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(0:35-4:44) Introduction and the Raging Conflict of the Seeds

Scott opened the evening message by announcing the title "The Serpent Seed versus the Woman Seed." The congregation was continuing its study through Genesis chapters 1–11 and had already covered the first half of Genesis 4 that morning, the account of Cain killing Abel. Before resuming the text, Scott paused to spell out what is actually taking place in the chapter.

He quoted 1 Peter 1:10–12 to show that the prophets searched carefully concerning the salvation that would come, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when He predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to those prophets that they were not serving themselves but the believers of a later day; the things now announced through the preaching of the gospel by the Holy Spirit are things into which angels long to look.

Scott then returned to the words John had just read from 1 John 3:11–12, the message heard from the beginning that we should love one another and not be like Cain who was of the evil one. That morning the congregation had also read Genesis 3:15, the promise that the seed of the woman would crush the head of the serpent. The battle prophesied in that verse is already raging in Genesis 4, and the angels are watching intently.

Assuming for the moment that Cain and Abel were the first two sons of Adam and Eve, Scott invited the listeners to picture Eve's hopeful expectation that Cain might be the promised seed who would crush the serpent's head. Satan, for his part, was calculating the same possibility. What had just

occurred in the first half of the chapter was that the supposed deliverer had been turned and had become the seed of the serpent; worse still, that same supposed savior had eliminated the other seed of the woman. That was as near as one could come to “game over” in the opening volley of the conflict. Yet God is not finished. The remainder of the chapter will show both the deepening corruption of Cain’s line and the quiet appointment of another offspring through whom the promise will continue.

(4:50-7:51) The Mark of Cain and the Restraint of God

Scott returned briefly to the mark placed on Cain. Cain never showed remorse for killing his brother; his only concern was that someone might kill him. God answered in Genesis 4:15 that if anyone killed Cain, vengeance would be taken on him sevenfold, and the Lord put a mark on Cain lest anyone who found him should attack him. The precise nature of the mark is not the point; the point is protection. God restrained blood vengeance.

Drawing on Ken Ham’s observations in **From Genesis to Babel**, Scott noted several reasons this protection was given. Capital punishment for murder is not instituted until after the Flood in Genesis 9:6. At this early stage there is no civil government, only a small family circle, and Romans teaches that the agent of God’s vengeance on earth is the state. There was no state yet, only the family. God may also have wanted the miserable life of the fugitive and wanderer to stand as a living warning. The protection of Cain was not primarily about Cain as an individual; it was about restraining further bloodshed within the fragile human family. The later death penalty for murder is grounded in the image of God—“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image”—but that foundation is not yet formally given in Genesis 4.

Cain therefore went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden. The text does not merely say he moved away from his parents; it says he went away from the presence of the Lord. That phrase summarizes the entire direction of his line. What follows is a short, focused genealogy that traces both cultural advancement and moral decline. Cain’s descendants never reappear as individuals later in Scripture; their story ends here and the Flood later erases them.

(7:51-11:25) Cain’s Wife and the Necessity of Early Intermarriage

The question inevitably arises: where did Cain get his wife? In the first part of verse 17 we read that Cain knew his wife and she bore Enoch. Paul told the Athenians that God made from one man every nation of mankind (Acts 17:26). Genesis 3:20 states that Eve was the mother of all living. If a population is to be built from a single couple, the first generations of necessity must intermarry; there are no other people. Cain therefore married either a sister or a niece; no other possibility exists.

Does the Bible forbid marriage between close relatives? Yes, in the law of Moses, roughly twenty-five hundred years later. At this point in history there is no such law. Paul states the principle that where there is no law there is no transgression. Adam and Eve were created very good, and the early generations closest to them would have carried far fewer, if any, genetic defects. Lifespans remained long until after the Flood. The same necessity of close intermarriage appears again with Noah’s family after the Flood; from those few couples the rest of the population must come. These early marriages do not overturn the later prohibition. They illustrate the truth Paul applies to those

who are in Christ: when we have died to the law we are free from the law, and where there is no law sin is not counted.

