

## *The Descendants of Cain*

The Scripture from *Genesis 4* speaks about and narrates the descendants of Cain. We know that God approved Abel who offered to God his first fruit but disapproved Cain's offering. Therefore out of anger and jealousy Cain rose and killed his brother Abel. Let us read their story: **"1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD. 2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. 8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him."** (*Genesis 4:1-8 KJV*)

Cain was not willing to repent even when God faced him with his crime and ultimately he left God's presence and lived his life away from God. **"9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? 10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; 12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. 13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me. 15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him. 16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden."** (*Genesis 4:9-16 KJV*)

Let us now continue to read *Genesis 4* that speaks about the descendents of Cain. **"17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. 18 And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech. 19 And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. 20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle. 21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. 22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. 23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. 24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold."** (*Genesis 4:17-24 KJV*)

There are things we can see in Cain's descendants that look good and we may even admire, but we need to be discerning and aware not to be deceived of how to evaluate things in the way that God wants us to evaluate.

Discernment is needed to live our life unto God and to serve Him. Therefore we need to see things in the way that God wants us to see them. God had set a mark upon Cain to be differentiated. The purpose of God was the following: **"15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him."** (*Genesis 4:15 KJV*) It is not God's purpose to protect criminals but God was giving chance to Cain to live longer and not to be killed and end his life quickly, hoping one day that Cain would repent. Many people they boast when God give them certain privileges like long life, strength, and good health in order to have the higher chance for them to repent and come back to Him. Such people should not boast with such privileges that God had given them thinking that they were good and deserving and for such God gave them those good things, but they are not aware that God's goodness are leading them to repentance as Paul said to the Romans, **"4 Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and longsuffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance?"** (*Romans 2:4 KJV*) **Therefore if God had given you certain privileges it is better to put in your mind, it is not because you are good but God is good and is leading you to repentance.**

Cain was marked with a mark so he will be recognized and those who recognize him will not kill him. \* Cain's descendants and those who follow the ways of Cain should also be recognized by us as a church to be aware of how to handle them and to give them the message and the teachings that they need in order for them to repent and follow God and live for Him. \* They might be with us and among us in the body of Christ or they might be among the new people that we are reaching. From the life of Cain and from *Genesis 4:1-24* we can conclude the following points about Cain's descendants:

- 1. They are not willing to give to God the first fruit and the best of their life or what they received from Him:** There are many who profess to be called Christians but they are not willing to tithe their income and offer their first fruits unto God. Therefore we need to continue to teach them about giving what is due for God.
- 2. They are ruled with jealousy and act out of anger:** Many inside the body of Christ who move and act out of envy, jealousy and anger and harm others with spiritual or physical hurts and even murders. Therefore we need to teach them how to live and express the fruit of the Holy Spirit, **"22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."** (*Galatians 5:22-23 KJV*)
- 3. They may build great and magnificent buildings:** **"17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch."** (*Genesis 4:17 KJV*) Many who believe that church is a building and stress and work hard to have a church building, and they will build good buildings, but their lives are not right with God. I am not saying to have a building for the church meetings is not correct, but to think that Christian life is well and we did well when the church has a building is not a correct principle.
- 4. Those who are insensitive to and condone immoralities:** **"19 And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah."** (*Genesis 4:19*)

**KJV)** Lamech one of the descendants of Cain was the first one in the Scripture who introduced multiple marriages, which is one form of sexual immoralities. Other forms of sexual immoralities are live in, sex outside marriage, divorce and remarriage, or a single mother or a single father who marry neither the father nor the mother of her or his child or children. **Those who live in such a way would try to introduce these things into the body of Christ and corrupt those who are keeping themselves and their ministry pure. Therefore we need to be careful, discern and act promptly in appropriate and responsible way to handle those who do that.**

**5. They can be people who mimic the people of God:** *“20 And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle.” (Genesis 4:20 KJV)* Here the descendants of Cain were living in tents and the Word of God also tells us that Abraham, Isaac and Jacob lived in tents (tabernacles), *“9 By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise:” (Hebrews 11:9 KJV)* The point that we want to emphasize on here that you may find people due to certain circumstances are living a life externally they are humble and look like the people of God but they are not a people of God. **Discernment is so much needed to deal with people who are in oppressive situation. I am not saying that you should not sympathize with them but be discerning and do not overlook their willful sins. You need to present the gospel and God’s message for them that will lead them to repentance.**

**6. They can do well in playing musical instruments:** *“21 And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ.” (Genesis 4:21 KJV)* Many churches now a day allow people to play instruments and be part of praise and worship just because they have talents in playing instruments. Many ministries are now based on music instruments, dancing, drama and other activities that moved with music instruments and voice and light system influences. **Talents alone cannot reflect the inside of the person and who really is. That is why we need to use the Word of God and compare the life of the people that coming across our life and ministry with God’s Word.**

**7. They can do well in manufacturing and arts:** *“22 And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah.” (Genesis 4:22 KJV)* \* **That is another way that Cain’s descendents will enter and be part of ministries and churches by their talents and not their true repentance and faith in God through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. \* Repentance should be first then faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Faith in Jesus Christ without repentance there is no salvation in that.**

