



Celebration - Sunday 8:45 am

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The Story of Two Lives
Genesis 4:15-5:32

➤ Life Away From The Presence of God. Genesis 4:16-26

- You may still prosper in this life. Genesis 4:17-22
City
Jabal
Jubal
Tubal-Cain
- Sin will continue to grow worse. Genesis 4:23, 24
Marriage
Life
Music
Metals
Heart
- But God will still bring a witness to Himself. Genesis 4:25, 26
Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord.

➤ One Life That Pleased the Lord. Genesis 5:21-27

Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. Vs. 24

Hebrews 11:5, 6 *for he (Enoch) obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.*

A man/woman who walks with God and pleases Him will...

- Stand in awe and worship of God. Malachi 2:5
- Be a witness of God's life and truth to others. Malachi 2:6, 7; Jude 14, 15
- Experience a great reward of life over death from God.
I Corinthians 15:22, 55-57; I Thessalonians 4:13-18

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Genesis 4 and 5 are easily overlooked as just boring genealogy. But, we can learn from these sections. Here is a chart to give you the ages and dates of these people and the earth.

<i>Patriarch</i>	<i>Year of Birth</i>	<i>Age at Birth of Next Patriarch</i>	<i>Year of Death</i>
Adam	1	130	930
Seth	13	105	1042
Enos	235	90	1140
Cainan	325	70	1235
Mahalaleel	395	65	1290
Zared	460	162	1422
Enoch	622	65	987*
Methuselah	687	187	1656**
Lamech	874	182	1651
Noah	1056	500	2006

* Enoch did not die, but was translated.

** Methuselah died in the very year that the Flood came.

In today's account, as with Cain and Abel, we find another huge contrast of two lives. It is fascinating to me that even those who live away from God's presence can still prosper. No one really can escape God's presence, but these people in Genesis 4:17 had no regard for God.

However, no matter how bad life can get around us, God always will have a witness to Himself. At that time, it was the man Seth. When he was born to replace Abel, "...**men began to call upon the name of the Lord.**"

We live in a fallen sinful world and all seems hopeless at times. But, we are to be like Seth and call on the name of the Lord. This "calling" includes a public proclamation of who He is. God never wants us to be ashamed of Him.

Below are various passages that teach us what it means to "call" on the Lord. The same Hebrew word used in Genesis 4:26 is used in these passages. Read them and reflect where you are "calling" on the Lord and living that same life.

Psalms 34:6 What are those areas to call to the Lord?

Genesis 12:8. Where are you to call on the Lord?

Psalms 116, 1, 2 What happens to you when you call on the Lord? How long should you call on the Lord?

Psalms 145:8 What should be the basis or guidance for calling on the Lord?

Isaiah 65:24 This verse is referring to the new Kingdom on earth and what life will be like then. What do you learn about the Lord when you call on Him?

In Genesis 5, we learn of the genealogy from Adam through Seth. In this account we are reminded that God keeps a record of our lives and even writes it all down in a book. Genesis 5:1 calls this chapter a Book of the Generations of Adam. Some believe Adam wrote this book. But we must remember that we live a life before our Lord and we never leave His presence. Our goal must be to please Him as Enoch did.

There is another book which records our lives. Read **Revelation 20:11-13**. What does that passage teach you about being ready and warning others, like Enoch?

If you could write down your spiritual life and heritage in a book, what would you want it to say? What do you learn from Enoch's life?