



Ephesians 2:1-3 - “1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, 2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. 3 All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our flesh and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature deserving of wrath.” (NIV)

## FOUR MAIN ENEMIES

### WORLD

World here does not refer to the earth, mall or stuff that we have. World here refers to an evil system that tries to lure us away from God

### RULER OF THE KINGDOM OF AIR

The devil here is called in a different name. He’s not just called a fallen angel but ruler of the kingdom of the air. Since satan is the ruler of the kingdom of the air, he uses a way to block our connection to God and God’s connection to us.

### DISOBEDIENCE (sons of disobedience)

They are not those who disobey God occasionally. Sons of disobedience are the ones who made it a habit to disobey God. The Bible says that there’s a spirit that works behind the sons of disobedience.

### FLESH

You cannot cast out your own flesh. So the only thing you can do is to crucify it with Christ

## 10 Open Doors to Curses:

### OCCULT

(Deuteronomy 27:15a). This includes horoscopes, Feng Shui, Ouija board, Dreamcatcher, Crystals, hiring medium to talk to the dead. In short, any religion that takes you away from your belief on Jesus is an occult.

### DISRESPECTING PARENTS

(Deuteronomy 27:16a). Contempt to your parents is an open door to curse. Mark my word, no one who dishonors his parents will have a blessed life. You can have PhD degree in dishonoring parents but you’ll have a cursed life.

### INJUSTICE TO WEAK AND POOR

(Deuteronomy 27:17a,18a,19a). This is when you hurt the needy.

### FORBIDDEN OR UNNATURAL SEX OR INCEST (Deuteronomy 27:20-23).

### ANTISEMITISM

(Genesis 12:3). If you have this hate for the Jews or Israelis, you have to check how you became a Christian. The author of the Bible is a Jew. Your Savior is a Jew. Jesus is coming back not in USA but in Jerusalem. You may not fully understand why you have to love Israel but you have to love it because Genesis 12:3 says, “I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” (NIV)

### CURSED THINGS

(Deuteronomy 7:26). This can be in a form of charms, antiques, or stuff that you can buy when you travel in India or Africa. They can bring sickness, disease, nightmares, and curses. There are also accursed places. This is why you can hear haunted houses.

### STEALING OR PERJURY

(Zechariah 5:4). Taking stuff that is not yours. This also includes gossiping and slandering. Why? Slandering steals the good reputation of a person. I believe stealing time from your working hours is included here. The devil may not possess or torment you, but he’ll get something from your family, health, or finances.

### Robbing God (Malachi 3:8-9).

### OFFENSE

(Matthew 18:34).

### MURMURING

(Numbers 21:4-6). And we’ll take a moment on this door that we often open to the enemies whether consciously or unconsciously. Numbers 21:4-6 - “4 They traveled from Mount Hor along the route to the Red Sea, to go around Edom. But the people grew impatient on the way; 5 they spoke against God and against Moses, and said, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? There is no bread! There is no water! And we detest this miserable food!” 6 **Then the Lord sent venomous snakes among them; they bit the people and many Israelites died.” (NIV)**

Murmuring or complaining is an open door for a snake bite. God seeks people who worship Him in spirit and in truth. While the devil seeks people who complain and whine.

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When the venomous snakes bit the Israelites who were murmuring, they became poisoned. **Complaining Tolerated is Faith Contaminated**. The way the devil hurts you is by contaminating you inside. When you’re contaminated by the devil, everyone is moving forward, everyone is growing in the Lord, except you. Your mind always think bad about others. When your faith is contaminated, you become confused, disoriented. Everything is dark. You can be in the same situation as other people, but you are too negative to move forward while others are enjoying their life.

The cure to complaining, the only way to heal complaining, is to replace it with **THANKSGIVING**.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 - **“IN EVERYTHING give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you**



- 1.) What have you learned about your true enemies?
- 2.) What open doors have you seen in your life?
- 3.) . Are you a complainer, why ? What are the things that you are thankful for in life.

**Pray for each other in your group.**