



“Genealogy -vs- Legacy”

Genesis: The Gospel from the Beginning
Genesis 4:17-5:52 – Message #11

Central Truth: A contrast of the biblical accounts of the line of Cain and the line of Seth reveal the difference between building a genealogy and building a legacy.

I. The Godless Line of Cain (4:17-24).

1. Sought protection outside of God (4:17).
2. Were fueled by sinful desire (4:18-19).
3. Sought to find fulfillment outside of God (4:20-22).
4. Were characterized by violence, oppression, and pride (4:23-24).
5. Would ultimately perish in the Great Flood (7:23).

II. The Godly Line of Seth (4:25 – 5:32).

1. Were characterized by faith and hope (4:25).
2. Were fueled by prayer (4:26).
3. Walked with God (5:1-24).
4. Relied on God’s promises (5:25-32).
5. Would ultimately lead to the birth of Christ (Luke 3:36-38).

Application for Today

- 1) Are you more interested in making God's name known or your own?
- 2) Does your life display a self-reliance or a God-reliance?
- 3) When you are gone from this earth, will people describe you as someone who walked with God?

Scriptures of the Week

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight. Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord and turn away from evil.”

Proverbs 3:5-6