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Genesis: From Blood to Babel

Lesson Thirteen • Genesis 4:16-26

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What happens to society when it rebels against God?
At first it PROSPERS but then it PERISHES.

Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. Genesis 4:16

The Beginning of a World Without God

1. The Ungodly Pursue Civilization WITHOUT God!

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. Genesis 4:17

The Escalation of a Godless Civilization

Cultural discovery PROMOTES the illusion of progress.

To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech. 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. Genesis 4:18-22

Moral depravity EXPOSES the illusion of progress.

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." Genesis 4:23-24

The Marks of Moral Depravity

- 1) Lamech <u>DEVIATES</u> from God's design of marriage.
- 2) Lamech DISDAINS the value of human life.
- 3) Lamech DERIDES the word of God.

2. The Godly Proclaim Redemption in WORSHIP of God!

The Preservation of a Godly Remnant

The godly are committed to TRUSTING the promises of God.

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." Gen. 4:25

The godly are committed to PROCLAIMING the name of God.

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. Genesis 4:26

Our Only Hope

Civilizations rise, but in its rise there is demise because of sin. Therefore the only HOPE is to call upon the name of the Lord.

And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved. Acts 4:12