



Identity and Destiny

• **Source of perpetual curses:**
 – **Exodus 20:3-6:** “You shall have no other gods before Me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”



Identity and Destiny

• **Identity** - My perception of *me*.
 – This is the source of all personal and interrelational problems.

- “Who am I?”
- “Do I have any value in my life and being?”

• **Destiny** - My perception of my *function* and *significance*. “What am I here to do?”

• **Two Sources:** *God and Satan*



Satan's Message vs. God's Message

• **Identity:**

- **Satan's Message:**
 - You are worthless.
 - You are a mistake.
 - Something is wrong with you.
- **God's Message:**
 - You are worth the blood of My Son (John 3:16).
 - You are no mistake (Psalm 139).
 - You were planned before the foundation of the world (Eph. 1:4).

Satan's Message vs. God's Message

- Destiny:
 - Satan's Message:**
 - You have no purpose .
 - You are inadequate.
 - You are a failure.
 - God's Message:**
 - You have purpose (Eph. 1:5).
 - You are complete in gifting and grace (2 Cor. 3:5-6).
 - God will use and work through you, in spite of yourself (Phil. 4:13)!

A False Image

- Isaiah 1:6:** *"From the sole of the foot even to the head, there is no soundness in it, but wounds and bruises and putrefying sores; they have not been closed or bound up, or soothed with ointment."*
- Jer. 6:14-15:** *"They have also healed the hurt of My people slightly, saying, 'Peace, peace!' When there is no peace. Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? No! They were not at all ashamed; nor did they know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time I punish them, they shall be cast down," says the LORD."*

A False Image

- Defilement and demonic strongholds come from the reception and reaction to lies and wounds.**
- Only the TRUTH and embracing the TRUTH can bring freedom and healing.**
- John 8:32:** *"And you shall know (have intimate interaction with) the truth, and the truth shall make you free."*
- If these lies and wounds are not repented of and taken to the cross, they fester and become strongholds of demonic darkness in our lives.**
- We need radical treatment and surgery, not bandaids of soothing words!**

A False Image

- **Of God:**
 - severe, domineering/demanding, indifferent, aloof/untouchable;
 - lenient, irresponsible, uncaring.
- **Of Self:**
 - Identity & Destiny shaped by perceptions/input.
- **Of Others:**
 - withdrawn/extrovert to cover up (**Appearance Management**), acceptance of others based upon their bowing to our image of ourselves.
- **Of Circumstances:**
 - perceived on basis of strongholds, wounds, thinking patterns.

Steps to Bondage

- **Wound, circumstance, spoken word, neglect.**
- **Curse** (The enemy's lie/image).
- **Reaction** (sin).
- **Perceptions** (twisted).
- **Demonic Activity.**

God's Plan

Jer. 29:11-14a: *“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. I will be found by you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back from your captivity...”*
