

DESCENT

A Study of Genesis 4-11

Cain's Legacy
Genesis 4:17-24
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I. A TALE OF TWO CITIES

- Cain's line (4:17-24)
 - Culminated in Lamech (7th generation from Adam).
 - Polygamy, violence and pride.
 - Abrupt end in verse 24.
- Seth's line (4:25-6:8)...
 - Culminated in Enoch (7th generation from Adam).
 - Walks with God.
 - Preserved through Noah.

II. GOD'S COMMON GRACE TO SINNERS

- Cain is punished but not destroyed.
- Rebels still enjoy the good things of the earth.
 - Marriage.
 - Children.
 - Creating.
 - Vocational success.
- All good things come to an end though (Revelation 18:21-23).
 - The Nature of Sin is to spread (James 1:15).
- The wicked are forgotten and the righteous are preserved.
 - Psalm 1
 - Revelation 21:22-27

KNOW: There are two people: the offspring of the serpent and the offspring of the woman. One will be destroyed and forgotten while the other will live eternally with Christ.

DO: Be on guard against sin. Its desire is to spread, consume, and destroy.

Questions/Discovery Points for Life Groups/Families/Others

Please Read Genesis 4:17-24

1. Why do you think there are so many genealogies in the Bible?
2. Why do you think God extends common grace to the wicked?
3. What are the defining marks of our sinful culture today? What are some similarities and differences that we see compared to that in Genesis 4?
4. How does sin spread in our own lives? Can you give practical examples?
5. How can we be more diligent at killing sin in our lives?
6. What is something new that you learned from this sermon?