**Walk Through the Bible**

**Lesson Number Four**

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Last week, we talked about “The Fall.” We talked about so many things changed when Adam and Eve doubted God and ate the fruit from the tree of knowledge of good and evil.

Adam was given “DOMINION” over all the animals on, above and below the earth. He was also given dominion over everything on earth.

The Bible tells us, Satan is the god of this world. Adam was “god” of his world until he transferred that authority to Satan.

Until that transfer took place, this world was completely different. There were no thorns or thistles (Gen. 3:18). Animals did not eat other animals and apparently, it was common for animals to talk to humans. Nothing died before the curse. Everything God creates is absolutely perfect.

**James 1:17**

Whatever is **good and perfect comes down to us from God our Father**, who created all the lights in the heavens. He never changes or casts a shifting shadow.

**John 10:10**

The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have *it* more abundantly.

God does not give us too much revelation on what the garden was like. **I am not sure we would be able to comprehend what it must have looked like!**

Before the curse, there was no sickness or disease. Even during the 40 years in the wilderness, the Hebrew people did not get sick. Jesus was their physician, Jehovah Rapha!

**Sin and sickness are NEVER from God!**

The new earth, in the future, will be like it was in the “Pre-Adamite” earth, or as Peter says it, “In the world that then was,,,” (2 Pet. 3:6).

After they sinned by not guarding (keeping) the garden, doubting God and eating of the fruit, Adam and Eve were taken out of the garden and God made sure, the garden could not be inhabited by men any longer.

As the result of the man and woman eating the fruit from the tree, the serpent, women, man and the earth were all cursed.

Over the years people have tried to find where the garden was. No one on this earth knows. It would not matter anyway because God has not given us revelation on the matter.

**Genesis 4:1-2 (NLT)**
Now Adam had sexual relations with his wife (“knew” in the Hebrew – “yada” means to know intimately) Eve, and she became pregnant. When she gave birth to Cain, she said, “With the Lord’s help, I have produced a man!” 2Later she gave birth to his brother and named him Abel. When they grew up, Abel became a shepherd, while Cain cultivated the ground.

Why was Eve so excited about having a “man child?”

It could be that women were born to Adam and Eve before this. We just don’t know and God does not give us anymore revelation on this topic.

**Deut. 29:29**

“The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.”

I believe the following scripture is the most important scripture in the entire Bible.

**Numbers 23:19**

God is not like people. He tells no lies. He is not like humans. He doesn't change his mind. When he says something, he does it. When he makes a promise, he keeps it.

God CANNOT lie!

 God cannot sin!

 God can’t look at sin!

What kind of life would we be living IF, every time we read about God’s promises for His people, we just accept and believe it?

**READ - Genesis 4:3-16**

3When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the Lord. 4Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The Lord accepted Abel and his gift, 5but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected.

6“Why are you so angry?” the Lord asked Cain. “Why do you look so dejected? 7You will be accepted **if you do what is right**. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.”

8One day Cain suggested to his brother, “Let’s go out into the fields.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him.

9Afterward the Lord asked Cain, “Where is your brother? Where is Abel?”

“I don’t know,” Cain responded. “Am I my brother’s guardian?”

10But the Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground! 11Now you are cursed and banished from the ground, which has swallowed your brother’s blood. 12No longer will the ground yield good crops for you, no matter how hard you work! From now on you will be a homeless wanderer on the earth.”

13Cain replied to the Lord, “My punishment is too great for me to bear! 14You have banished me from the land and from your presence; you have made me a homeless wanderer. Anyone who finds me will kill me!”

15The Lord replied, “No, for I will give a sevenfold punishment to anyone who kills you.” Then the L**ord put a mark on Cain to warn anyone who might try to kill him.** 16So Cain left the Lord’s presence and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

**Genesis 4:7**

7You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.”

**We can subdue sin! Sin no longer has a right to rule your mind or your body!**

**Galatians 5:16 (ESV)**

But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.

Jesus threw off the shackles of sin. We are **NO LONGER** bound by sin **UNLESS** we choose to be.

**Why do you think God accepted Abel’s offering but not Cain’s?**

Remember Adam and Eve covered themselves with plants to hide their nakedness.

God killed some animals and made them clothing from the animal skins.

Many Bible scholars believe Cain and Abel knew that, without the shedding of blood, there was no remission of sins. I am sure they had been told about God throughout their lives.

