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DEUTERONOMY 17:18-20

2024: **DIVINE** OPPOSITES

Commit to spending at least 10 minutes a day writing out the Scripture for that day and meditating on what it means for you. For the month of January we'll see what God says about blessings and curses.

**JANUARY: BLESSINGS & CURSES,
LIFE & DEATH**

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| 1. Genesis 1:27-28 | 17. Acts 3:25-26 |
| 2. Genesis 3:17 | 18. Acts 13:46-47 |
| 3. Jeremiah 17:7 | 19. 1 Timothy 6:17-19 |
| 4. Jeremiah 17:5 | 20. Luke 12:15, 20-21 |
| 5. John 11:25-26 | 21. Proverbs 18:21 |
| 6. Revelation 21:8 | 22. James 3:9-10 |
| 7. 2 Chronicles 7:14 | 23. Matthew 5:6 |
| 8. 2 Chronicles 7:19-20 | 24. Romans 1:28 |
| 9. Job 17:1-2 | 25. Romans 7:9 |
| 10. Job 42:16-17 | 26. John 5:24 |
| 11. Genesis 6:6-7 | 27. Romans 6:20-21 |
| 12. Genesis 9:16-17 | 28. Romans 6:22-23 |
| 13. Deut. 30:15-16 | 29. Numbers 22:15-17 |
| 14. Deut. 30:17-18 | 30. Numbers 24:10 |
| 15. Deut. 11:26-27 | 31. Genesis 12:2-3 |
| 16. Deut. 11:28-29 | |

DO THE "WRITE" THING!

STUDY SUGGESTIONS

This year, we are examining themes in the Bible that seem like opposites. We often find that God defines things differently than the world does.

In January, we look at blessings and curses in Scripture and verses about life and death. This month, the verses are paired so that days 1 & 2 relate to each other, as do 3 & 4. As you write the verses, look to see what God says about a blessed life and how we can live with His blessings. The reading for January 31 is the blessing God promised for the whole world through Abraham's descendants.

Option 1: Devotional study

Write the verses on a card or in a journal and take a moment to pray about what God is saying in this passage and reflect on how it applies to you. Try using the SPECK method of application:

1. **Sin** - Is there a sin I need to confess or avoid?
2. **Promise** - Is there a promise of God in this passage?
3. **Example** - Is there a role model in this passage?
4. **Command** - Is there a command to obey?
5. **Knowledge** - What knowledge do I gain about God?

As you answer the questions, write down a few thoughts in your journal or on the back of the card.

Option 2: In Depth method

Write the verses at the top of a sheet of paper in a journal. Answer the following questions about the passage:

1. Who wrote this passage and to whom was it written?
2. What is the theme of the book or section?
3. What are some key words in the passage and what do they mean? You may want to consult a lexicon or Bible dictionary.
4. What are some ways this passage would have challenged the first readers? How does it challenge Christians today?
5. For application purposes, consider using the SPECK method from Option 1.

