



GOD'S PROMISE THROUGH PEOPLE

GENESIS 5:1-32



GENESIS: THE FOUNDATION FOR EVERYTHING

Moses uses this genealogy to reaffirm God's control and faithfulness in establishing His **special progression of people** from whom God will bring His Messiah.

The encouragement to us is in the truths that:

- God is faithful
- God is more powerful to save and sustain human souls than sin's power to sour and seduce human souls.

I. Reaffirm **God's Image** at Work in Mankind

God **provides**, **preserves**, and **blesses** life as men and women obey God's mandate to marry and multiply so that "***other sons and daughters***" were born. Life is what God **is** and **gives**.

II. Reaffirm **Sin** at Work in Mankind

*“And he **died**.”*

This links us with the theological themes of sin, death, and depravity from chapters 3-4.

Their physical deaths were in consequence of their fallen natures so that their dying points to the source of death: sin.

II. Reaffirm **Sin** at Work in Mankind

God's Word clarifies our sinful dilemma and God's cure for it.

- *“For **all have sinned** and fall short of the glory of God.” (Rom. 3:23)*
- *“For the wages of sin is **death**...”*
- *“...but the **gracious gift** of God is eternal **life in Christ Jesus** our Lord.”
(Rom. 6:23)*

II. Reaffirm **Sin** at Work in Mankind

Moses wrote this for the Israelites to reaffirm the issue of God's control over these people and events so that His promise to bring the Messiah from the woman's seed is guaranteed.

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- *“For those who are according to the flesh [unbelievers] **set their minds on the things of the flesh**, but those who are according to the Spirit [believers] **the things of the Spirit.**”*
- *“For the mind set on the flesh [on self and sinning] is **death**, but the mind set on the Spirit [Christ as Savior and Lord] is **life** and **peace**, because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God, for it does not subject [repent and submit] itself to the law of God, for **it is not even able to do so**, and those who are in the flesh **are not able to please God.**” (Rom. 8:5-8)*

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- *“However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, **if indeed** the Spirit of God **dwells in you**. But if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he does not belong to Him.”*
- *“But **if Christ is in you**, though the body is dead **because of sin**, yet the spirit is alive **because of righteousness**. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead **dwells in you**, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead **will also give life** to your mortal bodies through His Spirit **who dwells in you**.”*
(Rom. 8:9-11)

II. Reaffirm **Sin** at Work in Mankind

- *“...that through death He might **render powerless** him who had the power of death, that is, the devil.” (Heb. 2:14)*
- *“I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes in Me will live even if he dies, and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die—ever...” (John 11:25-26)*

III. Reaffirm **God's Blessings** at Work in Mankind

Enoch (Gen. 5:21-24)

- *“By faith Enoch was taken up **so that he would not see death**; and he was not found because God took him up; for prior to being taken up, he was approved **as being pleasing to God**.” (Heb. 11:5)*
- *“And without **faith** it is impossible to please Him [God], for he who draws near to God must **believe** that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.” (Heb. 11:6)*

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Enoch (Gen. 5:21-24)

- This is a way of emphasizing that Enoch's life was about **being with God** and **learning to please Him** in all aspects. Enoch treasured God; **God was his life** so that nothing in this life was more important to him.
- “Enoch is an example of someone who found that life in its fulness was associated with fellowship with God and pleasing God.”
- “‘God is the fountain of life and in His presence is fulness of joy’ (Ps. 36:9; 16:11). Enoch's translation to heaven was a reminder of God's gracious intention to undo the effects of the curse.” *(Philip Eveson)*

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Lamech (Gen. 5:18-31)

- Lamech looked to God and His promise to bring **rest** and **comfort** from the curse.

A person is silhouetted against a night sky filled with stars and the Milky Way galaxy. The person is standing on a small rock or mound of earth in the foreground. The sky is dark with a dense field of stars, and the Milky Way is visible as a bright, colorful band of light stretching across the sky. The text "GRACE CHURCH" and "WILLIAMSBURG" is overlaid on the sky in a white, serif font.

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