

## Life Under the New Norm Genesis Lesson 8

### E. Pattern of the Fall Repeated and Expanded Gen 4:1-16

1. The Birth of Cain and Abel Gen 4:1-3
  - a. Children are a blessing from the Lord.
  - b. Birth is a sign of hope.
2. Conflict of good and evil. Gen 4:1ff
  - a. That which is acceptable. Gen 4:4
  - b. That which is not acceptable. Gen 4:5a
  - c. The Responsibility of Choice. Gen See Gen 3:1-7, Deut 30:10, Joshua 24:15
    - (1) Choosing to accept or reject authority. Gen 4:5b-6 (God)
    - (2) Choosing to accept or reject correction. Gen 4:7a (Do it the right way)
    - (3) Choosing to accept or reject instruction. Gen 7b (Here's the principle)

\*John 8:21-24 The choice of unbelief

(Jn 8: 21 (NIV)) Once more Jesus said to them, "I am going away, and you will look for me, and **you will die in your sin**. Where I go, you cannot come."

(Jn 8:24 (NIV)) I told you that **you would die in your sins; if you do not believe** that I am [the one I claim to be], **you will indeed die in your sins.**"

- d. The Consequence of Unbelief continues Gen 4:8-16
  - (1) Unbelief disregards the value of the instruction of the Lord. Gen 4:8
  - (2) Unbelief repudiates responsibility for sin. Gen 4:9
  - (3) Unbelief protests the punishment for sin. Gen 4:10-14
  - (4) Unbelief continues under divine protection. Gen 4:15-16

Warning to Adam Gen 2:6-17  
Confronted by God. Gen 3:11ff  
Excuse for wrong doing, "yes but.." Gen. 3:12-14

Warning to Cain Gen 4:6-7  
Confronted by God. Gen 4:10 ff  
Denial, arrogance, anger. 4:9

Acceptance of Judgement  
Provision of the Lord. 3:21  
Banishment from the Garden. Gen 3:23

Protest of Judgement Gen 4:13-14  
Provision of the Lord Gen 4:15  
Banishment from God's presence Gen 4:16

Why was Cain banished from the presence of the Lord?

The claim of Cain. Unfair judgement? See Er first born of Judah. Gen 38:3-6

### F. The Rise of Civilization 4:17-26

1. The line of unbelief. Cain Gen 4:17-24
  - a. The city becomes the lasting monument Gen 4:17 cf Psalm 49:1-12
  - b. The advancement of culture brings enjoyment and convenience Gen 4:18-22
  - c. Cultural values are altered by human indulgence and self-importance. Gen 4:23-25
    - (1) Disregarding God's word. Gen 4:23 The devaluing of marriage.
    - (2) Perverting of God's word. Gen 4:24 Self-indulgence by self-justification.  
Lamech's Pronouncement 70x7 v 24 vs Jesus' Pronouncement 70x7 Matt 18:22

2. The of Belief. Seth Gen 4:25-26

a. Belief, the faithful, commemorate, acknowledge and find hope in God's provision. v. 25

b. Belief, the faithful, proclaim the nature of God. v. 26

G. Genealogy From Adam to Noah Gen 5:1-32

1. Man's purpose is to serve God and enjoy his blessing. Gen 5:1-5

Gen 5:3 (NIV) When Adam had lived 130 years, he had a son in his own likeness, in his own image; and he named him Seth.

2. Man's responsibility is to walk with Genesis 5:24 (NIV)

Gen 5:24 (NIV) Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

3. Man's hope is for relief from the curse. Gen 5:28-31

Gen 5:29 (NIV) He named him Noah and said, "He will comfort us in the labor and painful toil of our hands caused by the ground the LORD has cursed."