

/We will now begin lecture six on Genesis. /We will begin at Genesis 3:15.

/Read verse 15. /And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

/It says there will be enmity between the serpent's offspring and the woman's offspring. /The "offspring of the serpent" refers to Satan. /The "offspring of the woman" refers to Jesus Christ. /This is the first gospel. /This is Protoevangelium.

/The early church fathers said that this was the first gospel. /Church fathers, such as Justin /and Irenaeus, /said that this was the first gospel. /This was the first prophecy about Jesus Christ, who is the gospel.

/The "offspring of the woman" refers to Jesus Christ. /All mankind are descendants of man. /This means that there are born in this world through man. /Hence, all sins of Adam are transferred to all people.

/In the genealogy in Matthew 1 /it says, "Abraham was the father of Isaac, Isaac the father of Jacob, Jacob the father of Judah and his brothers." /It says man gave birth to man, and again, man gave birth to man. /All mankind are descendants of man.

/However, Jesus alone was born in this world without relation to man. /Jesus was born through a woman. /Isaiah 7:14. /There it says, "The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son."

/In Galatians 4:4 it says, /Jesus was born of a woman. /Therefore, Jesus has no original sin. /Jesus also did not commit any sins on this earth. /Jesus has no sin.

/Therefore, the sinless Jesus was able to save us sinners. /There is no one other than Jesus who can save us. /Here, it means that Satan will strike the heel of Jesus by nailing Him to the cross.

/Satan will nail Jesus to the cross. /However, Jesus crushes the head of Satan. /Jesus crushes Satan's power. /Jesus will destroy death, which Satan asserts. /1 Corinthians 15:55 /1 Corinthians 15:26

/Jesus defeated Satan. /Jesus defeated sin. /Jesus defeated death. /Jesus crushed Satan's head. /Jesus was victorious. /To crush the head of Satan means to destroy all authority of Satan.

/Jesus alone can defeat the powers of Satan. /Therefore, it is through our faith in Jesus that we receive salvation. /Hebrews 2:14 /John 16:33

/Verse 16. /To the woman he said, "I will greatly increase your pains in childbearing; with pain you will give birth to children. Your desire will be for your husband, and he will rule over you."

/God punished the woman. /Pain in childbearing increased. /This means that the woman would depend on the man, and she would love him.

/This means that the husband would rule over his wife. /This means the woman would be subordinate to the man. /Before Adam and Eve sinned, the two were equal. /The wife helped her husband and was his partner. /They were equal companions.

/They helped each other. /However, Eve sinned first and then made her husband sin. /Thus, Eve's sin was greater.

/Therefore, the husband became the master and woman became the servant. /The woman received more hardships because of her sins.

/Verse 17. /To Adam he said, "Because you listened to your wife and ate from the tree about which I commanded you, 'You must not eat of it,' "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life.

/Next, what was God's punishment for man? /The ground was cursed because of him. /The environment deteriorated. /Thorns and thistles sprouted from the ground. /Weeds sprouted.

/Next, bacteria and harmful elements came into existence. /Then man was to sweat and toil to eat and survive. /Before man sinned, food naturally grew on trees.

/However, after man sinned, weeds began to grow and man needed to work hard to eat food.

/Verse 19. /By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return."

/It says that man will return to the ground. /We have been made from dirt. /Thus, our spirits were made in the image of God, /and our bodies were made from dirt.

/Therefore, man's body will return to the dirt. /This is the wages of sin.

/Verse 20. /Adam named his wife Eve, because she would become the mother of all the living.

/Adam named his wife Eve. /This means to "live." /The name "Eve" means "living."

/Adam named his wife, Eve, because he believed that all of mankind would be saved and receive life.

/Verse 21. /The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

/God clothed Adam and Eve with leather garments. /The leather garments symbolize the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. /An animal needed to be sacrificed so that garments would be made with its leather. /In the same way, Jesus Christ sacrificed Himself and shed His blood for us.

/This means that Jesus will be the atoning sacrifice before God. /It teaches us that Jesus redeemed us from our sins. /The Lord bled in our place. /Hebrews 9:22.

/This also means that we will be clothed in righteousness through Jesus. /A sinner is transformed into a righteous man. /Romans 13:14 /Isaiah 61:10 /Therefore, we cannot be saved through any human efforts or righteousness. /Isaiah 64:6

/It says all our righteous acts are like filthy rags. /We must be clothed with the righteousness of Jesus. /Then we will be changed from sinners to righteous people.

