

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS

GENESIS 4:16-26
DECEMBER 29, 2021

INTRODUCTION:

1. Cain and Abel remind us of the problems that pride and jealousy bring into our relationships.
 - a) **1 JOHN 3.11,12:** “...love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one” Who is the wicked one? (1 John 3.10; John 8.44)
 - b) **1 JOHN 3.15:** “Whoever hates his brother is a murderer” (cf. Matt. 5.21,22)
 - c) Love for one another is the cure all for jealousy and pride. (Rom. 13.8-10)
2. Genesis 4.16 through Genesis 5 records two lineages: The lineage of Cain and Seth.
 - a) After chapter 4, Cain is no longer mentioned. The genealogy of Christ as predicted would come through the lineage of Seth. (Luke 3.38)
 - b) Genesis 6 records what happens when the good and the evil begin to come together. (Gen. 6.2)

I. THE GENEALOGY OF CAIN

- A. The genealogy begins with Cain and follows his lineage.
 1. Cain lived in the land of Nod. (Gen. 4.16)
 2. Cain built a city and named it after his son, Enoch.
 - a) This was the first mention of a civilization.
 - b) Enoch was one of two men who bore that name. (Gen. 4.17; 5.18,21)
- B. **GENESIS 4.18:** “and Methushael begot Lamech.”
 1. Lamech had three sons and one daughter by two wives. (Gen. 4.19ff)
 - a) Jabal: “father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock” (Gen. 4.20).
 - b) Jubal: “father of those who play the harp and flute” (Gen. 4.21).
 - c) Tubal-Cain: “instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron” (Gen. 4.22).
 - d) Naamah: Literally, “lovely; graceful.” Focused on physical beauty.
 2. Lamech was a man with a vengeful spirit.
 - a) **GENESIS 4.23:** “For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me.” The idea is that Lamech will have his vengeance.
 - b) **GENESIS 4.24:** “If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-seven fold.” Describes the severity of his vengeance. (cf. Matt. 18.21,22)

II. LESSONS FROM GENEALOGY

- A. Parenting does not negate free will.
 1. Cain’s descendants were responsible for their own actions. (Gen. 4.17,21,22)
 2. Parents are responsible to teach their children about God. (Deut. 6.7; Eph. 6.4)
 3. Good parents can raise bad children, and bad parents can raise good children.
 - a) Even God’s children, Israel, often would not listen. (Ezek. 3.4-7)
 - b) Parenting does not negate free will. (Ezek. 18.5,10,14,18,20)
- B. We are born with a unique skillset.
 1. Some were skilled in craftsmanship, others in music. (Gen. 4.21,22)
 2. **JEREMIAH 1.5:** “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; Before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations.”
 3. We are to use our skills to serve God. (Rom. 12.3-8)
- C. Life on this earth is finite. (Gen. 5.5,8,11,14,17,20,27,31; cf. Heb. 9.27)