

Whirlwind: Breaking the Curse: Believers Must Fulfill the Mandates of the *Shama'*; National Recovery Demands that Children's Souls Must Inculcate the Word, Deut 6:1–10; the Unfailing Love of God, Ps 100:2a,5; Pivot Power from Knowledge of the Word, John 8:31–32; 14:15, 21; 1 John 5:3; Pivot Power Must Trump Power Politics; Hosea's Denouement: Whirlwind: Hos 4:1–2; 4:6; 8:1,7a

Breaking the Curse:

1. Volition is revealed as the catalyst for breaking the curse. We each must stand or fall based on what we think of Christ and His Word.
2. The first paragraph of the *Shama* gives the details of how to break the curse in any generation.
3. The *Shama'* is a ceremonial prayer to be offered at least twice daily and is found in Deuteronomy 6:4–9; 11:13–21, and Numbers 15:37–41.
4. The preamble begins with the word “Hear,” which in the Hebrew is the Qal imperative of the verb **um^v* (*shama'*)**: “Hear, obey, listen!” Since it is the first word of the passage, it became the title of the prayer.
5. The imperative mood commands the Jews to execute the directives that follow. This opening verse is recited and sung in most synagogues down to this day:

Deuteronomy 6:4 - “*Shama', Yisra'el! Athonoi Elohanu, Athonoi echath*: Hear, O Israel! Jesus Christ is our God. Jesus Christ is unique.”

6. The introductory paragraph of the *Shama'* contains the solution to any problems faced by any generation from idolatry to carnality:

Deuteronomy 6:5 - “You shall love the LORD your God with all you heart and with all your soul and with all your might.

v. 6 - “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart.

v. 7 - “You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up.”

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The *Shama'*
Deut. 6:4

7. These mandates implore parents to teach their children about the Word of God in multiple situations:
(1) privately at home, (2) publically in the community, (3) through bedtime stories, and (4) at the beginning of the day.
8. The consistent inculcation of biblical principles, doctrines, and viewpoint will instill into the souls of the children the inventory of ideas they will need to remain loyal to the order code of the Mosaic Law.
9. What the order code does is instill into the souls of children the essential doctrines that will maintain for their generation consistency in their relationship with God and society.
10. These mandates lead off Deuteronomy 6 which follows the reiteration of the Ten Commandments in Deuteronomy 5:7-21.
11. Moses introduces chapter 6 with his rationale for having just reviewed the Decalogue:
Deuteronomy 6:1 - "Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the LORD your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it,
Deuteronomy 6:2 - so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.
v. 3 - "O Israel, you should listen and be careful to do it, that it may be well with you and that you may multiply greatly, just as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey."
12. The first four of the Ten Commandments express the divine mandates regarding the spiritual life of the individual. The Second is designed to prevent any deviation from the First and therefore insure compliance with those that follow.

13. The First Commandment forbids mental idolatry while the Second prohibits overt idolatry:
- Deuteronomy 5:7** - 'You shall have no other gods before Me.'
- Deuteronomy 5:8** - 'You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth.'
- v. 9** - 'You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me ...'
14. The preservation of client nation Israel was contingent upon its people remaining loyal to the mandates of the Decalogue followed by those precepts communicated in the establishment code and spiritual code contained in the Torah.
15. The penalty clause for noncompliance is the four-generation curse. But great blessings are promised to the generations that keep His commandments:
- Deuteronomy 5:10** - '... but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.'
16. The word "lovingkindness" is the Hebrew noun **rs#j# (cheseth)**: "unfailing love." This word is found throughout the Old Testament including Psalm 100. Verses 2 and 5 bring together two concepts that relate to the promise expressed in Deuteronomy 5:10:
- Psalm 100:2a** - Serve the Lord with gladness [hj*m=c! (*simchah*: superabundance of happiness or the copacetic spiritual life) ...
- v. 5** - For the Lord is absolute good; His lovingkindness [rs#j# (*cheseth*): unfailing love] is everlasting and His faithfulness to all generations.

17. The unfailing love of God provides a superabundance of happiness by means of the believer's response through the combination of his personal love for God and loyalty to His Word.
18. In order for a believer's spiritual growth to advance unimpeded, he must be allowed the right of free exercise. With it, he is enabled to enjoy the life God has in store for him.
19. This entire concept is presented in the introductory remarks of the Declaration of Independence:

WE hold these Truths to be self-evident, that all Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.
20. The blessing contained in the promise of Deuteronomy 5:10 and expressed in Psalm 100:2, 5 is encapsulated in this sentence. Those who the Creator selects for "human life" have an "unalienable right" to pursue "establishment prosperity" and, for believers, the "copacetic spiritual life."
21. Those who obey the Word of God will gain freedom; those that do not will acquire slavery:

John 8:31 - Jesus was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine;

John 8:32 - and you will know the truth and the truth will make you free."
22. God manufactures grace to those who love Him. How do we indicate our love for God?