**Hebrews 9:22 (KJV)**
22  And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and **without shedding of blood is no remission**.

**Hebrews 11:4 (NLT)**
It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith.

**What does it mean when it says, “It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did?**

I believe when Abel offered his offering to God, he did so EXPECTING God to be everything He says He will be.

**We MUST EXPECT** God to do what He says He will do.

**1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 (ESV)**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. 3While people are saying, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. 4**But you are not in darkness**, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. 5For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. 6So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. 7For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. 8But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. 9**For God has not destined us for wrath**, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. 11Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

Jesus was talking about the end times and He makes the statement that believers are NOT appointed to wrath.

This is in reference to the “rapture” of the Church.

**Jeremiah 30:7 (GW)**
7  How terrible that day will be! There will be no other day like it. It will be a time of calamity for the descendants of Jacob, but **they will be rescued from it.**

**Matthew 24:21 (KJV)**
21  For then shall be **great tribulation**, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.

**“Tribulation” is actually, “Jacob’s trouble”. Jacob is Israel.**

God will take all true believers off of this earth (through the rapture) and for seven years, He will focus on Israel while we are feasting with Him during these seven years.

**Luke 17:26-29**

26“When the Son of Man returns, it will be like it was in Noah’s day. 27In those days, the people enjoyed banquets and parties and weddings right up to the time Noah entered his boat and the flood came and destroyed them all. 28“And the world will be as it was in the days of Lot. People went about their daily business—eating and drinking, buying and selling, farming and building— 29**until the morning Lot left Sodom. Then fire and burning sulfur rained down from heaven and destroyed them all.**

Noah and Lot are both “types and shadows” of the rapture of the Church which is our blessed HOPE!

God raised Noah and all of his family above the turmoil and the wrath of God.

Lot and his family were taken away from Sodom and Gomorrah **BEFORE** God’s wrath were poured on the people in those cities.

Another place we see a type and shadow of the rapture is when the blood of a lamb was put on the door jam of each of God’s people’s homes. This way, they were SPARED the wrath of God!

**Just REALIZE that there will be a pre-tribulation rapture!**

**Genesis 4:8 (KJV)**
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.

Cain killed Abel because he was mad that God accepted Abel’s offering and not his.

God told Cain that if he gave the right kind of sacrifice it would be acceptable.

God is “FORGIVING” of our sins and He is merciful. He gave Cain another chance but Cain would not give in.

We could say that Cain killed Abel over religion! Religion has caused more wars and strife than anything else in this world.

**Genesis 4:10 (KJV)**
10  And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

**Abel's posterity which was cut off forever by his death! In murder, one not only sins against God and the man he kills, but also against the murdered man's posterity for eternal generations.**
Dake's Annotated Reference Bible: Containing the Old and New Testaments of the Authorized or King James Version Text.

**Genesis 4:11-12 (KJV)**
10But the Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground! 11Now you are cursed and banished from the ground, which has swallowed your brother’s blood. 12No longer will the ground yield good crops for you, no matter how hard you work! From now on you will be a homeless wanderer on the earth.”

Cain caused a curse to come upon himself by murdering Abel. This curse was a direct result of Cain’s sin.

**Genesis 4:15b**

Then the Lord put a mark on Cain to warn anyone who might try to kill him.

**What was Cain’s mark that would warn anyone against killing him?**

 Some people say he was turned black.

This can’t be we all come from either one of Noah’s children, Ham, Shem and Japeth.

The Bible simply does not tell us what that mark was but it had to be something that people could easily see.

Now we see that Cain found a wife and had children. Gen 4:

**Genesis 4:19**

Lamech married two women. The first was named Adah, and the second was Zillah.

This is the first time where a man married more than one woman.

 Polygamy is NOT a sin.

 We see polygamy in the lives of our fore-fathers.

 I DO NOT believe it is God’s best.

The son of Adah and Lamech was named “Jabal” – He was the first “Cattle Rancher” and he lived a mobile lifestyle, living in tents.

Jubal was their second son. He was the first person to play “string instruments” and “wind instruments" like the harp and the flute.

Lamech and Zillah had their first son, Tubal-Cain. He was the first “blacksmith.” He learned how to forge iron and bronze.

Although we are not told much about it, Lamech killed a man in “self-defense.”

During this time, Adam and Eve had another child, Seth.

Seth had a son, Enosh – This is when people started calling God by name.