
Ancestral Worship

In the Thai version of SMPF we raise the subject of *Ancestral worship* with this separate chapter due to its common practice in this region, both among those with a family background of being Thai or Chinese, as well as those of Animistic origin.

Ministry: General direction for the sponsor:

I recommend that you have prayer back up during this session. Possibly having intercessors that can be with you as you minister. It is not wise for you to be alone, as there might be manifestations that you cannot handle alone.

Make sure the sponsee has invited Jesus as her/his Lord in every area of her/his life and renounced and repented of idol worship including ancestral worship (see earlier chapters). Having dealt with occult things already as well as sexual sins, cutting the ungodly soul-ties, and prayed through her/his forgiveness-issues, this is removing the clutter of darkness before entering into ministry into the ancestral issues. And it will free you to minister with less demonic interruptions.

What is ancestral worship :

Ancestral worship is the practice of worshipping the dead. This is demonstrated in various forms of festivals, funerals and rituals such as dedication of children where the deceased ancestor-spirit is invited to stay with and protect the newborn child etc. But it is also daily practices offering incense, prayers and food to appease and show honor to the ancestor. The ancestor is believed to have a protective role over the family or certain living family members.

The Bible defines the worship or communication with the dead, as the sin of necromancy (Deuteronomy 18:11). This is forbidden in the Scriptures and a judgment is upon those who practice such things.

Not only it is a deifying of someone who is dead, by bowing in reverential awe and worship, which clearly indicates idol worship and brings a curse upon us and invites darkness into our lives. But it also becomes a magnified, demonic powerbase that has a legal right to control those who are in the generational line.

The sins of the fathers and its ancestral consequences of iniquities are being passed down through the family line.

Worship is a – a joining together – serving and laying one self down, prostrating.

Consequences of Ancestral Worship

The consequence for those committing this sin was death in the Old Testament.

Spiritually:

As we are living in the New Testament time, we can see the consequences on our spirit resulting in a spiritual numbness, where the spiritual hearing is dull and the awareness of God's presence seems to be blocked.

Emotionally:

Mind-control due to the strong presence of ungodly cultural belief-systems of i.e. control, fear, fear of losing face, pride or performance. Very little emotional response, no intimacy.

Consequences to the family unit:

Strong family identification on the surface – but lacking in intimacy (bonding) within family relationships.

Role of the father:

A distant way of control, through domination with anger and aggression – (if he is a passive type: through manipulation)

There will be an absence of affirmation; nurture and love might be expressed through giving gifts.

He might escape into - Gambling, pornography, violent movies and food.

Role of the mother:

She becomes crushed, with slave-like emotions. Fearful and people pleasing, anxious and withdrawn. If emotionally shut down, the deep anger inside will instead erupt in manipulation and control of the children and the husbands.

The Impact on the Children:

They will lack the godly modeling of fathering and mothering and so:

- Children become emotionally dysfunctional.

The ancestral worship with its cultural mind-control being demonically induced and enhanced creates:

- Performance and perfectionism and an **absence of GRACE**.
- There will be a lack of acceptance and
- Difficulties perceiving the total acceptance of God.
- They repent easily.
- But they do not know that they are loved, for whom they are.

As there is no grace there will be:

- Insecurity that creates competitiveness (and materialism) the children learn to push even harder.
- It also creates a mind-set that parents are never wrong, which hinders the children receiving healing, because then they have to admit that, "Mum and Dad did actually hurt me".

These children are missing the grace of God.

MINISTRY:

Sponsor prays this opening prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come before the Mercy Seat in the Name of Jesus. We ask for Your Holy Presence and the blood of Jesus to cover all of us now. Cover also our families. As we now submit under the mighty hand of the Father and resist the enemy he has to flee. Father I request that you send Your angels to assist in setting this captive free, in losing her/him from the attachments of spirits that control her/him. In the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth who came in the flesh I take authority over the demons attached to(name).....

