

INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CHURCH (IBC) LINZ

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...then you shall know the truth and the truth will set you free Jn.8:32

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTLINE

06.03.16

Theme: Prompt Pronouncement of Divine Judgement

Memory verse: *Exodus chapter twenty one verse fourteen: But if a man come presumptuously to his neighbour, to slay him with guile, thou shall take him from my alter, that he may die.*

Text Genesis 4:10-16.

A curse was pronounced upon Cain, because he rejected the mercy and grace of God that were first shown and made available to him for repentance. As was written by prophet Isaiah that “Let favour be shown to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness: in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not behold the majesty of the Lord (Isaiah 26:10). God gave Cain His lovely hand of fellowship, but Cain rejected it. That was why the judgement came.

Obedience brings blessings but sin brings a curse. Just as this is true of individuals like Cain, it is also true of families and nations. Israel could not be cursed by Balaam so long as “God hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob, neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel...” (Num. 23:21). But when these same Israelites committed whoredom with the daughters of Moab, a plague swept twenty-four thousand of them away (Num. 25:9).

The curse that was upon Cain made God not to bless his efforts as a tiller of the ground, the degree of the curse placed on Adam was extended so that Cain would have more frustration, weariness, and suffering. Moreover, he would be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth. That meant that he would be in bondage of fear, perpetual guilt and aimless wandering. Cain exclaimed that his punishment was greater than he could bear. Yet, he did not repent. Fear of death gripped him, but God assured him that he would live -what a merciful God. The mark God set on him was to reveal God’s special mercy upon undeserving sinners. Why can’t you accept the mercy of God today?