/The leather garments here covered the shame of sin. /Hence, the “leather garments” signify the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ. /This means that we will be clothed in the righteousness of Jesus.

/Verse 22. /And the LORD God said, "The man has now become like one of us, knowing good and evil. He must not be allowed to reach out his hand and take also from the tree of life and eat, and live forever."

/Therefore, now that man knew good and evil, he was not allowed to eat from the tree of life. /The man no longer had the right to eat from the tree of life.

/Man would believe in Jesus, and later take from the tree of life in heaven. /There will be the river of life and the tree of life when we go to heaven. /Revelation 22:1

/Verse 23. /So the LORD God banished him from the Garden of Eden to work the ground from which he had been taken.

/God banished Adam and Eve from the Garden of Eden. /Adam and Eve were kicked out of Eden.

/Verse 24. /After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life.

/The “cherubim” are angels of God. /The “flaming sword” symbolizes the Word of God. /God did not allow them to eat the fruit of the tree of life. /They were kicked out of the Garden of Eden.

/The Garden of Eden existed somewhere on this earth. /After the fall of Adam and Eve, the Garden of Eden disappeared. /This paradise will be restored when Jesus returns during the Millennial Kingdom. /The Garden of Eden will be restored.

/In today’s passage, Adam and Eve fell and were subject to ruins. /However, God will save his people through Jesus, who will come as a descendant of the woman. /Here we will conclude the third lecture.

/We will continue with the fourth lecture. /The title of chapter 4 is, “Cain and Abel.” /Cain and Abel.

/First, Adam has two sons. /Verses 1-2. /Second, Cain's offering and Abel's offering. /Verses 3-5. /Third, Cain kills Abel. /Verses 6-8.

/Fourth, the judgment of God. /Verses 9-15. /Fifth, the growth of sin. /Verses 16-24. /Sixth, the succeeding of faith. /Verses 25-26.

/Read 4:1. /Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man."

/Adam and Eve lay together and had a son. /The first son was Cain. /Cain means, "have acquired."

/They had a second son and they called him, Abel. /Abel means, "vanity or emptiness." /Abel was a keeper of sheep, /and Cain was a farmer.

/Verse 3. /In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD.

/A long time passed. /The two brothers grew up. /Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to God.

/Verses 4-5. /But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

/Abel offered God the firstborn of his flock. /God accepted Abel and his offering. /Yet, God did not accept Cain and his offering.

/God did not accept or reject only the offerings. /It says, God accepted "Abel and his offering." / This means that God looked at and accepted Abel's character.

/God did not look only at Abel's offering, but was pleased with Abel's character. /However, God did not look accept Cain and his offering.

/Cain's offering was unacceptable before God, and his character also was not acceptable. /Therefore, we must not only give our offerings to God, but we must also offer our characters before God.

/Our lives and hearts must be holy and acceptable offerings before God. /Why did God gladly accept Abel's offering? /First, Abel believed in God's Word and gave his offering according to God's Word.

/After Adam sinned, God gave him the gospel. /3:15 /God clothed them with the skin of animals. /3:21 /This introduced the coming Christ. /It was the revelation of the redemption of God's people through the blood of Jesus Christ.

/Thus, Adam taught his children that Jesus Christ would come and shed His own blood for the sins of man. /He taught that “everything be cleansed with blood” when going before God.  
/Hebrews 9:22

/Thus, Abel believed his father’s words and gave his offering to God. /Hence, he went before God with the blood of the lamb. /Then God accepted Abel’s offering.

/Second, Abel offered a spiritual sacrifice to God. /Hebrews 11:4 /He communicated with God spiritually and worshipped him. /He worshipped God in spirit and in truth. /John 4:23-24

/Abel accepted Christ in his spirit. /He believed in Christ and communicated with Him. /He looked towards the coming Christ.

/Abel did not just worship God outwardly, but gave his offering while spiritually communicating with God. /Romans 12:1 /Then Cain became angry and his face downcast.

/Verse 6. /Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?"

/Cain was angry because God did not accept his offering. /He became jealous of his brother. /This was the result of pride and arrogance as an older brother. /At that moment, it would have been good for Cain to repent and learn how to properly give offerings to God.

