

“Calling Upon the Name of the LORD” **Genesis 4:25-26**

1. *The Propagation of Humanity’s Hope in New Life After Death*

A) Adam “knew” his wife AGAIN - The creation mandate of be fruitful and multiply continues after the tragic murder in the first human family

- What is significant about Adam “knowing” Eve again after Abel is killed?
- What was going on in his/her mind?
- Why did they continue to have children
- How did the murder of Abel impact them?
- What does this fact imply about their faith and hope in the promise of God?
- What does this teach us about our responsibility to the obedience of faith in the midst of suffering?

(The creation mandate was never revoked, because of Adam’s sin- God rather used it and reinforced

His purpose in it to bring Salvation)

B) Seth, the 3rd son of Adam recorded in Scripture = means “compensation”

- Her confession: God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel.
 - She recognized God’s sovereignty over her circumstances (both the death of Abel AND the birth of Seth)
- She recalled the promise of God to provide a “Seed” that would save HER (for me) Gen. 3:15
- The godly line of Seth will be the line of the promised seed.

2. *The Public Worship of God Amidst “Progressive” Wickedness*

A) Seth continued the propagation: v. 26

- His son Enos/h = man

The result? Then (at that time) began (mankind) to call (call, proclaim, read) on the name of YHWH.

- A stark contrast from Genesis 1-4 where God called out to mankind.
- Contrast to the world - Cain’s family line is contrasted with Seth’s: they stood out from their corrupt society in that they began to call on the name of the Lord.

B) “Call upon the name of the LORD” = this phrase repeats in the bible and signifies a public expression of prayer and worship of God.

What can we observe about prayer using the 5Ws of analysis?

- It presupposes a revelation from the LORD, a revealed knowledge of the name of God.

- It presupposes our limitations
- It presupposes the reliability (immutability) of His character
(Ps. 50:15/91:1)
 - It presupposes faith in the LORD - Calling on the name of the Lord is basic for salvation and presupposes faith in the Lord.
- It presupposes a relationship with the LORD
Gen. 12:8; 26:25/Ps. 116:4, 13, 17/Zeph. 3:9/Joel 2:32/Rom. 10:13/Acts 2:21/Ps. 14:4-5