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DESTROYING EVERY EVIL PRONOUNCEMENT AGAINST US.

Romans 12:14.

A. TO BLESS...

1. The Greek word is **eulogeo**; which means:
 - a. To praise, celebrate with praises
 - b. To invoke blessings.
2. "The word bless here means to speak well of or to. Not to curse or to slander, but to speak of those things which we can commend in an enemy; or if there is nothing that we can commend, to say nothing about him."
3. "i.e., to pray for them, wish well to them"
4. We find this command given by Christ and Peter - **Mt 5:44; Lk 6:28; 1 Pet. 3:9.**

-- Note that Paul gives the exhortation twice in our text; perhaps implying the challenge of this duty

B. TO CURSE NOT...

1. The Greek word for curse is **kataraoimai**, which is defined as "to curse, doom, imprecate evil upon"
2. "... to implore a curse from God to rest on others; to pray that God would destroy them. In a larger sense still, it means to abuse by reproachful words; to calumniate; or to express one's self in a violent, profane, and outrageous manner."
3. "When he saith, curse not, he means, wish no evil to your enemies." -

There are sometimes when our enemies tend to invoke curses upon us. As children of God, we should not worry because the Bible has guaranteed us against curse of the enemies –

Many people blame their parents; their upbringing; their genealogy; their teachers; their government; etc. for the problems they face in life. They blame everyone (including God) but themselves. They will lie on God by saying that He is teaching them a lesson through their sickness, disease, poverty, ignorance, and the like. **Eze. 18: 1-9.**

Yet, the Bible is clear that "the curse causeless shall not come." You have no need to fear curses coming upon your life if you are living in accordance with the word of the living God. Prov. 26: 1-3.

Proverbs 28:13 says:

13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy.

Luke 13:3, 5

3,5 I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

Galatians 3:10-13

10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that continues not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, *it is* evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

12 And the law is not of faith: but, The man that doeth them shall live in them.

13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed *is* every one that hangeth on a cross.

Even in the past under the Old Covenant the children of Israel were given a choice to obey the commandments of the Lord and receive a blessing, or to not obey the commandments of the Lord, to turn aside out of the way which they were commanded, or to go after other gods and receive a curse (Deuteronomy 11:26-28).

Hence, according to the word of the Lord in Ps.125: 1-5; no arrow of the enemy will fall upon the righteous in the name of Jesus.

Let us see how the enemy wanted to violate this principle in the book of Numbers 22-24 and what the repercussion was for them.

What does the Lord do?

- 1. He frustrates the token of liars – Isaiah 44: 24 – 28.**
- 2. He un-writes or obliterate every handwriting of the enemies against us – Col. 2: 14-15.**
- 3. Pulling down all the strong holds of the enemies in our life – 2 Cor. 10: 4-6.**

**4. Invalidating the words spoken by the enemies and frustrating their coming together
– Isa. 8: 9-10.**

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