

**DERAILED!**

**Deuteronomy 28:15-25, 58-62**

# Train Disasters

Deaths	Incident
383	<a href="#"><u>Al Ayatt train disaster (Egypt, 2002)</u></a>
320	<a href="#"><u>Nishapur train disaster (Iran, 2004)</u></a>
281	<a href="#"><u>Igandu train disaster (Tanzania, 2002)</u></a>
192	<a href="#"><u>Muamba rail disaster (Mozambique, 2002)</u></a>
155	<a href="#"><u>Kaprun disaster (Austria, 2000)</u></a>
154	<a href="#"><u>Ryongchon disaster (North Korea, 2004)</u></a>
148	<a href="#"><u>Gyaneshwari Express train derailment, (India, 2010)</u></a>
132	<a href="#"><u>Ghotki rail crash (Sindh, Pakistan, 2005)</u></a>
130	<a href="#"><u>Rafiganj train disaster (India, 2002)</u></a>
114	Veligonda train disaster (India, 2005)
107	<a href="#"><u>Amagasaki rail crash (Japan, 2005)</u></a>
100	<a href="#"><u>Benaleka train crash, (Democratic Republic of the Congo, 2007)</u></a>

# Principle #1 – God desires to bless us and He has a purpose for our lives

v1 - Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey **[shama]** the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully **[shamar]** all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey **[shama]** the voice of the Lord your God:

**Shama** – To hear, listen and obey

**Shamar** – To guard, observe and keep watch

# Remember

- To remember God is to act/live according to what we know of God and what He desires of us.
- The purpose of remembering is to obey. Because not remembering, or forgetfulness, opens the door to disobedience and failure. So to not remember, and consequently to not obey, derails us from experiencing God's perfect plan for us.

# Principle #2 – We get derailed when we disobey and forsake God

- 15 But it shall come to pass, if you **do not obey** the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:
- 16 *Cursed shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country.*
- 17 *Cursed shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.*
- 18 *Cursed shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.*
- 19 *Cursed shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.*
- 20 The Lord will send on you cursing, confusion, and rebuke in all that you set your hand to do, until you are destroyed and until you perish quickly, because of the **wickedness of your doings** in which **you have forsaken Me**.

# Curses for Disobedience

- Cursed – ârar
- Denunciation of sin / Judgment on sin
- A decree, declaration of a consequence
- Natural consequence of disobedience and sin
- Implementation of His covenant

# Blessings vs Curses

v1 - Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey **[shama]** the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully **[shamar]** all His commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God will set you high above all nations of the earth.  
2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey **[shama]** the voice of the Lord your God:

v15 - But it shall come to pass, if you do not obey **[shama]** the voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully **[shamar]** all His commandments and His statutes which I command you today, that all these curses will come upon you and overtake you:

# Blessings vs Curses

v3 - Blessed *shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the country.*

v16 - Cursed *shall you be in the city, and cursed shall you be in the country (field).*

v6 - Blessed *shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.*

v19 - Cursed *shall you be when you come in, and cursed shall you be when you go out.*

***Wherever the sinner goes, the curse of God follows him.***



# Blessings vs Curses

v4 - Blessed *shall be the fruit of your body, the produce of your ground and the increase of your herds, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.*

v5 - Blessed *shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.*

v18 - Cursed *shall be the fruit of your body and the produce of your land, the increase of your cattle and the offspring of your flocks.*

v17 - Cursed *shall be your basket and your kneading bowl.*

***Whatever the sinner has is under a curse***

# Blessings vs Curses

*v7 - The Lord will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways.*

*v25 - The Lord will cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you shall go out one way against them and flee seven ways before them; and you shall become troublesome to all the kingdoms of the earth.*

***Whatever the sinner does is under a curse***

# Derailed - Biblical Examples

- Adam and Eve – Paradise lost
- The Israelites – 40 years wandering
- King David – Not where he should be
- Joseph – Remembered and obeyed

## Deut 28:58-62

- 58 “If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD,
- 59 then the Lord will bring upon you and your descendants extraordinary plagues—great and prolonged plagues—and serious and prolonged sicknesses.
- 60 Moreover He will bring back on you all the diseases of Egypt, of which you were afraid, and they shall cling to you.
- 61 Also every sickness and every plague, which *is not written in this Book of the Law, will the Lord bring upon you until you are destroyed.*
- 62 *You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.*

# Principle #3 – God provides a way back to be reconciled and restored

## Deut 30:1-3

Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call *them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God drives you, 2 and you return to the Lord your God and obey His voice*, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, 3 that the Lord your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you.

# Injury Interrupted My Idolatry

“I knew God existed and disapproved of the life I was living....but I preached a gospel of cheap grace to make myself feel better.”

~ Landry Fields ~

NBA basketball player for the Toronto Raptors

Principle #1 – God desires to bless us and He has a purpose for our lives

Principle #2 – We get derailed when we disobey and forsake God

Principle #3 – God provides a way back to be reconciled and restored

Principle #4 – Accept and return to Jesus as your Lord and King