

#### BLESSED OR CURSED

We saw in the last article that Cain murdered his younger brother, and what a remarkable description is given us by God the Holy Spirit when he says, "THE VOICE OF THY BROTHER'S BLOOD CRIETH UNTO ME FROM THE GROUND."

*The shriek of injustice and murder is heard and recorded in Heaven for the day of vengeance.*

*Sin without confession to the Lord Jesus Christ and repentance, (that is a change of mind and heart towards God and acknowledging to God, you are right and I am wrong, I have failed, there is no hope in myself, I plead forgiveness) must and will have severe consequences, and here we have it in the next verse.*

**Gen 4:11** And now art thou cursed from the earth, that is, laid under the wrath of God, the punishment from God always suits the crime, here Cain found his punishment from where he chose his portion, that is from the tilling of the ground, and as if it withdrew its productive power in horror and indignation at the awful crime. Cain is now a miserable outcast, victim of an accusing conscience.

#### WORKS FOR SALVATION

**Gal 3:10** For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse:

*Cain brought the increase of the labour of his hands, what he thought God ought to accept, and disregarding what the Lord had required.*

*Abel was saved because he offered his sacrifice in faith that God would cleanse him because he believed that his sin was imputed to the sinless sacrifice he offered.*

#### POPULATION INCREASE

*After the death of Abel God gave Adam and Eve another son called Seth and he believed in and worshiped God*  
Then we read in, **Gen 5:4** And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters:

*With Adam living 800 years after the birth of Seth, it gave him ample time to have many children,, and the law forbidding the marriage of close relatives was not instituted until the inherit defects in the gene pool began to multiply and affect the human race, so that is how Cain and the other children were able to obtain husbands and wives.*

*But with the increase of population came a great crime wave as we read in,*

**Gen 6:5** And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

#### GREAT WICKEDNESS

*God saw, and anyone could see the wickedness in the land, but God 's eye penetrated deep into the heart and viewed every imagination that they conceived upon their bed.*

*Now these things are not written for our amusement but for our benefit and learning that we should not follow after wickedness and sexual lusts and be punished as these people were, for we read in,*

#### GREAT PUNISHMENT

**Gen 6:13** And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth.

*Now we know that there was a global flood because almost all the surface of the earth has evidence of water erosion, and sediment makes up almost all the surface of the earth, and yet we have a more sure testimony from the word of God where we read of this flood and not only what is past but what is to come.*

**2Pe 3:3** Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, then in,

**2Pe 3:5** For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

**2Pe 3:6** Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.

That is except one family, that gives us a insight of how great was the wickedness of the day,

**Gen 7:1 And the LORD said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.**

Many people have heard about the flood of Noah's day but their heart has been so hardened by sin and unbelief that they totally reject the evidence of the past and the warning to their own destruction to come.

#### FLESHLY LUST SPIRITUAL JUDGEMENT

We read in **Gen 6:2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair**

The lust of the eye is always before us as one of the greatest tools of the Devil to destroy marriages and lives

Almost every type of media uses sexual and fleshly images to promote their programmes, and the people love it that way and it is a replica of the days before the great flood.

God uses four verses to describe the rebellion of man against him in Ch.6, using the words wickedness, evil, corruption and violence. And because of these fleshly evils God does and will withdraw his Holy Spirit and leaves man to his own devices and destruction.

**Gen 6:3 And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.**

That blessed, divine breath which was breathed into Adams nostrils at creation will be restrained and even removed, not only the benefits of health and vigor will suffer but the breath of life will cease, and the judgement for sin begin.

#### THE LONG LIVES OF MEN

From the time of creation to the flood many centuries passed as even in Old Testament times miracles were the exception rather than the ordinary.

Ten generations passed, each one living for hundreds of years, for even Noah was 600 yrs old when the flood came and he was only a young feller by comparison.

#### ***RIGHTEOUS BUT NOT SINLESS***

*As we read in Genesis 7.1 God said, for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation.* Notice God said he said was righteous not sinless.

Noah did not deserve to be saved but to be punished for he also was born a sinner just like you and me. But Noah was a man of faith and he brought a spotless lamb as a sacrifice confessing to God that he was a sinner and seeking forgiveness through his sin being imputed to the sinless sacrifice and with its blood his sin was blotted out a type of the promised Messiah