



# RESTORING GOD'S ANCIENT PATHS

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## STUDY GUIDE

# Restoring God's Ancient Paths: Defeating Satan's Three Strategies Against You

*"Thus says the Lord: 'Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it. Then you will find rest for your souls.'"*  
(Jeremiah 6:16, NKJV)

### I. What Are Ancient Paths?

- A. The word "**ancient**": From the Hebrew word "*olam*," meaning "ancient, universal, eternal, perpetual, timeless, from before time, out of eternity."
- B. **Ancient Paths**: The ways of God that just cause life to work naturally. (Example: Gravity in the physical realm.)
- C. God programmed man with His Ancient Paths when He created man:
  - 1. Men used to live 900 years even after sin entered the world, probably because they still walked in God's Ancient Paths.
  - 2. As time has gone on, people have gotten farther and farther away from the Ancient Paths and lifespan has gotten shorter and shorter.
  - 3. Long life is only 90 years now, 10% of the prior lifespan.
- D. Ancient Paths govern every area of life: Marriage, family, health, finances, relationships, et cetera.

## II. Satan's Strategies

**Satan's primary strategy:** To use our departure from and ignorance of God's Ancient Paths to rob us of our destiny and of the abundant life Jesus promised us.

- A. When out of ignorance or rebellion we violate God's Ancient Paths, we self-destruct, especially in three primary areas:
  - 1. Finances
  - 2. Health
  - 3. Relationships and marriage
- B. **The three primary issues that keep people awake at night:** Problems with finances, health, and/or relationships.
- C. **Three primary prayer requests in any church:** Prayer for problems with finances, health, and/or relationships.
- D. Besides salvation and faith, **the three primary topics addressed by preaching in churches today:** Prosperity, healing, and marriage.
- E. Why do the topics of prosperity, healing, and marriage keep coming up? Because Satan has only three strategies: **To steal, kill, and destroy.** (John 10:10)
  - 1. **Steal what?** Your finances.
  - 2. **Kill what?** Your physical body—take your health and your life.
  - 3. **Destroy what?** Your marriage, family, and key relationships.

## III. Our Destiny on Planet Earth

We were put on planet earth to **fulfill a destiny**, not just to be happy.

- A. The Father's inheritance in the saints. (Ephesians 1:18)
- B. His inheritance is in **you fulfilling your purpose on earth.**
  - 1. There is a spiritual battle over the destiny of every purpose.
  - 2. The kingdom of darkness is playing for keeps. This is not a game for them.

3. This ought to anger you, that the enemy is taking people out—and maybe you or those you love are some of them.

#### **IV. Strategy of the Enemy**

The strategy of the enemy is always the same: To Kill, steal, and destroy.

- A. Health, finances, and family/relationships are the primary problems.
- B. **Learn to hate disease, debt, and division/divorce!** These three are often linked together.
  1. Problems in finances lead to problems in marriage, which leads to stress, time mismanagement, and problems in health.
  2. People start to accept this as if there is just nothing you can do about it.
  3. Disease, debt, and division/divorce: A result of departing from God's Ancient Paths and is not the abundant life Jesus planned for us.

#### **V. Satanic Strategy 1: Debt**

Our whole culture is deceived regarding debt.

- A. July 2005: When the US savings rate went negative and has been negative ever since.
- B. It took the US 200 years to hit \$1 trillion in national debt (until 1982). \$10 trillion debt happened by 2008, and \$30 trillion by 2022:

<https://www.thebalancemoney.com/national-debt-by-year-compared-to-gdp-and-major-events-3306287>

- C. Suggesting someone should not go into debt to buy a house today causes people to look at you as if you are crazy.
  1. Four generations ago, our grandparents did not embrace the idea of going into debt to buy a house.

2. **Generational blessing** was what enabled our grandparents to be able to buy a house without going into debt.

D. Satan's council of demons figured out how to enslave nations and generations, by countering God's directive: "*The borrower is slave to the lender.*" (Proverbs 22:7)

1. Offer people the opportunity to get things *now* by voluntarily submitting to a slavery/debt relationship.
2. Tell people, "You can remain independent and self-sufficient and you don't need anyone."

## VII. Today's Financial Status Quo

Today we have multiple masters, and they're not usually Jesus. (Proverbs 22:7)

- A. Message on a t-shirt: "One Master."
- B. Most people have a large percentage of their monthly cash flow committed to debt payments.
- C. Generational blessing:
  1. Anyone can eradicate debt, including a house mortgage, in 10 years max.
  2. We can deliver our children in at least two generations.
- D. Today's debt culture expectations:
  1. We assume that we, and everyone around us is, and will continue to be in debt. Debt is normalized.
  2. Many people are stuck and just can't seem to get ahead financially, a departure from God's Ancient Paths.

## VIII. Satanic Strategy 2: Kill

*Kill/disease*: Pharmaceutical industry.

