of things to curses but when you read God's love and when we get out of his will. How do you think you will be going out of the will of God and your household be

straight? If he messes with your food, how in the world that you think you're not going to be doing what God wants you to do. When he has ordained you to do and your household blessed. Don't you know whenever you're outside of the will of God? And God's word, you automatically open up a curse and all kinds of areas and when you are outside of the will of God all kind of things can begin to happen because you have removed protection. You have removed grace at the -- a certain period of time and you open up your world and you open up your household to all kinds of stuffs. And now, the curses have become so common, we don't even view them as that because it's just common. It's common and we think nothing of it and to be honest about that we don't really want to talk about it in the church because it is affected most folk.

50 percent of pastors on the go of a divorce. I was talking of another pastor last week and he was telling me about the College of Vision. And see that pastor, I was looking over the College of Vision of the (00:18:01) divorce, this one was (00:18:02). He says, eve the bishop are there, the curse do – just because that the house of God, you think that's already in the movies where Satan won't come into the house of God. That's only in the movies. Don't you remember in the word, that's why when you read your Bible, Satan took Jesus to the top of the temple. He didn't just take him to the temple. He took him to the bishop's house. He took him to the top of the temple. So, all of these things common to the church. They are common to the body of Christ and we don't even realize, "this stuff is a curse." And we take it so lightly.

A fellow arrived home early one day. He found his wife in the arms of his best friend. And he just saw how much they were loved and the husband just get mad. So, to quite the husband the friends that look, "he said, let's just play GenOne, if I wins you get a divorce so I can marry her. Now if you win, I promised never to see her again. So, the husband thought about it for a minute and (00:19:07) if you win, I got to divorce her and you get her. If I win, you never see her gain. Husband thought about it for a (00:19:16). All right, okay. And he said, but just to make it interesting lets just play for penny or point

You all get (00:19:24). He didn't even place of value on the marriage. So, he said, to make it interesting let's play for a penny or point. Sometimes the world can place (00:19:40) and the curse, it becomes so common because everyone is doing it. You think nothing of it. In 1870 there was one divorce at every 34 marriages. By 1900, it was one and five. By 1950, it was one and three. In the past few years there has been virtually one divorce by every two marriages.

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So, the steps and the curses increasing and we don't even see it. Because first of all, pastor doesn't even like to talk about it because number one in their ranks is pretty bad. Number two, if they talk about it's going to send too many too people in the church because there's too much divorce in the church. So, the rule is, don't talk about stuff that may offend a whole lot of folk because that will affect your offering. It will, that will affect your offering, that's why at least I'm glad I'm not on salary because I don't even see what the offering is and it doesn't affect what I'm paying, one penny. It's like that Gin Rummy thing, I don't have to play for the penny, a point. You can focus on what really is in important but a lot of this stuff is rampart and the poor pitches gloss it over. We are scared to talk about it but it's a curse. One woman complained to her marriage counselor about her husband. Say, when he won a trip for two to Hawaii, he went twice. We are just -- the men have gotten cold to the women and the women had gotten cold to the men. And this stuff is not just in the congregation, it's in the poor pit. Because I've talked to too many pastors and they got just as much problem as everybody else got. When they be talking about and thank goodness, **poorness** is weak to me but they got just as much problem as everybody and the women have become cold to the men and the men have become cold to the women. It's all a part of the curse and the curse always has a cost. And the fourth thing is this, the mama will eat her children. Verse 57, and taught her young one that coming out from between her feet and taught her children for she shall bear for she shall eat them for what of all things secretly in beseech in straightness where we find enemy shall distress the in thy gates. Basically,

what the Bible says here is because the enemy has sieged the city and because they had no food, the woman gets so hungry that she eats her new born child to live. Now first of all that sounds horrible and it is but I can understand it. She got a choice, I can either die and the child dies or I can live by eating the child. Now that sounds like a very horrible situa -- that's in the Bible, read it, Deuteronomy 21: 10-14 is death. 21: 10 -- is death. So here, the woman is faced with this choice so I can live, like I want to live -- I got to eat this child. And I know some are saying, well thank goodness that's just in the Old Testament and that's in the old world. Not it isn't it, that's just as prevalent today as ever. It's just the name has changed. It's called abortion. And I will kill my child so I can live the way I want to live. This isn't a popular preaching, trust me on that. This is not popular preaching, but abortion is a curse and all curses have a cause. And even in this country right now, 22 percent of all pregnancies end in abortion. Approximately one out of every three women have or will have had an abortion. They will kill the child so they can live like they want to live. It's like, oh my goodness pastor. I know that's why I put -- my wife text me and say, "look you got a serious look on your face." Yeah, it's a serious look because it's some serious stuff and it's deep but this may save one child. It may save one child. It may make a hundred folks mad but it may save one child. Because this is the Bible that sometimes when stuff gets rough, women they make the choice to kill and to eat the child and it hadn't change. But the question is, I'm a person who likes to first of all, identify situation but I like a solution. I wanted you to tell -- but what do we do about all this stuff? What do we do when we faced with these curses? What do we do when we end this stuff? What do we do when we're going through divorce or about to go through divorce? What do we do when we've had an abortion or had aborted? What do we do? The Old Testament, to be honest about it, is really in truth no different than the New Testament. The solution is essentially the same. In 2 Chronicles, chapter 7, verse 12 --

