

# THE FALLOUT OF MAN | GENESIS 4:1-5:32 | PASTOR MARK BOFILL | 5/21/2023

I. *The Contrast of Two Brothers* (4:1-15) | II. *The Contrast of Two Lines* (4:16-5:32)

**INTRO:** In **Genesis Ch. 3** we learned of the FALL OF MAN and how **SIN** had an immediate effect on the first man and woman. The consequences that Adam and Eve had to bare was JUST in the sight of a Holy God. – NOW, in **Genesis 4-5** we will learn that SIN is much like a diseased tumor, which spreads quickly, affecting all of God's creation, bringing death and destruction. I've entitled this lesson: **THE FALLOUT OF MAN**. We will focus on two different contrasts.

**I. THE CONTRAST OF TWO BROTHERS (Gen 4:1-15)** In this section we see the difference between **CAIN** and **ABEL**, and their sacrifices. (*Both represent a type of seed, one good and one evil*).

**A. Their BIRTH (1)** – In (**Gen 1:28**), you may recall that God commanded Adam and Eve to *“Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth.”* This naturally took place as they obeyed God's instruction. As a result, **Eve bore Cain** and said, *I have gotten a man from the LORD.* (*It's possible that Eve may have assumed that Cain was the promised seed, so She named her firstborn!*)

1. **CAIN** – Means *‘acquire’ or ‘possession.’* – He is mentioned 13 times in this section.
2. **ABEL** – Means *‘breath,’ ‘vapor,’ or ‘nothing.’* – As we shall see... his life was just that!

**B. Their VOCATIONS (2)** were probably assigned by Adam. Jobs which would help them Survive in a fallen world, since *“the curse”* now required hard labor!

1. **Cain** became a *“tiller of the ground”* (Farmer) – He learned from his dad how to...
2. **Abel** became a *“keeper of sheep”* (Shepherd) – Also hard work!

**C. Their OFFERINGS (3-4a)**

1. **Cain (3)** – Brought the **FRUIT** of the ground to God as an offering.
2. **Abel (4a)** – Brought of the **firstlings of his flock** (*the firstborn sheep*), and of the fat of his flock, which can be understood as the **BEST** of his sheep.

**D. Their ACCEPTANCE (4b-7)** Adam and Eve must have taught them that their offerings to God was an Act of Worship. What they offered to God was from their livelihood.

1. **Abel (4b)** – Obviously Abel understood God's requirements regarding sacrifices and offerings. *“And the Lord respected Abel and his offerings”* (**Gen 4:4**). Apparently, there was **NO ARGUMENT** from Abel – he was submissive to God's will and purposes.
2. **Cain (5)** – He would have received the same instruction of **WHAT** an acceptable sacrifice was, but the Bible does not say WHY God rejected Cain's offering. We are told that God **DID NOT RESPECT** or **ACCEPT** it...

- **Cain's reaction was ANGER**, as a result *his countenance fell.* (*What was he angry about? – THIS IS HOW SIN NATURE REACTS TO GOD!*)

**3. God's WARNING (6-7)** God saw that the attitude of Cain's heart was now on his FACE! Then God presented Cain with the opportunity to perform righteously (*as he does for all of mankind*); manifest in three parts:

- a. The **CONDITION** – *"If you **do well**, will you not be accepted?"* (It is important to know that God is Fair, Just, and Right in His assessment of our motives! Even more so, He is Merciful!)
- b. The **CHOICE** – *"And if you **do NOT do well**, sin lies at the door." As a **beast crouched and ready to pounce** upon its prey, Sin is always looking for an opportunity; as with Jesus (**Luke 4:13**): *"Now when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from Him (Jesus) until an **OPPORTUNE TIME.**"**
- c. The **CONCLUSION** – *"And its desire is for you, but you **SHOULD** rule over it."* (Notice the outcome was based on HIS decisions, which produced **CONSEQUENCES!**)

P/A – In the NT, (**Rom 6:12**) serves as a parallel warning to believers: *Therefore, do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.*

**F. Their TESTIMONY (8-15)** – A testimony is a solemn attestation to the truth of a matter.

**1. Abel was a MARTYR (8a, 10)** A good seed, which bore testimony to **RIGHTEOUSNESS**

- a. (**Hebrews 11:4**), says *By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he **obtained witness that he was righteous**, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks."*
- b. Even Jesus bore witness to the fact that Able was a righteous prophet (**Matt 23:35**)

