

Studies in the Book of Proverbs by John T Polk II For The Fellowship Room

(#178) The Proverbs of Solomon 26:2- Don't Fear Useless Cursing

Proverbs 26:2:

Like a flitting sparrow, like a flying swallow, so a curse without cause shall not alight.

The "flitting sparrow" and "flying swallow" hardly ever seem to use their feet because they are darting around. This illustration from real life shows the reason one should not worry when cursed "without cause" – "it shall not alight." Useless curses include those made:

(1) Using false gods: as Goliath did to David before the giant came down: "So the Philistine said to David, 'Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?' And the Philistine cursed David by his gods" (1 Samuel 17:43). Those curses did nothing to David. So, also, are the "curses" made from voo-doo, sorcery, witchcraft, or any other false religion:

And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, 'So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.' (1 Kings 19:1-2)

This never happened to Elijah!

(2) Falsely using Jehovah God, as with the expression, "Godd___n you." Only God can damn or condemn anyone, and He has stated who that is in His Bible:

> He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. (John 3:18-19)

> He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. (Mark 16:16)

Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! (James 5:9)



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People cannot command God's condemnation upon anyone God has not condemned!

(3) **From a heart full of wickedness**, for God can turn them back upon the wicked person who said them:

His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression; under his tongue is trouble and iniquity. (Psalm 10:7, read verses 2-11)

As he loved cursing, so let it come to him; as he did not delight in blessing, so let it be far from him. (Psalm 109:17, read verses 6-20)

Whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness. (Romans 3:14, read verses 10-18)

The only condemnation anyone should fear is from God, and He has cleared the way for everyone to be saved by their obedience, for He:

- Desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth (1 Timothy 2:4)
- Is "not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9)
- Sent Jesus, who said: "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." (John 8:12)

Save yourself from the curse with cause!