

## *Genesis*

Gen 4:16-26

Last week we looked at to conversation between God and Cain. Through this conversation we noticed that Cain was not repentant of the murder of his brother, Abel. We also saw that through it all that Cain was still only thinking of himself and made the decision to be separated from God.

This week's let's see what happened to Cain.

✚ **Gen 4:16-18** *Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son--Enoch. To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech.*

Cain went east from Eden to the land of Nod, which means, "wandering". Last week we saw that God said that Cain would be a vagabond and a fugitive, which means a wanderer.

The NLT puts it like this:

† **Gen 4:12 (NLT)** *No longer will it yield abundant crops for you, no matter how hard you work! From now on you will be a homeless fugitive on the earth, constantly wandering from place to place.*

You may also be thinking if it says, in verse 16 that Cain "dwelt" wouldn't that mean he now had settled somewhere and was not a wanderer like God said?

† **Gen 4:12 (Living)** *No longer will it yield crops for you, even if you toil on it forever! From now on you will be a fugitive and a tramp upon the earth, wandering from place to place."*

† **Gen 4:12 (Young's Literal Translation)** *when thou tillest the ground, it doth not add to give its strength to thee--a wanderer, even a trembling one, thou art in the earth.'*

Look at verse 16 again; notice that it says, "***Cain went out from the presence of the Lord***". Cain was no longer walking with the Lord in a sense. He chose to be separated from God. And in the two versions of verse 12 we see that he was a tramp, and trembling. Cain was homeless and afraid, even though God had put a seal on him. Cain knew how evil man now was, because he was just like them. He knew that a man would go against God's command, just like he did and he was afraid of being murdered just as he murdered.

It reminds me of the world; and how it has chosen to be separated from God. People wandering around without a purpose just like Cain. Their heads in the clouds not seeing the truth or maybe even afraid of the truth. This is the way that Cain was, totally separated from God, no purpose in his life, and going nowhere. But once again, that was Cain's choice, just as it's the world's choice.

But we can be thankful, as Christians we no longer are like that. The Lord has given us a purpose in our lives. We are not just to be here wandering or twiddling our thumbs waiting for the Lord's return. We are to be busy.

- † **Prov 14:23** *In all labor there is profit, But idle chatter leads only to poverty.*
- † **1 Cor 15:58** *Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.* (Underlined for emphasis)
- † **Eph 4:11-12** *And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ.* (Underlined for emphasis)

We went over this in the study on the Holy Spirit, but I just wanted to remind you that we are all called to do a work for the Lord, that's why He gives us gifts, not for ourselves but for others. We also need to look at our lives and ask ourselves, "Why am I doing what I'm doing in the church, or why am I not doing anything in the church?"

Are you doing things because no one else is, or maybe because you thought it was the right thing at the time, but have determined that it's not the ministry the Lord has given you to do, but you're too embarrassed to admit it? Maybe you have excuses for doing nothing. Remember that excuses are the same way as saying, "NO". When you say no, or give excuses, you're not saying it to the church, but to God. He has given you a gift or gifts to be used in the church, don't sit idle doing nothing or you may lose what you have just like the Lord is talking about in:

- † **1 Cor 3:11-15** *For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw, each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is. If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward. If anyone's work is burned, he will suffer loss; but he himself will be saved, yet so as through fire.*

In order to have your works tested, you have to do them. Don't allow the pressure of anyone make you stay in a ministry God has not called you into. If God were to say to me that He didn't want me to play on the worship team, or teach anymore, the church would

not fall apart. I am not the church and the church is not revolved around me, but it's Jesus Christ who is the center or head of the church.

The same is true for you. If you are not satisfied in what you are doing, and it's become a work and not a blessing to you, get out.

Remember it's "*I get to serve the Lord*" and not "*I got to serve the Lord*".

If you have the first attitude then continue doing what you're doing. But, if your attitude is like the second saying, then it may be time to get out.

