

Departure From God Genesis 4:1-24

I. God's Grace – 3:20-24

1. She is "Eve" Mother of all living – 20
She is head of the seed-line that brings hope
2. God provided covering for nakedness – 21
Man's covering (fig leaves) unacceptable
God made covering of animal skins
Established need of a blood sacrifice
(substitute must die)
3. God sealed off Tree of Life – 22-24
Humans are now sinners with mortality
Tree of Life will sustain life for them
God is protecting sinners from living forever in sin

II. Cain and Abel – 4:1-7

1. With its changes life goes on – 1-2
Intimate marriage relationship bears fruit
Cain is born with the help of the Lord - 1
May refer to the reality of pain as Eve was told
Abel is born as brother to Cain – 2
Abel was a shepherd – "keeper of sheep"
Cain was a farmer – "worker of the ground"
2. Cain & Abel bring an offering to God – 3-4
Cain brought "the fruit of the ground" – 3
Abel brought "firstborn of his flock" – 4
3. God's response to their offerings – 4-5
Lord regarded Abel & his offering – 4
But He did not regard Cain & offering – 5
Cain was very angry – "his face fell"
4. God's gracious counsel to Cain – 6-7
Explains reason for rejection – 7 –Heb. 11:4
Offers him opportunity to bring right offering
Warns of danger – continuing in sin – 7
5. Cain's continuance in sin – 8
Invited Abel to go with him to the field
Rose up against his brother – killed him
6. Facing accountability with God – 9-10
"Where is Abel your brother?" - 9
Giving opportunity for confession
Cain denies everything – 9
Lies to God denying any knowledge
God confronts him with evidence – 10
Your brother's blood cries to me from the ground
7. Pronouncing judgment on Cain – 11-12
There is no evidence of repentance
Scripture notes – 1 John 3:12; Jude 11
Ground again cursed limiting productivity
8. Cain sees God as unjust – 13-14
You have driven me from my occupation
Hidden from your face – to be killed
9. God assures him of protection – 15
He put a mark of protection on him

III. Cain's Departure – 4:16-24

1. Went away from Lord's presence – 16
Wanted nothing more to do with God
Live as though God did not exist
2. Began to have a family – 17
Wife and son Enoch
Built a city named after his son
3. Descendants help build a culture – 18-24
Nomads who kept livestock – 20
Musicians who played various instruments – 21
Industrialists who made things of metal - 22
4. Polygamy and violence – 23-24
More than one wife – 23
Justification of murder and revenge - 24

Question on Gen. 2:16-17

2:16 - Use of "freely" or surely" two different words in English

Both words used to help translate Hebrew idiom

Same word is repeated – Okhoul okhal – repeated for emphasis

Literally "eating you shall eat" – 2:16; 1Sam.14:30 ("freely") ASV

Idea is that you will experience eating to its fulness

2:17 - Both use "surely" – "Dying you shall die"

Two Hebrew words are repeated to convey emphasis and the thought that they would experience dying in its fulness

Dying spiritually – Mortality (process of dying) – natural body dies