## Blessings or Curses, Your Call! Deuteronomy 28:1-6, 15-19

Deuteronomy 28:1-19 outlines the conditional blessings and curses for the Israelites. If they obeyed God's commands, they would be <u>blessed</u>. If they disobeyed, they would be <u>cursed</u>.

This passage in Deuteronomy emphasizes a direct cause-and-effect relationship between <u>obedience</u> and <u>disobedience</u>.

Blessings for obedience (Deuteronomy 28:1-14)

- · National Prominence
- · Prosperity
- · Victory
- · God's Favor

God's blessings are often less about material prosperity and more about being in a right relationship with God.

Curses for disobedience (Deuteronomy 28:15-68)

- · Failure in all areas
- · Health problems
- · Economic hardship
- · Military defeat
- · Bad outcomes

Application for us today

Faithfully, obediently following Jesus leads us into a <u>blessed</u> relationship with God.

Where His will is disregarded, His <u>nature</u> is not present.

Principles to apply today

- · Obedience to God leads to blessings
- · Disobedience has consequences

What Deuteronomy 28 does not promise for today

- · Earthly prosperity
- · A literal fulfillment of all the Curses in Deuteronomy

A life Dominated by the works of the flesh is a cursed life.