

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"Hope For The Hopeless"
Genesis 4:16-26
Study-20

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Psalm 127:1

Note: Hope For The Hopeless: Genesis 4:26

Verses 16-24 Records Cain's decedents seeking worldly Prosperity, Pleasure, and Power. Verses 25-26 Records Seth's decedents seeking the Lord.

Thought Of Our Passage: Cain's Genealogy Reveals The Downward Direction His Decedents Took As A Result Of Rejecting God's Revelation.

- 1. Verses 16-17 Indifference To God:**
- 2. Verses 18-24 Independence Of God:**
- 3. Verses 25-26 Dependence Upon God:**

1. Verses 16-17 Indifference To God:

Genesis 4:16 There Is No Word Of Repentance From Cain!
Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD

**The Way Of Cain Leads To The Land Of Restlessness:
and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.**

Nod – "*Wondering*" or "*homelessness,*" or *Cain lived in a region without a permanent home.*

Cain's Indifference To God:

Cain goes down as the 1st person to be indifferent and even reject God.

Jude 11 For they have gone the way of Cain,

Genesis 4:17 Cain had relations with his wife

Who was Cain's Wife? Cain's wife was a sister or a niece.

She was one of Cain's relatives through Adam and Eve. **Genesis 5:4-5**

All of humanity comes through one couple, one set of parents, that is, Adam and Eve. **Genesis 3:20; Acts 17:26**

Later in time, 2,500 years later, through Moses, God then forbade the marriage of close relatives **Leviticus 18:9.**

Is this incest? Yes, by today's standards, it would be called incest.

It was not so in the beginning. Noah's grandchildren must have married brothers and sisters or first cousins, as there were no other people.

Genesis 7:7; 1 Peter 3:20

Abraham married his half-sister **Genesis 20:2, 12**

Isaac married Rebekah, the daughter of his cousin Bethuel **Genesis 24:15, 67**

Jacob married his cousins Leah and Rachel.

Eight generations of Cain's descendants are named (**Genesis 4:17-22**)

and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch;

Enoch – *"dedicated, imitated, inauguration"*

Dedicated to a new system without God.

Cain's Indifference To God's Paradise: and he built a city,

1ST City In Scripture: Genesis 4:12 Genesis 4:16

and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.

Cain wanted to create an artificial paradise. **Psalm 49:10-12**

(An artificial paradise) This was Cain's heaven on earth because he would never know the real place. (A place that would tantalize every sense!)

Cain's family tree ends with the family of Lamech (**Genesis 4:19-24**)

Said of Abraham that he dwelt in tents, **Hebrews 11:10**

2. Verses 18-24 Independence Of God:

Genesis 4:18 Irad – *"fugitive, wild ass."* Speaks of unregenerate man.

Mehujael – *"Smitten of God or blot out that Jah is God."*

Methushael – *"Man who is of God, they died inquiring."*

They looked for answers but found none.

became the father of Lamech. – *"powerful conqueror, wild man"*

Became the first type of the anti-Christ. (Lust and lawlessness)

Genesis 4:19 Moral Disorder: Lamech took to himself two wives:

1ST Polygamist In Scripture: Breakdown of the family. New Morality!

Genesis 2:24-25; Matthew 19:4-6

Abraham, Isaac, Jacob all these wives were drama.

Later, righteous **David** had multiple wives, **2 Samuel 3:2-6.**

God never intended for this, but God was gracious.

Later, **Solomon** was with 1000 wives and concubines.

the name of the one was Adah, *"ornamental" lust of the eyes*

and the name of the other, Zillah. *"shade or seductress" lust of the flesh*

1 Peter 3:3-4; 2 Timothy 3:5

Genesis 4:20 Adah gave birth to Jubal;

"the producer, wanderer" **he was the father of those who dwell in tents**

The invention of the tent - free spirit, Nomadic lifestyle, enabling him to take his home

Prosperity: livestock – *"possession, to acquire."*

Includes camels, donkeys, goats. God's commands in **Genesis 1:29**

Pleasure: Genesis 4:21

His brother's name was Jubal; *"the joyful sound"* **he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe.** U-shaped harp, wind instruments.

Genesis 4:22 Power: Tubal-cain, the forger *"instructor, in all that"* **of all implements of bronze and iron;** This is the making of brass and iron artwork weapons and tools.

Dark Side of Technology: Nuclear Bomb versus Nuclear Medicine.

Drugs to help people in pain, Fentanyl. Digital technology

Art and talent used for God and His glory **Exodus 31:1-11**

Anthropologists cite evolutionary change over millions of years. Here we are speaking a few hundred years, not millions of years.

and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. *"pleasant, pleasure, lovely"* **1 John 2:16** *pride of life.*

Verses 23-24 Militant Defiance Against God: Genesis 4:23-24

"Whoever would hurt Lamech would receive, in retaliation from Lamech, ten times greater vengeance than that which God had promised to avenge on any murder of Cain." (There is no shame but a badge of honor)

Jesus used Lamech's statement and used it for forgiveness: **Matthew 18:22**

Exodus 21:22-25

The 1st Song in Scripture, "The Song of The Sword" or "Sword Song" (glorifies human independence, power, and revenge)

3. Verses 25-26 Dependence Upon God:

Genesis 4:25 and named him Seth, *"granted, appointed one, the compensation, substitute."* Adam is now 130 years old

Genesis 5:3 Seth is the seed of the woman, the godly line of the Messiah.

Eve's Profession Of Faith: for, she said, "God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel, for Cain killed him."

Eve again goes back to the promise of God to send a deliverer. **Genesis 3:15**

Genesis 4:26 Enosh. *"mortal, frail one."*

This speaks of Seth's awareness of man's deep spiritual need.

Contrast to **Lamech. Isaiah 40:30-31**

The Way of Cain Versus The Way of Seth: Then men began to call upon the name of the LORD. *"men began to proclaim the name of the Lord."*

What a contrast to **Genesis 4:23-24** Men are now depending upon God, not the self-sufficiency of man. **Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21; Romans 10:13**

Then men began to call upon the name of the LORD. How? Sacrifices like Able, who offered his offering by faith to God. Speaks of regular public worship.

name of the LORD Yahweh – *"the gracious God willing to reveal Himself to man and hear prayer, the covenant God, who redeems his people"* **Exodus 6:3**

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Application:

1. Cain's Indifference To God Led To Indifference To Paradise, Thus Leading Cain To Create A Substitute. It Was A Dark Prosperity.
2. Cain's Indifference To God Led To Moral Disorder/Polygamy. Prosperity, Pleasure, Power, With Militant Defiance Against God Through Revenge.
3. God Sends Hope For The Hopeless Through The Sending Of Seth The Seed Of The Woman: **Genesis 4:26 Then men began to call upon the name of the LORD.**