

Who has woe? Who has sorrow? Who has conflict? Who has complaints? Who has wounds for no reason (Prov. 23:29)? Like a flitting sparrow or a fluttering swallow, an undeserved curse goes nowhere (Prov. 20:2); why should any living person complain, any man, because of the punishment for his sins? Let us search out and examine our ways and turn back to the Lord, Let us lift up our hearts and our hands to God in heaven: we have sinned and rebelled; you have not forgiven (Lam. 3:39-42).

Many have said, "If God is good, why so much suffering in the world"? This question carries a weight of ignorance of the Word of YAHWEH. When man decided to disobey YAHWEH, he should have been responsible for the consequences of his sins. The action that our YAHWEH takes against us sometimes is in response to our own stubbornness of heart. He has set guidelines with consequences to bear. Paul wrote to the Galatians, "Don't be deceived; God is not mocked. For whatever a man sows he will also reap, because the one who sows to his flesh will reap corruption from the flesh, but the one who sows to the Spirit will reap eternal life from the Spirit. So we must not get tired of doing good, for we will reap at the proper time if we don't give up (6:7-9). King Solomon said, "Like a flitting sparrow or a fluttering swallow an undeserved curse goes nowhere (Prov. 26:2). In other words, a closed door will allow no curse to enter. The life of man can be either an opened or closed door or window for curses. He didn't have to suffer the consequences of generation curses, if he lived a righteous life before YAHWEH. The seeds we plant every day will result in good or bad fruit, and for the rest of our life we will be reaping their fruits. However YAHWEH in His mercy sustains us with His correction of discipline for a while, as we realize the root cause of our sufferings, that is, when applicable.

The cause, effect and purpose are the three ways we will face the consequences of our sinning against YAHWEH. The cause is the sin, the effect is the result, and the purpose is YAHWEH'S correction through discipline, for the purpose to sanctify us. King Solomon asked the question: Who has woe, sorrow, conflicts, complaints, or wounds for no reason? All these are the effect of our sins. We all have sinned; we all have fallen short of YAHWEH'S grace at one time or another. For those who repent and return to the Lord, there is forgiveness and healing, as Jeremiah said. "Let us search out and examine our ways and turn back to the Lord." YAHWEH is taking all things that happen to the believer to accomplish His purpose of conforming the believer's image to the image of His Son, YAHSHUA. The purpose of YAHWEH in accomplishing His will for us is many times seen in His applied discipline toward us. His calling us is for a purpose of sanctification. The devil has no part in the sanctification of YAHWEH'S children, unless they are walking in disobedience, and only with YAHWEH'S permission will he attack in some form or another. The writer to the letter to the Hebrews says, " My son, do not take the Lord's discipline lightly or faint when you are reprov'd by Him; for the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and punishes every son whom He receives. Endure it as a discipline YAHWEH is dealing with you as sons . . . shouldn't we submit even more to the Father of spirits and live? No discipline seems enjoyable at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it yields the fruit of peace and righteousness to those who have been trained by it (Heb. 12: 6 -11). The psalmist

said, "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word; and You are good, and You do what is good; It was good for me to be afflicted so that I could learn Yours statutes (Psalm. 119: 67-68, 71).

How it is possible for the believer to assume that all evil that comes to his life, comes from the devil? The cause and effect of our actions are ours to be blamed; not the devil's. "An undeserved curse has nowhere to go". So to keep it from yours and my life, the doors to our soul and body must be shut against its invasion. James said, but every person is tempted when he is drawn away, enticed and baited by his own evil desire. Then the evil desire when it has conceived, gives birth to sin, and sin, when it is fully matured, brings forth death (1:14-15). The root cause for disease is sin; plain and simple. Someone might say, But I am forgiven! No doubt you are forgiven of your sins, but they carry consequences; as in sins committed against the body. If you lived a promiscuous sexual life, the consequences will follow you; if you married the wrong person, the consequences will follow you; if you killed someone, its consequences will follow you. One cannot run away from his/her responsibilities of planted bad seeds hiding under the forgiveness of our YAHWEH. Moses said, "Your sins will find you out". That is the consequences or the effect of our sins will come to us. Or as we say, "What goes around comes around".

The experience of Job is an exception to the rule of sowing and reaping, because he had sown righteousness; what he went through was purely a test Satan had incited the Lord against Job to destroy him without just cause (Job 2:3) in response to these words from the Lord, "Have you considered My servant Job? No one else on earth is like him, a man of perfect integrity, who fears God and turns away from evil"? The many times we considered to be under an attack from the devil, or under a test, we must consider our integrity and righteousness before the Lord to make sure we are not being deceived. Sin, a root that runs deeply in our disease, should always be considered when we are plagued with the consequences. A child that is born with a disease surely it is not fault of his, but he/she is carrying generation curse, which I have no understanding why a child must suffer for the forefathers' sins. It is what it is in the Words of the Lord when He descended in the cloud and stood with Moses there and proclaimed the name of the Lord; and the Lord passed by before him and proclaimed. The Lord! The Lord! A God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in loving-kindness and truth, keeping mercy and loving-kindness for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but Who will by no means clear the guilty, **visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children, to the third and fourth generation** (Exodus 34:5-7).

There is a case mentioned in the Bible concerning a man who had been blind from birth, whose situation was not the result of generation sin. His situation had a very special purpose. When the disciples asked YAHSHUA if that was the case, He answered, It was not that this man or his parents sinned, but he was born blind in order that the workings of God should be manifested in him (John 9:1-3). In contrast, with the paralytic man, who had been healed by YAHSHUA, his case was clearly the results of sin, as YAHSHUA said to him, "See, you have been made well. Sin no more, lest a worse thing come upon you" (John 5:14). The fact remains, even with exceptions, diseases entered the world because of sin.

There are curses sin brought even to all nature. In the words of Paul, For the creation waits expectantly and longs earnestly for God's sons to be made known; for the creation was subjected to frailty, not because of some intentional fault on its part, but by the will of Him Who so subjected it with the hope that nature itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and corruption into the glorious freedom of God's children. We know that the whole creation has been moaning together in the pains of labor until now (Rom. 8:19-22). The prophet Jeremiah asked this question to the Lord pertaining to the suffering of nature because of the result of man's sin: How long must the land mourn and the grass and herbs of the whole country wither? Through the wickedness of those who dwell in it, the beasts and the birds are consumed and are swept away, for the people have said, He cannot see what our end will be (Jeremiah 12:4). When sin entered the world, it enveloped all living things with a curse. It is possible to live a life free from generational curse, if we keep the door closed to it. YAHSHUA has provided the way for us to be free, for He took the curse when He died on the tree. He purchased our freedom from the curse of the Law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written, Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (Galatians 3:13). It is up to us to be free from it!