**2. Cain was a MURDERER (8b-15)** – A bad seed, which bore testimony to **Rebellion and Unrighteousness**. We are not to be *"...as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous."* (**1 John 3:12**)

- a. Cain was **CURSED** for his **Actions (9-12)** *With a sarcastic denial, Cain **snubbed at God** when asked of the whereabouts of his brother (9-10). He **lied to God!** (Whoa!)*
  - Cain was a farmer (**11-12**), so **God doubly-cursed the ground** for his sake... it would not yield to him any longer, and he would therefore become a wanderer.
- b. **Cain was Marked (13-15)** – He complained that *God's punishment was too great for him to bear*: He would have No Way to support himself & No Home. Furthermore, he feared that even in begging amongst his relatives, he was in grave danger because of his... **DISTINCT MARK!** (*The Bible is unclear as to what it actually was*) – *But in a similar way, SIN Marks us, but **the BLOOD cleanses us!***

**CLOSING THOUGHT:** Abel and Cain provides a CONTRAST between good and evil. Abel obeyed God and was accepted of Him. But **Cain came up with a "Better Idea,"** which was **displeasing to God**. Instead of doing right... he murdered his own brother!

This world is still divided into those who **SUBMIT** to God's plan, and those who are determined to do things their own way. **REBELLION...is the WAY OF CAIN! (Jude 11)**. It's a **WARNING** to anybody who **PRETENDS** to Worship...and PLAYS with Sin and Temptation. – (Prov 14:12)  
*There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death!*

## II. THE CONTRAST OF TWO LINES (Gen 4:16 - 5:32) – The **Godly** and the **Ungodly**...

### A. The Line Of The (UNGODLY) CAINITES (4:16-24) – “*Then Cain WENT OUT...*”

1. Cain Dwelt in a new land (16) – It's name is **NOD** (lit. *Wandering, an unknown location?*)
2. Cain's wife Conceived (17) – This means that the '**wicked seed**' was propagated. – As time passed, we learn of “*Cain's wife*” who was also a descendant of Adam (*possibly his Sister or Cousin*). The **GENETIC STRAIN** was not yet fully impacted by sin, possibly because of time, or even God's grace. (*Also, the Law of Incest was non-existent at this point in time*)
  - His firstborn's name was **Enoch**, which means *dedicated*.
  - Seven generations are then listed from Cain in the few verses.
3. Cain's Wickedness Spreads through LAMECH (18-24) – Lit. “*Powerful.*” He was first to violate the ordinance of marriage, having two wives.

#### a. He also had three sons who **advanced civilization with useful inventions**:

Jabal (20) “*stream of water*” – He mastered living comfortably in a fallen world, giving birth to the Nomadic lifestyle

Jubal (21) “*stream*” – He developed Music (21)

Tubal-Cain (22) “*thou will be brought of Cain*” – He advanced Metallurgy. *Thus producing helpful tools for many applications, which included weapons!*

#### b. Lamech's Arrogant lifestyle (23-24) – He was powerful and had it all! **He even boasted of killing another man**, presuming that God would provide a seven-fold divine protection for his self-defense killing.

**P/A** – Cain and his ungodly descendants found Life and Leisure in their economical advancements ...they had everything they needed to be comfortable...Everything but God!

### E. The Line Of The (GODLY) SETHITES (4:25 – 5:32) – In strong contrast with this godless society, **there were also the Righteous**. – According to Eve's statement of faith (25), **Seth** which lit. means “*appointed,*” was a provision from God by whom the seed of redemption (3:15) would continue, all the way to Jesus Christ!

- **Verse (26)** then tells us that Seth passed it on to Enosh, **THEN** men began to “**CALL ON**” or **PROCLAIM the NAME of the LORD**. – As mankind began to understand their intrinsic wickedness, with no human way to appease God's righteous displeasure, they **looked to God in FAITH**, *calling upon Him for grace and mercy*.