† **2 Cor 9:7** *So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.*

This is not just talking about money, but your time or service also.

† **Lev 24:1-4** *Then the LORD spoke to Moses, saying: "Command the children of Israel that they bring to you pure oil of pressed olives for the light, to make the lamps burn continually. Outside the veil of the Testimony, in the tabernacle of meeting, Aaron shall be in charge of it from evening until morning before the LORD continually; it shall be a statute forever in your generations. He shall be in charge of the lamps on the pure gold lampstand before the LORD continually."*

I want you to notice verse 2 where it says for the people to bring in the oil, not the priest. In the bible, oil represents the Holy Spirit. We are instructed to bring in the Holy Spirit to keep the light burning in the church. Your pastor is not the light of the church; in fact any pastor would tell you that the reason the church is successful, so to speak, is because of the people in the church. The pastor is just in charge of the light that's burning in the church as we just read in verses 3 & 4.

Imagine if every Sunday, when you got together in church, everyone there brought in the Holy Spirit. The oil so to speak to keep the light burning in the church. How bright would the church shine in this world of darkness?

What are you bringing into church on Sunday?

The Lord gave this next portion of scripture to me during the week as I was meditating on this particular part of the teaching.

† **Matthew 25:1-13** *"Then the kingdom of heaven shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Now five of them were wise, and five were foolish. Those who were foolish took their lamps and took no oil with them, but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. But while the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight a cry was heard: 'Behold, the bridegroom is coming; go out to meet him!' Then all those virgins arose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered, saying, 'No, lest there should not be enough for us and you; but go rather to those who sell, and buy for yourselves.' And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the wedding; and the door was*

*shut. Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, Lord, open to us!' But he answered and said, 'Assuredly, I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."*

In verse 8 it says that their lamps were going out. In order to light a lamp, there has to be oil in the lamp. Why was their light going out or why was the oil in them not replenished?

Your homework for this week is to read Revelation Chapters 2 & 3, and pray about it before you do. Ask the Lord to show you what Church you as an individual are.

Have you left your first love, desiring to be filled with a feeling?

Maybe you are a loveless church that does so because you think you have to, not because you care about people and wanting to minister to them.

Maybe you have sexual immorality in your life like the corrupt church.

You could be lukewarm pretending that you are a believer or a great Christian when you are just like the world after church or after reading this study each week.

Maybe you're wondering why you need to be refilled with the Holy Spirit.

It's like what I heard pastor Chuck Smith say that we need ask to be filled because we leak.

Is your oil well dry? Do you need to be filled?

What about on Sunday morning? Are you empty wanting to be filled? You don't have to go to a church or a bible study to be filled. You can be filled right in your own home, or as your driving or walking or just sitting. There is no magic formula for being filled with the Holy Spirit. God fills as he sees the need for you to be filled.

I was thinking about the book of Acts, and I noticed that when the Holy Spirit came upon the believers, that they did not join together to be filled, or for an afterglow meeting. But their prayer was to be bold in speaking the word of God, which is the testimony of Jesus. They were not seeking a feeling like we do at an afterglow, or desiring to be filled with the Holy Spirit. They just wanted the ability to tell others about Jesus.

Back to Genesis.

*✚ And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son--Enoch.*

Who was Cain's wife? The world wants to know, inquiring minds want to know, I want to know. The bible doesn't say. It could have been a sister, a niece, or second niece or... We can only guess since the bible doesn't say. There is also no time frame from Cain's leaving to the time he is married. We don't even know how old he was when he died.

In most cases in the genealogies it says how long someone lived, but not for Cain.

We are given the genealogy of Cain, but there is no mention of how old any of his family was when they died.

And also in chapter 5 it gives the genealogy of Adam, with no mention of Cain. Cain chose to be separated from God, his family was affected the same way. I believe, unlike his dad, Adam who taught his family about God, Cain did not give his family the same type of instruction and we'll see the results of that in his family tree.

