

BLESSING OVERSHADOWED BY CURSE
Deuteronomy 27:1-28:68 // September 11, 2022 PM

I. Covenant infidelity will result in covenant curse (27:1-26).

II. Covenant curse will result in covenant reversal (28:1-68).

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. Where are Mount Ebal and Mount Gerizim located? Why is this significant?
2. Upon which mountain is the covenant ceremony, with stones, altar, and feast, to be carried out? Why is this significant? And how does this, along with the words of the priests later in the chapter indicate the inevitability of Israel's rebellion against God in the land?
3. Read Genesis 3:14. How does this provide insight into the words of the twelve statements of the priests in 27:15-26?
4. According to 28:1 and 28:15, what is the sole thing Israel needs to do to remain under God's blessing and to avoid His curse? What does this teach us about how we need to live today?
5. Pastor Nick said that covenant curse is essentially a reversal and undoing of the covenant. What did he mean by that? Where in the text do we see that?
6. Does the new covenant have blessings and curses like the old? What is different about the new, and why?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. How does God's covenant-keeping faithfulness encourage me to pursue the same? Is this attribute of God having that effect on my life practically?
2. Can I add my heartfelt "Amen!" not only to the blessings of God but also His curses? Do I tremble at His threats and see His goodness in them?
3. Do I love the voice of God, and am I a doer of His word or merely a hearer?