

Genesis 4:16-26
Another Offspring

A conflicted culture ...

- I. Away from God
 - A. Continuance
 - B. Corruption
 - C. Destruction

- II. The Dividing Line: **Another Offspring**
 - A. Seth
 - B. Savior

- III. In His Presence
 - A. Hope
 - B. Devotion
 - C. Redemption

... and a new generation.

Children, Listen ...

1. What did Cain “go away from?”
2. What kind of man was Lamech?
3. What was the name of the son God gave to Eve?
4. Would he be the one to crush Satan's head and save God's people?
5. What is the name of the “offspring” of Eve that would come to save us from our sin?

Bonus Question: Which holiday celebrates his coming?

Our Ancient Contemporary Crisis

In our text today we see the early establishment of culture and society. We recognize immediately that there are two very different world views represented in what Francis Schaeffer called the “two humanities.” While agriculture, the arts and industry rose among all mankind two very distinct mentalities rose quickly in early civilization. Those that are away from God, represented in the line of Cain, collectively diminish God in their minds; declare independence from Him and in doing so set themselves on a course of moral decline and eventual destruction. Those that call upon the Lord, represented in the line of Seth, exalt God over all, declare utter dependence on Him, seek to do His will and look forward to eventual restoration of all things. The conflict of cultures is evident in the tension between those who ultimately reject God and those who submit to His Lordship. The division between the two humanities is clearly evident down to this day and the dividing line is between those who reject Jesus Christ and in doing so live in the kingdom of darkness and those who submit themselves to the Savior and are citizens of His everlasting Kingdom. The conflict and crisis is contemporary: we can clearly evidence of it in our own nation as we increasingly develop a national culture that is away from God. But those who call upon the Lord do not despair, for we know that all that we are and all that we do, all that we establish and pursue as the people of God in this world is under Him and unto Him, and that over all our citizenship is in His everlasting Kingdom. To Him be the glory.

As we enter into the Advent season let us remember that we are celebrating the arrival of the “offspring” of Eve that crushes the serpents head, sets captives free and bring all who believe in Him into His everlasting Kingdom – and as His subjects of which are “no more of this world” than He is. (John 17:16).