- A. We live in a drug culture where many things that drugs will fix anything if they get sick.
- B. We don't have a health care system; we have a **sickness management** system.
- C. Large companies' biggest challenge today: **How to pay for employee healthcare.**
  - 1. "Sorcery" is *pharmakeia* in Greek. (Revelation 18:23)
  - 2. Deaths from medications (drugs) prescribed by a doctor are now the 4<sup>th</sup> leading cause of death in the United States.  
<https://www.nbihealth.com/death-by-prescription-and-what-you-can-do-about-it/>  
That would be like 300 people dying in a jumbo jet every day.
  - 3. What would you think if you heard about a major commercial airline crash in the US every single day?
  - 4. Americans experience more than two million side effects from drugs every year, and more than 100,000 people are killed by taking a properly prescribed medication: <https://www.nbihealth.com/death-by-prescription-and-what-you-can-do-about-it/>
- D. **The simple truth:** Our modern culture has been deceived by the spirit of *pharmakeia* and the pharmaceutical industry, and we put into our bodies toxic chemicals that don't belong there.
- E. In addition, **we don't put into our bodies vital nutrients that our bodies require for normal function.** Most Christians' attitude: There is nothing you can do about it. They are waiting for a healing miracle from God, a departure from God's Ancient Paths.

### IX. Satanic Strategy 3: Destroy

*To destroy:* Divorce and division in family relationships is part of Satan's strategy. **(Ephesians 6:10–12)**

- A. Marriage is under attack all around the world.
- B. Family is under attack everywhere.

1. Parents are losing the hearts of their children, who are turning away from the Lord and renouncing their faith in Jesus.
2. Many young people would like to marry but struggle to find a suitable marriage partner or to be able to sustain a long-term relationship leading toward marriage.
3. Many other young people have given up and don't even plan to marry or have children. This is a departure from God's Ancient Paths.

## **X. Defeating Satan's Three Strategies**

### **A. Learn God's Ancient Paths and walk in them.**

1. Where should we start, which Ancient Path?
2. Start with the Ancient Path that is the foundation of the abundant life Jesus told us we were to experience.

### **B. The Master Key to success and prosperity in life, Ancient Path Number 1:**

1. The primary way Satan is able to steal, kill, and destroy is by systematically robbing our culture of this Ancient Path.
2. This Ancient Path affects the "operating system" of the human computer.
3. Children who come from families that still practice this Ancient Path prosper at a rate 10 times greater than families who don't practice this Ancient Path!

### **C. One very small group regularly practices the Ancient Path that is the Master Key to prosperity in all areas of life. Adult children from this group represent:**

1. 40% of the top 40 of the Forbes 400 richest Americans (all billionaires).
2. 25% of all American Nobel Prize winners.
3. 30% of all American Nobel Prize winners in science.
4. 20% of all professors at leading US universities.
5. 40% of the partners at leading New York and Washington, DC law firms.
6. The majority of the owners of the major movie studios in Hollywood.

7. The majority of the scriptwriters and producers for many prime-time TV shows.

D. This cultural group: Jewish people, of course:

1. Jewish people comprise only 2% of the US population.
2. How does this tiny group of people (only 2% of the US population) influence our culture so powerfully? **They regularly practice this key Ancient Path.**

## **XI. Master Key: Blessing!**

The Ancient Path that is the Master Key to prosperity in life: Blessing!  
**(Genesis 27:30–41)**

- A. The thing that was so powerful about the blessing that one son was willing to lie, deceive, and cheat to get it, and the other son wanted to kill because he didn't receive it: The Blessing!
- B. Blessing and cursing (**Baruch** in Hebrew):
  1. **To bless:** To impart God's message to the heart of another person. To accept, to consider a success, to speak well of, to step toward, to add to another's life, to kneel before, **TO EMPOWER TO PROSPER.**
  2. To curse: To impart Satan's message to the heart of another person. To reject, to consider a failure, to speak ill of, to step away from, to subtract from another's life, to lord it over, **TO DISEMPOWER FROM PROSPERING.**
- C. Identity and destiny, two key questions in life:
  1. "Who am I? Am I loved, and do I have personal worth?"
  2. "Why am I here? Is my life significant? Is my life really making a difference?"

- D. **There are two ultimate answers to these questions.** One blesses and the other curses the identity of the recipient.
1. One answer: The truth.
  2. The other answer: A lie.
- E. Human agents called parents are used by God or Satan to impart one or both of these messages into the hearts of children growing up.

## **XII. Questions Often Asked about Blessing**

- A. How does lack of blessing or cursing in childhood potentially affect my adult life now?
1. False images, emotional lies, and malware running in the background of my “human computer” stop me from prospering and succeeding in my personal life, career, ministry, marriage, family, emotional and physical health and other areas of life.
  2. Lack of blessing empowers the kingdom of darkness to be able to STEAL, KILL, AND DESTROY in your life and rob you of finances, health, and a healthy marriage and peaceful, joy-filled relationships.
- B. What are the seven critical times in life when I should have received this impartation of blessing from my parents that would empower me to prosper and succeed?
- C. What can I do now if I missed out on being blessed at many of these seven critical times of blessing?
- D. All of these questions and much more are answered in detail in my class, **THE ANCIENT PATH TO BLESSING.**