/Yet, Cain became arrogant and he rebelled by leaving God. /God then rebuked him. /Ephesians 5:13

/Verse 7. /If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

/We must be active in seeking to do what is right. /If we are not active in seeking to do what is right, sin will enter. /If we forsake righteousness, we will become slaves to sin and to Satan.

/If we do not do what is right, sin crouches at the door and waits for the moment to enter our hearts. /Therefore we must be active in seeking to do what is right. /1 Peter 4:1 /1 Peter 5:8-9

/It says, sin “desires to have you.” /This means that sin is attractive and uses its powers. /We must master sin with all that we have. /When we don’t, we will become slaves to sin.

/Verse 8. /Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

/Cain ultimately attacked his brother Abel and killed him. /Cain killed Abel as a result of his jealousy. /Cain did not listen to God’s reproach and advice. /Cain’s desire for sin grew strong.

/Cain became the first murderer for killing Abel. /Adam’s sins were passed on to his descendants the moment he ate from the tree of knowledge. /Cain was the first murderer ever. /Abel became the first martyr.

/Verse 9. /Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

/God went to Cain. /God asked him where Abel was. /Cain replied that he did not know. /Cain lied. /Cain attempted to conceal his sins.

/Then Cain said, "Am I my brother's keeper?" /Cain was rebellious and challenged God.

/Verse 10. /The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.

/God said, "Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground." /James 5:4-6 /There it says, "The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you." / This means that God remembers sin.

/God saw Cain kill and spill the blood of his brother Abel. /Although Abel was martyred, his faith in giving a live offering is still spoken of today. /Even today we testify to Abel's live offering. /Matthew 23:35

/Verse 11. /Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

/The ground decayed as a result of Cain's sin of murder. /The ground was cursed as a result of sin. /In verse 12 it says, the ground will no longer yield crop.

/Cain becomes a restless wanderer on the earth. /Cain forsook life. /There was no rest or peace. / Likewise, when we sin we will no have true peace.

/Verse 13. /Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear.

/Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear." /This means that Cain feared God's punishment. /Cain did not repent of his sins.

/Rather, he complained that his punishment was too harsh. /There are many who do not think about the sins they committed, and complain about the punishment they receive for their sins. /Romans 9:2

/We must know that God's punishment is always lighter than the sins we commit. /We must believe in the God who shows mercy in the midst of his wrath.

/Verse 14. /Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

/If man sins against God, he will be banished from a favorable place. /There will always be punishments when we sin. /There will be fear. /This is evidence that we have left God's

protection and blessings.

/Cain was always afraid that someone else would kill him. /This is a characteristic of criminals. /Cain said, "whoever finds me will kill me," and who does this refer to?

/Adam had many descendants at the time. /Verse 3 says, "In the course of time." /At that time Adam also had many daughters. /Still, the first son was Cain and the second son was Abel.

/Adam had many other sons and daughter besides them. /Adam and Eve are the ancestors of all men. /Therefore, the "whoever finds me" refers to the descendants of Adam.

/Another thing to consider is that Cain and Adam's other sons had to marry their sisters. /The Bible does not record the names of every individual.

/The Bible records only the events that are relevant to God's work of salvation. /The Bible only records the names of those who are necessary. /Hence, there are many people whose names are not recorded in the Bible.

/Verse 15. /But the LORD said to him, "Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over." Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him.

/God said that whoever kills Cain would suffer vengeance seven times over. /God said this because he had mercy on Cain who had sinned.

/Although God punished Cain for his sin, God did not completely destroy him. /God put a mark on Cain. /We do not know exactly what this mark was.

/Yet, it seems that the mark was a sign of God's love on Cain's forehead. /Here it says, "who found him." /This refers to the other descendants of Adam.

/Today's passage tells us about Cain's offering and Abel's offering. /We must not give Cain's offering but Abel's offering to God. /We must properly worship God today.

/When we worship God, we are not to worship him with humanly thoughts or however we please. /We must worship God in ways that are acceptable in his eyes. /Worship must be done according to God's Word.

/Worship must be in truth. /Then there must be spiritual communication with God, and worship must be done in accordance with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. /It must be worship that is filled with the Holy Spirit.

/Then it will be acceptable to God. /We must also live holy lives before God in our character.

/Therefore, we must not only offer our time for worship, but we must worship God in ways so that our character will be accepted by God.

/Here we will conclude the sixth lecture on Genesis. /Thank you.