

4. Culture is not part of the curse.
(Genesis 4:17-22)

5. Death is part of the curse.
(Genesis 5:1-32)

Table Talk

- 1) Why do the brothers have different interests? Is it okay that they do? Why do you think God had regard for one offering and not the other? (vv. 1-6)
- 2) Is Cain's anger reasonable? Why or why not? How does verse 7 indicate that Cain knew that he was wrong? What happens when we allow sin to master us? How can we prevent that? (vv. 5-7)
- 3) Why does God question Cain? (vv. 6, 9-11) Why does Cain lie? In what ways do we lie after allowing sin to control us? What is Cain's punishment? (vv. 11-12) How is the punishment for all sin by all people "greater than I can bear"? (v. 13) What provision does God make for Cain? (vv. 15-16) How is that similar and different from the provision made for Cain's parents in 3:21-24? What are God's purposes in punishing sin? How does God show grace even to miserable Cain?
- 4) What evidences do we see of the early expression of culture in vv. 17-22? Is culture a gift from God or a curse of man? Why is it hard to examine our own culture clearly?
- 5) How many people are mentioned in Genesis 5? How many died? What is exceptional about Enoch? (5:21-24) What hope does Enoch present to a world of death? (see Hebrews 11:5; Jude 14)