

**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**

**13.03.16**

**Theme: Leaving the Presence of God and its result**

Memory verse: *Genesis chapter four verse sixteen: "And Cain went out from the Presence of the Lord, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the East of Eden."*

Text: Genesis 4:17 - 24.

Cain left God's presence and with his descendants began a Godless human civilization. Without God, they tried to overcome their generational curse and redeem themselves by their own creativity. In an attempt to avoid being fugitives and vagabonds, they built walled cities. How foolish men are to think that they can keep God out from reaching them with their walls. Sin continued in the family line of Cain as Lamech came into focus. He became the first polygamist and in the footsteps of his ancestors, the second murder on record. He boasted out of pride that if Cain was avenged sevenfold, he must be avenged seventy and sevenfold. He misunderstood the protection on Cain as an approval of wickedness, just as the sinners of today mistake God's mercy and favour towards them as an approval of their sinful lives (Eccl. 8:11).

But in the sad story of Cain and Lamech, we see the hidden hand of Satan trying to corrupt the whole human race, having eliminated righteous Abel. Satan's wand plan was to stop the seed of the woman who would bruise his head from the world. Cain and Lamech allowed themselves to be use of Satan to oppose God. The final end of Lamech was not worth recording.

There are obvious lessons for all in the story of Cain and Lamech. First, we see the truth of the statement that sin cannot be hidden at the place and hour of its commission. Sin is productive and each act of wickedness forms a link in a chain unless God, by grace and mercy, breaks it. The life of Cain illustrates this truth, and all sinners should wisely break off from their sins by repentance into righteousness. No root of sin should be allow to remain or develop in the heart, Amen!