Cain built a city and named it after his son Enoch. Cain lived up to his name, which means "possession", and he was teaching his son the same thing. Possess it, it's yours, see I have named it after you, so it belongs to you, not God. Did he even mention God to his family?

Why did Cain name his son Enoch which means "Dedicated or disciplined?" It's obvious that he wasn't dedicated to God, or he would have named the city after God and not his son, and in so doing he may have possibly tried to please God. Who was Cain dedicating his son to? Another word for his name is "*disciplined*". Do you really think he was disciplined? Or was he mocking God with this name thinking that he knew better how to raise kids than God did, disciplining in his own way, not God's?

☞ *To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech.*

Here are the meanings of the names you just read:

**Irad** = Wild ass; dragon,  
**Mehujael** = smitten by God  
**Methusael** = He has sent his death.  
**Lamech** = powerful

Notice once again that no ages are given. By looking at the meaning of their names they seem like a wild bunch that probably didn't live long, but then that's my own interpretation.

☞ *Gen 4:19-24 Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah. And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah. Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."*

Right off we notice that Lamech took two wives. This was against God's command in

† *Gen 2:24 Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.*

Maybe Lamech was trying to live up to his name of “powerful” by showing his so called power by having more than one wife. Kind of like the guys that have more than one girlfriend, thinking they are hot stuff because they have more than one girlfriend or lover. It may be hot stuff in the eyes of the world, but not God’s eye’s.

His wives names mean:

**Adah** = ornament, An assembly.

**Zillah** = shade, the tingling of the ear.

Adah was probably beautiful and he was attracted to her physical beauty, but she may not have been that intelligent. So he wanted someone to talk to which was Zillah, but I think she talked to much, so much that it made your ears tingle. He just wasn’t satisfied with his first wife, so he got another wife to satisfy what he wasn’t getting from his first. The world does the same thing. If they aren’t happy with their wives or husbands, they drop them and get another one.

Through all this we see Adam’s sin starting as a small cancer and being carried on by his family. Adam was deceived to the point of disobeying God, Cain murdered his brother Abel, also being deceived by Satan who the bible calls a murderer.

† **John 8:44** *You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.*

Then we see Cain teaching his son the ways of the world by teaching him about possessions.

Then Enoch’s son is called a wild ass or a dragon, which we know, represents Satan. And it just kept going down hill from there. To where we are now with Lamech.

Lamech’s children’s names mean:

**Jabal** = stream of water, Which glides away.

**Jubal** = stream, He that runs; a trumpet.

**Tubal-cain** = Worldly possession; possessed of confusion

**Naamah** = "loveliness" beautiful; agreeable.

✚ *Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me. If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."*

Here we see that Lamech was taking God’s protection for Cain and applying it to himself, even adding extra protection to himself, not just 7 times but 70 times. Talk about adding

to the word of God, this is just one example of how someone can take what God says and twist it totally out of proportion.

I wonder if Cain was kind of bragging to his family on how God had protected him, and not really teaching them about the sovereign grace of God?

✠ **Gen 4:25-26** *And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the LORD.*

**Seth** = "compensation" fixed.

**Enosh** = "man" Mortal man.

I wonder if God told Adam and Eve that Cain killed Abel, or if Cain told his parents what had happened before he left?

***Then men began to call on the name of the Lord.*** Looking at Cain's genealogy we noticed that it was a race of people like today that was self-pleasing and self-thinking only desiring to obtain for themselves and disobey God.

But now we have to other side of the coin, the believers in the true God, and followers of Him. These came from Adam, and his son Seth. God blessed Adam and Eve with Seth, who was like Abel in the sense that he followed the Lord and his commands.

We now see two types of people on the earth just as we have now. Those who follow the Lord, Seth's family; and those who don't, Cain's family. Also notice that the descendants of Seth called on the name of the Lord, not the descendants of Cain.

Teach your kids to call on the name of the Lord. And teach them by example.