

Confessions per Lev 26:40-42 - The Iniquity of the Fathers

By John Marsing; www.torahlawform.com

Lev 26:40-42 KJV If they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, with their trespass which they trespassed against me, and that also they have walked contrary unto me; ⁴¹ And *that* I also have walked contrary unto them, and have brought them into the land of their enemies; if then their uncircumcised hearts be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: ⁴² Then will I remember my covenant with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land.

These verses state that we not only have to confess our iniquities but the iniquities of our fathers. The “iniquities of our fathers” is what caught my eye and inspired me to write this document.

In my future book, one of the subjects it will cover is the topic conspiracy theories / critical thinking and in that topic the question of who to blame for the mess that we find ourselves will be explored. I will write about how, ultimately, the blame belongs to “we the people” because, as I like to say, “we are the proximate cause of our own injury”. Don’t give me no stinking conspiracy theories...no excuses.

Now just in case you don’t want to blame yourself a friend of mine (Jim H.) used to say “if you want to blame someone blame, your parents (i.e. your father)”. It turns out that this insight is at least half accurate because the Torah teaches that we are to not only teach the Torah to our sons but also our sons son, ⁱ so what happens when the fathers don’t do this, we get the curses enumerated in the Torah. How do we fix this, ⁱⁱ well this is the subject of the article.

Lev 26:40-42 has a lot of stuff in it like...

- 1) prophesying about Israel being in the Diaspora (a two house theme)
- 2) circumcision of the heart (a ~~new~~ renewed covenant theme that originates in the Torah)
- 3) justice: because YHVH is just, we need to receive the punishment of our iniquities but also that of our fathers
- 4) reward: He will remember the covenant with Jacob, Isaac and Abraham from which is the only way to receive the blessings (benefits being a more secular word).

This is interesting because you would think that simply admitting to our iniquities would be sufficient, but Torah requires us to additionally admit to the iniquities of our fathers. Why?

Generation Curses

I would say that to break the generational curses found in

The son might say that receiving the punishments of the father is rather harsh but what is being communicated is that keeping the Torah is very serious business and the punishments are fitting (I want to use something like “commencerate” but the red squiggles won’t go away ... oh well). The severity is because it just doesn’t affect one man, but the 3rd and 4th generation of his progeny that follows him (see Exo 20:5-6, Deu 5:9-10, Exo 34:7, Num 14:18). Translation, YHVH is trying to get the attention of Israel you stiff necked “knucka-heads”.

No Excuses

By doing so we can no longer simply say that's what we were taught (by our fathers), because to do so would be shirking our responsibility. That means that it's up to us to verify in the scripture it's truthfulness and to therefore act accordingly ("show yourself approved").

Call no man father

You can also have fun by exploring who your father is i.e. should we revere the Pope => papa => father? Me thinks not. How about the "church fathers". How is it that these "church fathers" acquired this honorary title being bestowed on to them? Quo Warranto? If we came out of the church (that's me) and we had honored these "church fathers" in the past and their teachings do not line up with Scripture, then it would seem to me that we need to dishonor them, or at least those teachings that "miss the mark". Even though I may have not spoken the words specifically stating that I had in the past honored the "church fathers" my Torahlessness actions had so the maxim that your actions speak louder than your words is relevant.

If your knee-jerk religious reaction is to play [Churchianity](#) which is to say to not identify with Israel, then you can never get the reward of being in the covenant (amongst other places see Gal 3:29). therefore if you are in want of the blessings it is a necessary requirement to admit your iniquities and that of the fathers...no excuses.

There is the church fathers and then there is our actual fathers. My father and grandfathers didn't teach me the Torah (who from the House of Israel did?). Nor was I taught what my American birthright is which ultimately is my Israelite birthright which is to say the covenant found in the Torah. Was my father a good and honest man and also a good provider? Yes, very much so but that's not the point. Ignorance of the Torah does not excuse you from committing sins and iniquities ... no excuses.

Therefore...

On and for the record, per Leviticus 26:40-42, I, John Marsing, do hear by admit and confess that my "church fathers" and my physical father committed iniquity against YHVH and that they did cause a trespass, and further, I, John Marsing having been from the church but no longer am, and having not being taught Torah by my physical father / grandfather, do hear by admit and confess that I have also sinned in a similar way and do now ask for the mercy of YHVH and for him to remember His covenant with Jacob, Isaac and Abraham and also with me as I am an Israelite claimant in person. Amen and Hallel YHVH.

Relevant scripture

Punishment Fully Disclosed at Mount Sinai

Exo 20:5-6 KJV Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I YHVH thy Elohim *am* a jealous Elohim, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me; ⁶ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

Deu 5:9-10 KJV Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I YHVH thy Elohim *am* a jealous Elohim, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation* of them that hate me, ¹⁰ And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Exo 34:7 KJV Keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, and that will by no means clear *the guilty*; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth *generation*.

Num 14:18 KJV YHVH *is* longsuffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing *the guilty*, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth *generation*.

Prophetic Blessings

Deu 30:1-6 KJV And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither YHVH thy Elohim hath driven thee, ² And shalt return unto YHVH thy Elohim, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; ³ That then YHVH thy Elohim will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither YHVH thy Elohim hath scattered thee. ⁴ If *any* of thine be driven out unto the outmost *parts* of heaven, from thence will YHVH thy Elohim gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee: ⁵ And YHVH thy Elohim will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. ⁶ And YHVH thy Elohim will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love YHVH thy Elohim with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

Jer 32:18 KJV Thou shewest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompensest the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them: the Great, the Mighty Elohim, YHVH of hosts, *is* his name,

Iniquity Acknowledgment Biblically Documented

Psa 106:3-8 KJV Blessed *are* they that keep judgment, *and* he that doeth righteousness at all times. ⁴ Remember me, YHVH, with the favour *that thou bearest unto* thy people: O visit me with thy salvation; ⁵ That I may see the good of thy chosen, that I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation, that I may glory with thine inheritance. ⁶ We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly. ⁷ Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt; they remembered not the multitude of thy mercies; but provoked *him* at the sea, *even* at the Red sea. ⁸ Nevertheless he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make his mighty power to be known.

Jer 14:20-21 KJV We acknowledge, YHVH, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers: for we have sinned against thee. ²¹ Do not abhor *us*, for thy name's sake, do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us.

Jer 16:19 KJV YHVH, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit.

End Notes

ⁱ being commanded to not only teach our sons, but our sons son is a Torah law form argument for not having to send your children to public schools.

ⁱⁱ **Tikkun olam b'malkhut Shaddai:** repair the world for God's kingdom using God's power