John 14:15 - "If you love Me you will keep My commandments."

John 14:21 - "He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me; and he who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and will disclose Myself to him."

1 John 5:3 - This is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.

23. These passages demonstrate that the way the believer expresses his love for God is by learning what the Bible teaches and applying those principles to life and circumstances.
24. The final clause of the Second Commandment indicates that God will manufacture grace to those who keep on loving Him.
25. Loving Him is accomplished by habitually applying the doctrines revealed in Scripture. The word “love” in both Exodus 20:6 and Deuteronomy 5:10 is the Qal active participle of the verb **bh^a*** (**'ahav**): personal love for God.
26. The Qal active participle indicates a state of continued activity and the translation should reflect this:
Deuteronomy 5:10 - ‘... but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who keep on continuously loving Me and keep My commandments.’
27. True love for God is devotion to learning His Word on a continuing, day-by-day basis.
28. The final verb is the Qal active participle of **rm^v*** (**shamar**): “keep on continuously guarding My commandments.”¹
29. The Second Commandment’s final verse is accomplished when doctrine is transferred by the Holy Spirit into the *kardía*.
30. There doctrine becomes artillery ready to be fired incessantly in the application of problem-solving devices.
31. Finally, the believer guards the Word by taking a stand for it before men. You will tolerate those who disagree, but you cannot tolerate their actions if they violate standards of Scripture.

¹ “In its participial form, the word means human guards, those who watch for people or over designated objects” (Warren Baker and Eugene Carpenter, *The Complete Word Study Dictionary: Old Testament* [Chattanooga: AMG Publishers, 2003], 1171).

32. Flexibility and tolerance do not imply leniency or acceptance of the erroneous thoughts and actions of others.
33. Believers must through wisdom remain flexible regarding the nonessentials, but stand fast and remain inflexible regarding the essentials.
34. Only through habitual love for God and personal desire to learn, defend, and apply His Word can the believer have the invisible historical impact that our nation's current circumstance requires.
35. However, if pivot power is not strong enough to trump power politics then the future of our client nation is strictly in the hands of our Lord.
36. His chosen client nation Israel was rejected numerous times in the Old Testament and Gentile client nations during the Church Age have suffered similar fates.

Hosea's Denouement:

1. The current situation in the United States is not hopeless but circumstances are metastasizing toward probable crisis stage.
2. Until the condition becomes hopeless we do not have a crisis, but since the conflict of visions between the traditional and Progressive worldviews has been won by the latter, our nation is on the verge of crisis.
3. Things are not hopeless yet since there are still a significant number of believers who are positive to the Word and enough, apparently, so that the Lord is holding things together for the moment.
4. There is an abundance of indicators warning us that chaos and crisis could commence at any moment.
5. As crisis approaches it may be observed that power politics is unable to resolve the problems its fraudulent polices created. Human viewpoint compounds the problems so that violence and social unrest threaten the peace and tranquility of the commonwealth.

6. Mature believers use pivot power to endure the effects of the downtrend by means of doctrine in the soul and confident reliance on Jesus Christ for guidance and protection.
7. Power politics continues to apply solutions associated with its socialistic, nanny-state worldview to its own inevitable destruction.
8. Pivot politics continues to rely on grace while power politics reaches critical point where the disasters associated with change culminate in either tyranny or revolution.
9. The denouement of this sad sequence of events is summarized by Hosea who wrote his prophecy prior to the fifth cycle being administered to the Northern Kingdom by Shalmaneser V and Sargon in 722 B.C.
10. His emphasis throughout his prophecy is that desolation in the souls of the people would bring about national desolation to Israel.
11. The people's soul desolation was exemplified by the people's involvement in worshipping Baal which God directed Hosea to illustrate as an adulterous relationship.
12. The theme of the Book of Hosea is that Israel had become unfaithful to God and His commandments by having an illicit relationship with idols including all the degenerate activities associated with it.
13. Hosea's indictment of the people is found in:

Hosea 4:1 - Listen to the Word of the LORD, O sons of Israel, for the LORD has a case against the inhabitants of the land, because there is no faithfulness or kindness or knowledge of God in the land.

v. 2 - There is swearing, deception, murder, stealing, and adultery. They employ violence, so that bloodshed follows bloodshed.

Hosea 4:6 - My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. Because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you from being My priest. Since you have forgotten the law of your God, I also will forget your children.

14. The people did not respond to Hosea's indictment but instead continued to revel in their cosmic practices in opposition to the mandates of God.
15. Their locked-in behavior patterns, character traits, and lifestyle resulted in the following denouement:

Hosea 8:1 - Put the trumpet to your lips! Like an eagle the enemy comes against the house of the LORD, because they have transgressed My covenant and rebelled against My law.

v. 7a - For they sow the wind and they reap the whirlwind.

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