

The City of Man vs. the City of God

Genesis 4:17-26

Context: After Cain's murder of Abel and receiving God's punishment, Cain settled east of Eden and began a family.

Studying the Generations of Cain will challenge you to...

A. _____ the Advances of Civilization (vs. 17-22)

1. "Godless, Cainite civilization birthed massive cultural advances that have enriched all of life." Kent Hughes.
2. "The gifts and talents needed to advance culture come from the goodness of God, and we should welcome genuine progress as a cause for his praise." Richard Phillips.

B. _____ the fatal flaw of secular culture (vs. 23-24)

1. "Here we see the fatal flaw that in every generation of mankind strikes down the hope of secular culture. While man is able to change and manipulate his environment, he is not able to change himself!" Richard Phillips.
2. "Here is humanistic culture without God. It is egoism and pride centered in man; this culture has lost the concept not only of God, but of man as one who loves his brother." Francis A. Schaeffer, *Genesis in Space and Time*, in *Collected Works of Francis A. Schaeffer*, 5 vols. (Westchester, IL: Crossway, 1982), 2:82.

C. _____ upon the name of the Lord (vs. 25-26)

1. In saying that Seth's descendants "began to call upon the name of the LORD," we mark the beginning of public, gathered worship of believers in God and his promised salvation.
2. They were bearing testimony to the gospel hope of a Savior who would someday come and die to take away their sins, the hope that was fulfilled at the cross of Jesus Christ. Thus it is that the apostle Paul would take up the language of their worship in summoning us to faith in Jesus, saying, "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved" (Rom. 10:13).