



“Thus says the LORD, “Cursed be the man that trusts in man, and makes flesh his arm, and whose heart departs from the LORD. For he shall be like the scrub in the desert, and shall not see *even* when good comes; but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, in a salt land *that is* not inhabited.” Jeremiah 17:5 – 6

It is so very easy to misplace trust, isn't it? Human aspirations and dreams are easily affixed to a political party or to a corporation. Hopes latch onto a person or an ideal, yet all such thought, no matter how noble, will all find its disappointment when men or man-made institutions are expected to fulfill them.

But it grows worse. To trust in anyone or anything other than the Lord will not only bring ultimate disappointment, but it brings with it a curse! It is not as though the Lord, in a fit of human anger or jealousy, arbitrarily decides to curse men. Rather, it is in this manner that the curse comes... our hearts depart from the Lord and in so doing we miss His good and kind intentions! Blinded by our own focus on human achievement and potential we fail to see and thus appropriate His goodness which “shines on *both* the evil and the good.” (Matthew 5:45). And since there are no spiritual vacuums, to move away from the goodness and blessing of the Lord, we find ourselves, by default, under a curse.

Take a moment and access your dependence upon men rather than upon God. Now, repent wherever it may be necessary. Begin today, this moment, in a new found dependence upon Him – the Source of your life! Finally, thank Him for Your next breath!

“Lord, in these areas I have trusted in men.... Thank You for the forgiveness You so freely and graciously offer to me now, as I place, once again, my hope and my trust in You alone! Thank You for the people, the companies and the church family that is in my life, but from this day forward, my eyes will be upon You!”

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