

In Step with Jesus 204

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Key Text: “Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?” (John 11:25-26)

Introduction

We have been reading and reflecting on the book of Genesis and our last reading focused on the children of Adam from the lineage of Seth. We saw from the bible records that the children of Seth chose God and started calling upon the name of the LORD, while the children of Cain, as we could see in the life of Lamech, followed after the sins of their father. The children of Cain were intelligent and skilled people, but their intelligence did not matter in God’s reckoning. Over intelligence and skill, God was looking for a people of character who acknowledged Him, a people He could work with, to fulfil His promise of a saviour. God chose the children of Seth, not because they were perfect, as we shall see in today’s reading, but because they were willing to walk with God and for God to work in and through them.

Today we will continue our reading on the genealogy of the family of Adam through Seth. As we noted in our last reading, the recurring theme in their family history is that they lived very long lives, but they still died. They died because the wage of sin is death, but the good news for us is that God’s word is true. Yes, the wage of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23) Let us read the remaining verses of Genesis chapter five and the first few verses of Genesis chapter six and see what God will show us.

Genesis 5:16- 6:4

¹⁶ Mahalalel lived after he fathered Jared 830 years and had other sons and daughters. ¹⁷ Thus all the days of Mahalalel were 895 years, and he died. ¹⁸ When Jared had lived 162 years, he fathered Enoch. ¹⁹ Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁰ Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died.

²¹ When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. ²² Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not for God took him. ²⁵ When Methuselah had lived 187 years, he fathered Lamech. ²⁶ Methuselah lived after he fathered Lamech 782 years and had other sons and daughters. ²⁷ Thus all the days of Methuselah were 969 years, and he died.

²⁸ When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son ²⁹ and called his name Noah, saying, “Out of the ground that the LORD has cursed, this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the painful toil of our hands.” ³⁰ Lamech lived after he fathered Noah 595 years and had other sons and daughters. ³¹ Thus all the days of Lamech were 777 years, and he died.

³² After Noah was 500 years old, Noah fathered Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

6 When man began to multiply on the face of the land and daughters were born to them, 2 the sons of God saw that the daughters of man were attractive. And they took as their wives any they chose. 3 Then the Lord said, "My Spirit shall not abide in man forever, for he is flesh: his days shall be 120 years." 4 The Nephilim were on the earth in those days, and also afterward, when the sons of God came in to the daughters of man and they bore children to them. These were the mighty men who were of old, the men of renown.

Reflections

Genesis chapter five continued the story of a people who lived long and died but in the midst of that story, the bible inserted the story of Enoch. Enoch was only sixty-five years when he had his son Methuselah, and after the birth of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God for three hundred years. The bible said, "he was not because God took him". In other words, he did not die. Interestingly, seven generations from the lineage of Cain we saw Lamech, a man who doubled the sin of his father and boasted about it; and seven generations from the lineage of Seth, we see a man who walked with God. Other men before him died but he did not die. In that lineage, Enoch had the shortest life on this planet earth, but his son was the oldest man that ever lived on planet earth. The best news of all is that Enoch never died. Enoch walked with God, he became a friend of God, he was in constant communion with God, and though he was born a sinner, God did not let him taste death, He took him alive. Enoch stands as an example of those who will be alive until Jesus comes and as a proof that God still walks among men. Regardless of the evil and sinfulness of this world, God has not abandoned the world. God has a people on earth and those who walk with Him will be with Him in His everlasting kingdom.

If the Genesis story had ended with the life of Enoch, it would have been a very happy ending, but you and I would not be here to read it. God in His love allowed a continuation of the story. The human history became messier when the sons of God started marrying the daughters of men. God had chosen the children of Seth as His people, as His sons and daughters, while the rest of the people were simply the children of men. The question that comes to mind is, did the children of Seth know that they were the children of God? Did they see themselves as separate from other men? I do not think they did. They probably saw themselves as everybody else so they thought they could marry anybody they chose. They did not know that they were a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a peculiar people who should show forth the praises of Him who had brought them out of darkness into His marvellous light. Friends, do you know that you are children of God? We may not appear different from everybody around us, but we are different by reason of the blood of Jesus Christ. We are different because of the grace of God. Therefore, let us decide to live only for the glory of God.