

Study Notes and Questions for Genesis 4 and 5

- What happened to mankind in the previous chapter (Genesis 3)?
- What does it mean in **4:1** that Adam “knew his wife”?
- In **4:2** another child is born to Eve. What point did Pastor Paul make in the study about other children born to Adam and Eve?
- According to **Hebrews 11:4**, why did God accept Abel’s offering and not Cain’s?
- Read also **Hebrews 11:6** and explain why it applies to Cain and Abel’s offerings to the Lord?
- Compare **Genesis 4:3–7** to **Isaiah 1:10–20**; **Jeremiah 7:21–24**, and **Amos 5:21–24**. Under what circumstances does God reject acts of worship?
- Did Cain have a right to be angry in **4:5**? Why or why not? (see 4:6–7)
- Did Cain repent of his sin? How can you tell?
- What do you learn about Cain’s character from the way he treated and spoke of his brother in **4:8–9**?
- How did God punish Cain for his sin?
- Why did God place a mark on Cain? What was the purpose of the mark?
- What does it reveal about God based on the way He responded to Cain’s sin?
- What do you think it means that Cain “**went away from the presence of the Lord**”? (4:16)
- How would you respond to someone who asked where Cain got his wife?
- How is the presence of sin illustrated in the life and actions of Lamech? (4:19-24)
- How does the birth of Seth and the comment made in **4:26** shed hope on an otherwise hopeless chapter?
- What is the purpose of **Genesis chapter 5**?
- What did Noah’s father say about Noah when he was born? (5:29)