

The Beginning of Legacy

Genesis 4:16-26

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Intro: What do you want to be remembered for? How important is God in your life, really? If someone were asked about you and your life's purpose and the manner in which you relate to people, what would your legacy be?

Interrog: Can you change your legacy?

Read scripture

1. Remembered by name

Enoch had a city named after him

Jabal – tended livestock

Jubal – played music

Tubal-Cain – a craftsman in metals

No mention of God, Cain lost focus when his offering was not accepted, never got it back

And his family followed him in his Godlessness.

God's grace to Cain did not cause him to trust God more.

Quote, "What is the worst thing about TV? Life with out God is normal."

Exod 34:7 keeping mercy for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and **sin**, by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children and the children's children to the third and the fourth **generation**."

2. Remembered by attitude

Lamech wanted to be feared

First mention of two wives.

Escalation of retribution – killed a man for wounding me

God said He would avenge Cain, Lamech proclaimed his own vengeance

Matt 16:26 For what **profit** is it to a man if he **gains** the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

3. Remembered by reverence

Enosh lead people to call on the name of God.

No violence, Enoch was the pinnacle of the family relationship with God

Mentioned by Luke in the genealogy of Jesus in ch 3

Heb 11:5 By faith **Enoch** was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Jude 14 Now **Enoch**, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints,

Exodus 34:6-9 Read the passage – the difference of a humble heart.

Mather 6:14-15 – the consequences of a unrepentant heart affect not just you but your family.

Conclusion

The legacy of Cain was selfish godliness, the legacy of Seth was dependence and fellowship with God. What will your legacy be? Jesus' legacy is found for us at Calvary. His purpose given in His final prayer in John 17.

John 17:4 I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do.

Jesus sought nothing for Himself, he did not strike back in anger when his tormentors beat Him, he did not insult and threaten those who threatened Him. He did what God sent Him to do and accomplished for us what we could not do.