Then go onto ministering into AW issues:

Sponsee Prays:

Heavenly Father, I come before you and confess my sin and the sins of my forefathers regarding worship of ancestors. I repent and ask You to forgive me and cleanse me from all the consequences of this sin and the curse of necromancy upon my life and my family line. This curse stops with me as Jesus became a curse for me when He hung on the cross, I declare this curse now broken by the power of the cross, and it will not pass on to my children.

Heavenly Father, where my ancestors or I have invited the ancestors to stay, I now declare and release them(name them)..... into Your hands, wherever You would have them go.

Heavenly Father thank you for Jesus, the Son of God who died and shed His blood as a perfect sacrifice that I might go free from the curse and be healed from its effect upon my spirit, soul and body. In Jesus' Name, Amen

The sponsor prays: (Dealing with the Human Spirit)

- ☐ *In the Name of Jesus we separate the ancestor spirit – from its powerbase of territorial spirits and other spiritual strongholds over the ancestors village/ district/ nation.....(name them if they are known to you)*
- ☐ *In the Name of Jesus we separate the ancestor spirit – from its powerbase of events and sites of rituals and festivals.*
- ☐ *In the Name of Jesus we separate the ancestor spirit – from its powerbase of family temples, and family deities such as: and family idols such as*
- ☐ *In the Name of Jesus we separate the ancestor spirit – from its powerbase of the ancestors burial ground*
- ☐ *In the Name of Jesus we separate the ancestor spirit – from its powerbase of familiar spirits, and intruders (demonic-spirits of the dead).*
- ☐ *In the Name of Jesus, we separate the ancestor spirit – from its powerbase of the monk or medium, as well as the site where a covenanting was conducted at the dedication, to bring the ancestor to protect the child.*
- ☐ *We cancel also the vows pronounced in this ceremony. And renounce and rebuke every spirit of curse that was assigned to her/him.*
- ☐ *In the Name of Jesus and by the Blood of the Lamb, we sever the ancestor from(name of sponsee)..... We ask that You release Your angels to bind it with fetters of iron removing it from her/him to wherever Jesus would have it go.*
- ☐ *We ask for the Cross of Jesus (or Blood of Jesus) to stand between the sponsee and the ancestor spirit.*

Sponsor continues to pray: (Dealing with Demonization)

- ☐ *In the Name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene I take authority over the spirit of death (controlling the emotions), spirits of control, manipulation, spirits behind family idols and familiar spirits coming down through family line. You have no more right to oppress or control(name)..... I command you to release her/him now. I ask You Holy Spirit to seal the entry points for these demons and cleanse her/him from all effects on her/his emotions, will, thoughts, spirit and body.*
- ☐ *In Jesus' Name I break the assignments of death on her/him.*
- ☐ *In Jesus' Name I renounce and break the power of the spirit of Jezebel over(name).....*
- ☐ *In Jesus' Name I renounce the servant-spirits under Jezebel such as the spirit of control, deception, manipulation, domination, perversion and intimidation. I rebuke them and command them to leave.*

Sponsor Check any additional spirits or character-flaw on **“the family tree”** going down the line of ancestors like: addiction, pornography, sexual immorality, gambling, violence or anger from which she/he may need to be cleansed.

Now pray, speaking life and blessing into the sponsee.

Heavenly Father I pray that she/he will know deep down in her/his heart the depths and heights and width of Your love and Your total acceptance of her/him as Your daughter/son. Holy Spirit, Breath of God come and breathe life and healing into spirit, soul and body of.....(name)..... wrap around her/him tightly the robe of righteousness. Restore her/his soul. Restore to her/him manifold what the enemy has stolen through the years under the curse. Father, reveal the truth to her/his heart the real identity she owns in Christ, his/her righteousness, her/his belonging to God’s family. That in Christ she/he has a great inheritance and every spiritual blessing promised to Abraham is her/his possession through Christ. That she /he is part of the royal priesthood.....

I ask You Heavenly Father for the covering of the Blood of Jesus on every side. In the precious Name of Jesus. Amen