**8. They abuse the grace of God:** *“23 And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. 24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.” (Genesis 4:23-24 KJV)* As we explained before that the Lord had put mark on Cain in order to protect him that no one would kill him, perhaps he would repent. Now Lamech did the same sin and murdered a man. Instead of learning a lesson from Cain’s life and refrained from such he abused the grace of God and proclaimed, *“24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold.” (Genesis 4:24 KJV)* As if he was saying the following: As God protected Cain who murdered his brother, the Lord also will protect me. **There are many now they use the Word of God and they interpret the Scriptures in shrewd way to justify their sins and wrong doings.** The Scriptures warn us of

such kind of people who are even endeavor to be inside the people of God as we can read in the following Scriptures:

**A. “4 For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. 5 I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not. 6 And the angels which kept not their first estate, but left their own habitation, he hath reserved in everlasting chains under darkness unto the judgment of the great day. 7 Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. 8 Likewise also these filthy dreamers defile the flesh, despise dominion, and speak evil of dignities.” (Jude 1:4-8 KJV)**

**B. “11 Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.” (Jude 1-11 KJV)**

**C. “1 But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.” (2 Peter 2:1-3 KJV)**

**D. “3 If any man teach otherwise, and consent not to wholesome words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 He is proud, knowing nothing, but doting about questions and strifes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.” (1 Timothy 6:3-5)**

**E. “15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also according to the wisdom given unto him hath written unto you; 16 As also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; in which are some things hard to be understood, which they that are unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.” (2 Peter 3:15-16 KJV)**

God wants you to be discerning and responsible on what is going on around you. The Lord even may allow people who teach wrong to enter into the church in order to test your faithfulness to Him as you can read here: *“1 If there arise among you a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and giveth thee a sign or a wonder, 2 And the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3 Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.” (Deuteronomy 13:1-3 KJV)*

**My Dear and Beloved:** The Word of God is a lamp unto our feet and a light for our path, **“105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” (Psalm 119:105 KJV)** As you are receiving clear things from the Scriptures therefore you need to be discerning, taking the right decision and the correct steps of how to live and how to serve God and how to handle the people who are with you and those under your care.

\* You ponder now and discern who are those the descendents of Cain that are around you that you need to define in order for you to deal with them and to protect yourself and those who are with you and the ministry and the church from them. \* As well as you need to work it out in order to bring them to repentance and to the salvation of God. Let us pray . . . .

**My Prayer:** Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord thank you for your Word that had opened my eyes to see new things. Lord thank you for your Word that defines to me your ways and warns me about the descendents of Cain and how to deal with them. Lord thank you for all the material and spiritual blessings that you had ordained over my life. Lord thank you for all the teaching, the corrections and the admonishments that we received in this message.

Come now to God and confess and renounce all your sins. Confess and renounce your worldliness, your greed, and your love for money and material things. Repent of your envy, jealousy, anger and rage attitude. Repent of your non willingness to offer and to give to God what is due for him from tithes offerings and firstfruits. Confuse and renounce your pride, arrogance and your false humility. Repent of your boasting and showing off. Confess and renounce your stubbornness and your delay obedience. Confess and renounce your abuse for the grace of God and your abuse to others and taking advantage of them. Confess and renounce your hatred, revenge, un-forgiveness, grudge and bitterness. Confess and renounce your lust, and your sexual immoralities. Confess and renounce your yoke with non believers, and in bondage with the Media, News and games. Confess and renounce your bad stewardship, your bad example and your non willingness to serve God and suffer for Him. Lord forgive me, I repent of the following sins \_\_\_\_\_ .

Lord give me discernment to see and recognize those descendents of Cain around me and in the ministry that you entrusted to me. Lord give me the wisdom how to handle each and every situation that the descendents of Cain are involved in accordance to your will and commands. Lord protect me and those with me from them. Lord gives me discernment how to apply the message of yours into my life and to serve you in more effective and fruitful way. This is my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.

Lord thank you for my Brothers and Sisters who repented of their sins, and who responded to the teaching of your Word in this message and renounce all the sinful style of the descendents of Cain and are willing to abide with your Word and your will in their lives. Lord continue to cleanse them from their sins and lead them to live according to your plans. Lord protect them and provide for them to continue to serve you. Lord fill them with the Holy Spirit and use them to serve you and make them good example to others to follow you.

Lord, bless us as your church. Lord we commit ourselves to live in obedience to your Word that we received in this message. Lord protect us and guide us to handle those troubles that are caused by the descendents of Cain, and to handle them, and to clean ourselves and the church from their acts. Lord give us patience and perseverance until they will repent and got

converted. Lord we ask you to refill us with the Holy Spirit and give us the spiritual gifts that we need to go on and evangelize, and make new disciples and train new workers to go and plant more Bible studies and congregations for the church. Lord we pray for more people to be water baptized and receive the Holy Spirit baptism. Lord prepare us for your coming that when you come we are ready to go with you. Lord fulfill the vision of the church, 'Multiplication in peace with implementing the whole will of God.' Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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