

TWO FAMILIES AS MODELS — GENESIS 4-5

The Family of CAIN (Ge.4:16-24)

- Material evil society
- Illustrated by Lamech (Ge.4)
- You never read anything about God. This is a culture without God
- All of Cain's line drowned in the Flood. After the Flood there are no descendants of Cain.

The Family of SETH (Ge.4:25-26; Ge.5)

- Spiritual holy society
- Illustrated by Enosh (Ge.4) and Enoch (Ge.5)
- "Then men began to call on the name of the LORD" (Ge.4:26)
- Some of Seth's line survived the Flood. After the Flood all the descendants come from Seth.

CONTRAST

- > The common grace of God is bestowed upon all mankind regardless of their faith. God's grace can be abused.
- > We draw out of the earth all the materials we use to build and produce things. Resources are available to all.
- > Architecture, music, and art which may or may not bring glory to God is a common grace.
- > Every breath that the wicked man takes is an example of the mercy of our holy God that He has not immediately destroyed him though he deserves it (Lk.13:1-5).
- > God permitted many customs He disapproved of including divorce, marrying, concubines, owning slaves, and polygamy. Common grace permitted them to live. Bloodline does not determine destiny!

COMMON GRACE

- That you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust (Mt.5:45)
- The poor man and the oppressor have this in common: The LORD gives light to the eyes of both (Pr.29:13)
- For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men (Ti.2:11)
- Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance? (Rm.2:4)
- Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent (Ac.17:30)

SCRIPTURE