



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Generational Influence: The Line pt. 3

This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print it to study on your own or use it in a group to experience transformation together.

Message Theme

The Mercy Seat: Where the Curse Stops

Prayer Focus

"Father, thank You for the blood of Jesus, my mercy seat. I put my faith in that blood today. I believe Jesus is a barrier between me and every curse, every iniquity passed down through my family line. I ask You to be merciful to me, and I receive by faith that the curse of the law is canceled over my life and my descendants. Let the blessing of Abraham flow instead — in my home, my labor, and every generation that follows. In Jesus Name, Amen."

Key Truths

God sees you connected to your family line - those who came before you and those who come after. Just as Adam's sin was imputed to all humanity, iniquity - a sinful inclination that becomes a lifestyle - passes down through parents, grandparents, and great grandparents to the third and fourth generation. But mercy is far greater, extending to a thousand generations of those who love God. Wherever there is iniquity, a curse follows - the sanction or penalty for breaking God's law - often showing up as poverty, sickness, addiction, divorce, fear, or destructive patterns repeating generation after generation.

A generational iniquity comes through the bloodline, and it can only be canceled by blood. This is the principle behind propitiation - a word meaning "mercy seat." Jesus' blood is a sacrifice that diverts judgment away from us, received through faith. In the Old Testament tabernacle, the mercy seat was the solid gold lid on the Ark, sprinkled once a year with atoning blood. It served three purposes: it was God's throne, it received the atoning blood, and - most importantly - it stood as a barrier between the curse of the law and the people of God. Underneath that mercy seat sat the law, the manna, and Aaron's rod - reminders of lawbreaking, complaint, and rebellion. But the blood-covered lid stood between the people and judgment.

Jesus' blood is now that mercy seat for us. Just as the publican prayed, "God, be a mercy seat to me, a sinner," we can put our faith in the blood of Jesus as the barrier that stops generational curses from passing further down our family line. The curse cannot pass through the blood - but the blessing can. God's mercy is wider, longer, and deeper than we can measure, reaching further than we think anyone - including ourselves - has fallen.

Practical Application

This week, don't just acknowledge that a generational pattern exists in your family - take it to the mercy seat. By faith, name the specific iniquity or curse you've identified, and speak out that the blood of Jesus cancels it, now, for you and your descendants. Picture the mercy seat closing between you and that curse, cutting it off at the root. Don't stop at breaking it - receive the blessing in its place, the same way you received salvation: deliberately, by faith, out loud. Your call to action is simple - **put your faith in the blood of Jesus as your mercy seat, and declare the curse over your family line broken, now and for every generation that follows.**

Reference Verses

- Romans 5:12
- Exodus 20:5-6
- Deuteronomy 30:19
- Deuteronomy 28
- Lamentations 5:7
- Proverbs 13:22
- Hebrews 9:22
- Leviticus 17:11
- Romans 3:23-25
- 1 Peter 1:18-19
- Hebrews 12:24
- Luke 18:9-14
- Galatians 3:13-14

Declarations

Life is released when your words are in agreement with God. Intentionally speaking life and biblical truth out loud is extremely powerful. In fact, you have that very life in the power of your tongue. These words below, when spoken out loud, will cause an acceleration of the reality of God's words in your life. We encourage you to speak the following with an expectancy to renew your mind and see God's fullness.

- I put my faith in the blood — Jesus is my mercy seat, and by His blood, judgment and curse are diverted from my life.
- I believe the curse is canceled — The generational curse of the law over my family is broken, now, in Jesus' name and by His blood.

- I see the mercy seat close — The line of iniquity in my family stops here; the curse cannot pass through the blood.
- I receive the blessing instead — Where the curse once ran, the blessing and the anointing now flow — over my household, my labor, and my descendants.

What's Next?

Now it's time to put what you've learned into action. Here are three ways you can apply this message to your daily life:

1 - Take It to the Mercy Seat

Take time today to identify one generational pattern you named last week — a besetting sin, an addiction, a fear, a health issue. Instead of just naming it, speak this over it out loud: "I believe the blood of Jesus cancels the curse and breaks off this iniquity from my family, now, in Jesus' name and by His blood." Faith is released when it's spoken, not just thought.

2 - Picture the Lid Closing

Set aside a few quiet minutes and picture, as Pastor Duane described, the gold lid of the mercy seat closing between you and the curse of the law. See the line broken. This isn't a magic trick — it's a faith exercise, engaging your imagination the way Scripture invites you to see yourself receiving what God has promised. Let that picture settle in as truth.

3 - Trust the Depth of His Mercy

If you've ever thought "I've done too much, gone too far, this one's not breaking," read Luke 18:9-14 and remember: the Bible tells us the width and length of God's grace, but never the depth — because it cannot be measured. Whatever you think is beyond reach, it isn't. Today, receive that truth for yourself or speak it over someone you love who feels unreachable.