And the Lord appeared to Solomon by night and said unto him, "I have heard thy prayer and have chosen this place to myself for a house to sacrifice." This is what He said in verse 13, "If I shut up a heaven, that there be no rain." That's drought, let's starve the folks, economic ruin or "if I command the locust to devour the land," same thing or "if I send pestilence among my people, disease." This is the verse that we all are familiar with. But very few people look at the verse prior to that. That's why you got to know the stuff in context. You can't just pull out the juicy good feeling part and leave the reason why he said it. See, we all know this next verse. We all know verse 14, but very few people understand the context. God said, "look, if I send drought, if I send locust, if I send disease, this is what you do." In other words, God says, "If I sent the curse, this is what you do." Now this is the part you need to know about because all of us has have some curse in one form or another. We've either had them or got it. So, the main thing of what you need to know, is what do you do about it? This is the verse that you've heard, but this is the context of that verse. If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my faith and turn from their wicked ways then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. So, you all think forgiveness was New Testament? But God hasn't changed, that's Old Testament but the principle has not changed at all. I drove back from Charleston, South Carolina this morning. I was listening to brothers of the world radio, streaming it and I was listening to want to see Elijah's old sermons if he was talking about healing. And he was talking about when the man had been sick for 38 years and Jesus healed him. And Jesus went -- and he told him when he'd healed and he said, "sin no more, lest a worse thing befall thee." Jesus didn't just heal in sin -- He said, "Look, stop you're sin." And He told him the consequences if he didn't stop it. Jesus said the same thing, God said in Old Testament. "Turn from your wicked ways." He didn't just heal him. He said, "Oh, stop your sin and go and sin no more, lest a worse thing -- Now, what could be worse than laying that 38-year sick? That was pretty rough because to me, laying there for 38 years sick, that's pretty heavy duty. Jesus basically, "Look, stop your sin and all that 38 years, that isn't nothing compare to what's coming."

That's what he said. Now, the man probably didn't want to hear that. All he wanted to hear was Lord, I'm well now I'm going up -- No, no. No, no, go and sin no more lest a worse thing befall thee. We need to humble ourselves; we need to pray; we need to seek his faith. And we need to turn from our wicked ways. And we got to recognize, people -- a lot of this stuff in our life, that isn't the devil or curses that God has ordained for disobedient folks after He has given them a ton of grace, a ton of chances, and a ton of mercy. Those are curses, that isn't the devil and the vast majority of those cases -- That isn't the devil, that isn't sin. That's us and our behavior like Old Testament, like New Testament, like right now. God says, we do those four things. He would do three things. He would forgive our sins. He will heal our land, and He will heal from heaven. He can't hear our prayers if we don't turn from our wicked ways. Sometimes, we don't turn people, we got a worse thing befalling us coming. See, I knew when I had that motorcycle accident, cutting the fool. How many of you have cut the fool? I mean, yeah, I was cutting the fool, there's no question about it but God protected me. I only had surfaced bruise and I wasn't preaching in and I wouldn't hear it from God but there was something in my wisdom that knew, if I cut the fool again, a worst thing will befall me. And I don't want to deal with the worst thing to befall -- So people, we need to understand there's nothing accidental in a world rule by divine law and order. The curse does not come without a cause. Seek His face and that's why Jesus said, "When you see me, you're seeing the Father." It's the same thing, same thing. Seek His face. You got down on your knees. You got to humble yourself. The first part is that big part of humbling yourself, because sometimes, we will never admit, we have done wrong. They call it the curse, that's the first thing. They know if you don't humble yourself, you can't even seek Him.

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Because you want to vow your head because its too (00:30:06) looking up, humble yourself, pray, seek his face and don't do what you did before it cause the thing in the first place, turn from your wicked ways, it's simple put it in easy (00:30:22) it's simple but it's not easy but this is

where God want us to take, he wants to take us all the way into the blessings and his given us (00:30:34) he send his son, we can look on his face, we can seek him, we can serve him but we have to turn from our wicked ways, we got to go and seen no more or less the worse thing before all of us. It's not accident not the blessing nor cursing, none of this is an accident, we got our own (00:30:52) fold down our knees and say, "lord I mess up." You know, a lot of my problem will be so obvious within few words, lord I mess up, I should have done what you told me to do, I mess up. Those few words will take us along way, you know its kind of rational all this out and it would not fall, I mess up, I should have done what you told me to do and the blessings will flow, God guarantees it. We thank you for joining us today of Brothers of The Word, you can go to BrothersofTheWord.com, listen to the entire series of the ABC's of Blessings and Cursings. Thank you for joining us the Brothers of The Word because brother you need the word.

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