1. **Produced Hope In God's Purposes (5:1-2)** – Reiterated here, is that fact that GOD MADE Male and Female and called them MANKIND. And He blessed them, so as to walk in His blessings and to bless others. – This is emphasized with Abraham in (**Gen 18:18-19**).

a. **Adam's Genealogy records 10 generations**, so that the Godly Seed can be traced. A descendency from Adam through Seth to Noah. (*The Cainites' genealogy in chapter 4 had 7 generations (from Cain – Jabal).*)

b. Both lists end with **three sons** coming from the final name on the list: (Jabal, Jubal, Tubal-Cain (4:20–22)); Shem, Ham, Japheth (5:32). In each list only one man spoke: Lamech. *Lamech in the Cainite list (4:23–24), and Lamech the Sethite in (5:29).*

• The Cainite Lamech **TAUNTED** the curse (4:24), whereas Lamech the Sethite **MOANED** under the curse, **looking for comfort** from his son Noah (5:29).

2. **Produced Hope In God's Provision (5:3)** – In (4:25) Eve BORE Seth, but here we are told that Adam BEGAT Seth. Both had a part in procreation, but **God provided the replacement for Abel**. – *Adam's own 'Likeness'* – The capacities and qualities of a parent are passed on to his children by natural reproduction.

3. **Produced Hope In God's Patience (5:4-32)** – From this point on we see the reoccurrence of **two key phrases**: *"...and he had sons and daughters,"* also, *"...and he died."*

a. Even though people died... God allowed them to live a very long time! Their lifespans would eventually diminish after the Flood as a result the damaging **UV rays**.

b. **Adam's Genealogy Lifespan list**: In our Bible, we read the Hebrew names. What do these names mean in English?

	<b>Verses:</b>	<b>Name:</b>	<b>Age:</b>	<b>Meaning:</b>
1)	3-5	Adam	930 years	Man, or Red
2)	6-8	Seth ( <i>New B w/God</i> )	912 years	Appointed, or Compensation
3)	9-11	Enosh ( <i>Call on God</i> )	905 years	Mortal, or Subject to Death
4)	12-14	Cainan	910 years	Sorrowful, or Possession
5)	15-17	Mahalel	895 years	The blessed God, or Praise of God
6)	18-20	Jared	962 years	Descent or One comes down
7)	21-24	Enoch ( <i>Walk w/God</i> )	365 years	Teaching, or Dedicated
8)	25-27	Methuselah	969 years	His death shall bring
9)	28-31	Lamech	777 years	Despairing
10)	32	Noah ( <i>Rest from God</i> )	950 years	Rest, or Comfort

*Put it all together and you have the **GOSPEL** hidden within a genealogy in Genesis! Man (is) appointed mortal sorrow; (but) the Blessed God shall come down teaching (that) His death shall bring (the) despairing rest. – Chuck Missler*

• **Four of these names** supply a special summary of God's Involvement...

**P/A** – On so many levels we learn that God had already laid out His plan of redemption for mankind's predicament. **The Bible then is a love story, written in blood on a wooden cross which was erected in Judea over 2,000 years ago!**

4. **Provided Hope In God's Presence (5:21-24)** – As seen in the life of Enoch.

a. Enoch "WALKED with God..."

1. **He was a FATHER** – After his first son, Enoch began to walk with God, having kids will do that to you! Being a parent raises a unique awareness of one's need for the Lord!

2. **He was a Prophet (Jude 14-15)** – *Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, 15 to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."*

3. **He walked by Faith (Heb 11:5)**, *By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.* – **How did he do it?** Instead of trying to figure things out, or where to go, or what to do... **He just walked with God!** (*God will provide everything you need!*)

b. Enoch may be one of the **2 witnesses** in Revelation (**Rev 11:1-14**)

c. Enoch's translation is an **ILLUSTRATION** of the Rapture (**1 Thess 4:17; Rev 4:1-2**)

5. **Produced Hope In God's Promise (5:28-29)** – The name **Noah** means **REST** or **COMFORT**. His communicates **Lamech's HOPE**, that somehow in him, God would fulfill the promise of (**Gen. 3:15**).

a. God knew that mankind without hope would have no reason to continue in this life. **That is why he provides it for us in his Son.** (**Rom 5:1-2**) *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.*

**CONCLUSION:** Sin may start small, but it causes big problems in the end! We can only be saved God's way and we can only please God by doing things His way. **Are you submitted to God's plan for you?** When you are caught doing something wrong, do you rebel even more as Cain did, or do you confess your sin and submit to God?

**This is the FALLOUT of Man!**