

"A Light in the Darkness"

Part 1

Genesis 4:25-6:13

**Introduction:** Before we get started in our continued study of the book of Genesis this morning I need to do a review because the review will set the stage for what we are about to look at.

Today's lesson is the 4<sup>th</sup> lesson in Genesis 4. We have worked our way through Genesis 4:1-24 where God has allowed us to see into the lives of the people in the 1<sup>st</sup> society which existed on the earth. This account is very important because it is all we can know about that 1<sup>st</sup> society because the flood of Noah's day destroyed all evidence from this time period.

As we entered into chapter 4 we were given the opportunity of looking into the life of a doomed sinner by the name of Cain. He was born to Adam and Eve who taught him in the Truth of God's Word but he still chose a path which would take him into the world and away from God. Cain rejected the offer of God's forgiveness. He chose to live a life enjoying the pleasures of the world. His choice not only affected his life but his entire family. His offspring all followed in his footsteps and the entire line of Cain perished in the flood.

Last week we looked at the professions and the name meanings of Cain's offspring which gave to us a really good understanding of what society was like back then. The best view of the pre-flood society comes from a man who lived the very same time as Lamech. His name was Enoch but he was not the same Enoch who was the son of Cain. His words are recorded in the book of Jude.

**Jude :14-16**

*<sup>14</sup> And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,*

*<sup>15</sup> To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.*

*<sup>16</sup> These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.*

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As time passed in the 1<sup>st</sup> society wickedness began to increase. We need to also remember that there was no government back then. There were no laws established and therefore there were no legal guidelines. There would have been guidelines within each person and that was the conscience but the further they drifted into the darkness the less the conscience affected them.

The searing of the conscience can be seen in Genesis 4 in the lives of the offspring of Cain.

Lamech married 2 women which was against the plan of God for the family.

Lamech's son Jabel cornered the market on beef which was in violation of God's Word for man was never given permission to eat beef until Noah stepped from the ark.

Lamech's other son Jubal developed music which was a music used to keep people's minds focused upon the lusts of the flesh.

Lamech's other son Tubal-cain cornered the market on forging metal. This would have given his family great power for they would have been armed with swords, knives and spears.

Therefore from this family came prosperity, pleasure and power.

Lamech actions also shine a great deal of light upon what that society was like.

### Notice Genesis 4:23

He had killed a man and a boy for harming him somehow. There was little thought given to human life at the time of Lamech.

So we can see that society sunk deeper and deeper into sin as the years passed by.

Now let us remember what I told you last week that they had gone through a crossroads where they could have turned things around. There was a time when some of them had noticed the direction they were going and knew it was wrong but no one seemed to care enough to stand against the evil. This was seen in the 2 sons of Irad.

**Mehujael and Methusael** both of these names end in "El" which is a reference to the name of God (Elohiym).

**Mehujael** - Means "**Smitten by God**".

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Methusael - Means "Who is of God".

## I. The Line of Seth

### Part 1

#### Notice Genesis 4:25

Now the Spirit of God focuses back to Adam. In Genesis 4:1-24 the Spirit had taken us deep into the darkness of sin. But here as we stand in the midst of the spiritual darkness of Genesis 4 we are able to see a light.

Let us remember that from the time of the Promise of a coming Redeemer Satan did his best to stop God's Promise.

#### Genesis 3:14-15

*<sup>14</sup> And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life:*

*<sup>15</sup> And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

Within this Promise Satan knew there would come from the woman a man who would eventually destroy him. Therefore as we said before he launched an attack against the children of Eve in an attempt to destroy God's Promise.

He had Cain kill Abel and he led Cain and his offspring deep into sin. In Genesis 4 it looked like God's Promise had been stopped.

But then we come to Genesis 4:25 and here we see that God would give another child to Adam and Eve and the promise would be kept alive through Seth.

Let me explain something: Abel was originally the one through whom the promise would come but he died at the hands of his brother. So God gave them another son to carry on the promise.

#### Application:

There is a lesson here which we must not miss.

**"God's promises cannot be defeated."**

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This line of Seth would continue until the birth of Jesus Christ. Satan would do all he could to stop the Promises of God but to no avail. God is true to His Word and when He makes a Promise there is nothing which can stop His Promise from coming to pass. Let me just remind you that the Promises which you cling to will come to pass. There may be times of thick darkness in your life just as there was here in Genesis 4 but we must know that God is faithful and every one of His promises will be fulfilled. Just like here in Genesis 4 we have a light in the midst of the darkness and that light is the faithfulness of our God.

### Notice Genesis 4:26

Here we see that through the line of Seth things began to change. Men now began to call upon the name of the Lord. Now as we follow this line it will lead us right to Noah.

We will follow this line through chapter 5 and along the way there are several things which we need to stop and notice.

#### 1. The Quality of Life

As we go through Genesis 5 there are some words which we need to pay close attention to.

I want you to notice the word "lived".

**Notice :3,5,6,7,9,10,12,13,15,16,18,19,21,25,26,28,30.**

In this account we are told of everyone twice (except for Enoch) that "he lived". If we were to go back and look closely at Genesis 4:1-24 which records the line of Cain we would not 1 time see the words "he lived". Cain and his descendents did live but but they lived for the world and the things of the world.

The descendents of Seth lived physically but they also lived spiritually. Their quality of life was far above the Cainites. The Sethites had a relationship with God and so they knew what it was to live.

The Cainites were living for the world and their lives were empty. There was no satisfaction or contentment in their lives. They did not know what it was to live.

#### Application:

The Cainites are a picture of every unsaved person in the world today. They are deceived into thinking that satisfaction can be found in what the world has to offer. It is impossible to find fulfillment in this world.

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True satisfaction can only be found in a relationship with God and then getting involved in serving Him with devotion.

### John 10:9-10

<sup>9</sup> *I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.*

<sup>10</sup> *The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.*

Let me get back to the text again; the lesson from the use of the word "lived" is twofold:

- a. **The world will leave you empty.**
- b. **In the midst of a wicked society Jesus can give peace and fulfillment.**

So the quality of life was a distinct difference.

### 2. The End of life.

As we go through chapter 5 we will notice some other words which we need to pay close attention to. It is the words "and he died". We are told of every one of the Sethites that "he died" with the exception of Enoch who never died.

**Notice :5,8,11,14,17,20,27,31**

If we were to read through the line of the Cainites we would not see one time where they died. They did die but the Bible never mentions their death.

So why are we told that the Sethites died but we are not told of the death of the Cainites?

### Ezekiel 33:11

<sup>11</sup> *Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?*

### Psalms 116:15

<sup>15</sup> *Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.*

Death for the believer is precious to the Lord for several reasons:

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- a. It is the door which leads us into His presence.
- b. It is the release for the struggles of this world.
- c. It is when our faith turns into sight.
- d. It is the removal of His child from the world of sin.
- e. It is the entrance into eternal bliss.

Death for the unbeliever brings no pleasure to the Lord because:

- a. It seals the unbeliever's destiny.
- b. It removes all chances of salvation.
- c. It is the gateway into real suffering.
- d. It eternally separates the person from their Creator.

### Conclusion:

The 2 lines in Genesis 4 and 5 represent the only 2 groups of people who are in the world. But there is something else here that you need to see: The people of the first society did not start "LIVING" until Genesis 4:25 and in that verse we find a "new" birth.

### John 3:3

<sup>3</sup> *Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.*

You will never know what it is to live until you are born again.