(11:36-17:42) The Line of Cain: Cultural Progress and Moral Decline

The genealogy runs from Cain to Enoch. Cain builds a city and names it after his son—the first mention of city-building. Enoch fathers Irad; Irad fathers Mehujael; Mehujael fathers Methushael; and Methushael fathers Lamech. Lamech takes two wives, Adah and Zillah—the first explicit polygamy in Scripture. Their children introduce foundational human arts: Jabal is the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock; Jubal is the father of all who play the lyre and pipe; Tubal-cain is the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. A daughter, Naamah, is also mentioned, though nothing further is said about her.

These civilizational advances—urban settlement, pastoral nomadism, music, and metallurgy—are real and are presented by Scripture as genuine historical developments. The reason for the nomadic lifestyle is tied to the curse pronounced on Cain: because the ground had opened its mouth to receive Abel's blood, God cursed the ground again for Cain so that it would not produce for him. Cain therefore could not stay in one place; he was to be a fugitive and a wanderer. That is why his descendants dwell in tents.

Yet the moral trajectory of the family is downward. The genealogy culminates in Lamech's song to his wives: he has killed a man for wounding him, a young man for striking him. If Cain's revenge is sevenfold, Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold. Lamech takes God's protective word to Cain and turns it into a personal boast of escalating vengeance. What God gave as a restraint, Lamech claims as a license. Polygamy and violence sit together at the climax of the line. The seventh generation in Cain's line is a violent, self-asserting man. By deliberate contrast, the seventh generation in Seth's line is Enoch, who walked with God.

Cain's line illustrates how cultural and technological advancement can flourish while the heart moves further from God. The pattern echoes the later description in Romans 1 of humanity suppressing the truth and descending into greater corruption.

(17:47-21:33) The Line of Seth: Appointment and Calling on the Lord

In Genesis 4:25–26 Adam knew his wife again and she bore a son and called his name Seth. Eve had earlier named Cain with language that sounded like “to acquire,” expressing her hope that she had acquired the man who would crush the serpent's head. That hope had been dashed; Cain proved to be of the evil one, of the seed of the serpent. Now she names Seth and says, “God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him.” The name Seth itself carries the idea of appointment or granting. God has not abandoned the promise of Genesis 3:15; the seed of the woman continues.

To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord. In contrast to Cain's line, which builds cities, develops arts, and boasts of vengeance, the line of Seth is marked by turning to the Lord. Public worship, dependence, and invocation of God's name begin to characterize this family.

Scripture sets the two lines side by side on purpose. Cain's line ends with a man who multiplies wives and multiplies vengeance; Seth's line begins with an appointed replacement and the calling

on of God's name. Similar or identical names appear in both genealogies—Enoch and Lamech appear in both—underscoring the deliberate juxtaposition. Cain's genealogy is short and terminates; Seth's continues through Genesis 5 to Noah and the remnant that survives the Flood. Technological and cultural progress in itself is not condemned; what is condemned is the trajectory away from the presence of the Lord. Human achievement without God does not lead to life; it deepens the corruption that will eventually require a flood.

(21:36-23:08) Application and Invitation

The chapter leaves two clear paths. One path leaves the presence of the Lord, builds its own security, develops an impressive culture, and ends in escalating violence and self-justification—the way of Cain and Lamech. The other path receives God's appointment, names the next generation in faith, and begins to call upon the name of the Lord—the way of Seth and Enosh.

God did not allow the “game over” moment to stand. He appointed another offspring. The promise of Genesis 3:15 continued. Ultimately that appointed seed is Christ, who both suffered and entered into glory—the very things the prophets searched out and the angels longed to look into.

The question the text presses is simple: which line are we walking in? Are we building our own cities and multiplying our own defenses, or are we calling upon the name of the Lord? The invitation remains open: call on His name.