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Mt 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ^{14®} Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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The Worldly

Gen 4:16-24

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1. The worldly cannot abide God's presence

Gen 4:16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

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Rom 1:28-32 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 29 being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they arewhisperers, 30 backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to 31 undiscerning, parents. untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; 32 who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

2. Where did Cain get his wife?

Gen 4:17a And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch.

She would have either been his sister or niece

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3. Cain replaced God's garden with man's city

Gen 4:17b And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son – Enoch.

4. Man can forget God in a few generations

Gen 4:18 To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech.

- Enoch initiated or inauguration
- Irad fugitive or wild ass
- Mehujael smitten of God or blot out that Jah is God
- Methushael man who is of God or they died enquiring
- Lamech powerful, conqueror, or wild man

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5. Worldly man always perverts marriage and the family

Gen 4:19 Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah.

Mt 19:4-6 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

6. The worldly man's hopes are all on this world

Gen 4:20-22 And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ²¹ His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. ²² And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah.

- Jabal: the founder of ranching/farming industry
- Jubal: the founder of the entertainment industry
- Tubal-Cain: the founder of the metallurgy industry

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Mt 6:19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

7. Life without God inevitably produces murder & pride

Gen 4:23-24 Then Lamech said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me. ²⁴ If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

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The Other-worldly

Gen 4:25-5:32

8. God will always have a witness

4:25-5:3 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and named him Seth, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." ²⁶ And as for Seth, to him also a son was born; and he named him Enosh. Then men began to call on the name of the Lord. ¹ This is the book of the genealogy of Adam. In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. ² He created them male and female, and blessed them and called them Mankind in the day they were created. ³ And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

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Lk 18:8 I tell you that He will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will He really find faith on the earth?"

Acts 14:16-17 who in bygone generations allowed all nations to walk in their own ways. ¹⁷ Nevertheless He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, filling our hearts with food and gladness."

· God's grace is truly abundant

Rom 5:20 Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more,

- 1 Tim 1:14 And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus.
- 1 Pet 4:10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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Seth was born in Adam's image

5:1,3 In the day that God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. ... ³ And Adam lived one hundred and thirty years, and begot a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth.

- Adam was made in God's image
- Seth was made in Adam's image
- Seth was Adam's son with Adam's sin

Jn 3:3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born []again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

9. Sometimes, God's blessings are a long time in coming

Adam was 130 when Seth is born

Act 1:4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me:

Rom 8:25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance.

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Gal 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Is 40:31 But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

10. They lived and they died

Gen 5:4-5 After he begot Seth, the days of Adam were eight hundred years; and he had sons and daughters. ⁵ So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died.

The effects of sin are eventually realized

Gen 2:5 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

Num 32:23 ... and be sure your sin will find you out.

Gal 6:7 Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap.

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· This is the story of Adam's descendants

5:8 So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he died.

5:11 So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; and he died.

5:14 So all the days of Cainan were nine hundred and ten years; and he died.

5:17 So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years; and he died.

5:20 So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; and he died.

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

Ps 116:15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

- 2 Cor 5:8 We are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord.
- 1 Thess 4:14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus.

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