

THE LORD'S FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Where Jesus Christ is truly Lord over all areas of our lives

FATHERS' PRAYER, PRAISE, and LESSONS FOR HIS FAMILY

Genesis Five: The Generations of the Faithful

SATURDAY, October 4

Prayer

Praise: Faith of Our Fathers

Memorize Thy Word: Romans 10:17: So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

Lesson: Cain's Line of Unbelief Versus Seth's Line of Faith

A. Genesis 1:28: God blessed them; and God said to them, Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth

1. God gave this command to Adam and Eve before they sinned. If Adam and Eve had not chosen to go their own way, by sinning against God, then all of their children would have been born sinless and lived forever with God. Sadly, sin always separates us from God, as we see when Lucifer was cast out of heaven, Adam and Eve were driven out of Eden, and Cain went out from the presence of the Lord to be a wanderer on the earth.

2. Because of Cain's unbelief, there is no mention of God in any of Cain's descendants, culminating in his descendant Lamech's total spiritual degradation, that Cain's descendants are only mentioned to the seventh generation, whereas Seth's descendants and lineage of faithfulness continue throughout all ages clear through to eternity.

B. Hebrews 11:4: By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

C. Genesis 4:25,26: And Adam had relations with his wife again; and she gave birth to a son, and named him Seth, for she said, God has appointed me another offspring in place of Abel; for Cain killed him. And to Seth, to him also a son was born; and he called his name Enosh. Then men began to call upon the name of the Lord.

D. What is faith? Hebrews 11:1-3: Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. For by it the men of old gained approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

E. How does one receive faith? Romans 10:17: So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

F. And without faith it is impossible to please God. Hebrews 11:6: And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

G. The consequences of unbelief:

1. Hebrews 3:7-15,19: Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tried Me by testing Me, and saw My works for forty years. Therefore I was angry with this generation, and said, They always go astray in their heart, and they did not know My ways; as I swore in My wrath, They shall not enter My rest. Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called Today, so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end; while it is said, Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me. so we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.

2. Hebrews 4:1-3,6: Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, As I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest. Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of

disobedience. **a.** We can only enter into God's rest-salvation, through faith, resting on His promises and completely surrendering to His will. As God rested on the seventh day, so we must cease from trying to work out our salvation and instead rely on Christ our redeemer. **b.** Hebrews 4:11-16: Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **c.** Let us be diligent then to study God's Word and accept it with complete faith that we may have the full assurance of hope until the end. **1.** Hebrews 5:12-14; 6:1,4-12: For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil. Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God. For in the case of those who have once been enlightened and have tasted of the heavenly gift and have been made partakers of the Holy Spirit, and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, and then have fallen away, it is impossible to renew them again to repentance, since they again crucify to themselves the Son of God, and put Him to open shame. For ground that drinks the rain which often falls on it and brings forth vegetation useful to those for whose sake it is also tilled, receives a blessing from God; but if it yields thorns and thistles, it is worthless and close to being cursed, and it ends up being burned. But, beloved, we are convinced of better things concerning you, and things that accompany salvation, though we are speaking in this way. For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints. And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. **2.** Colossians 3:16: Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another. 

SUNDAY, October 5  
Prayer  
Praise: Faith of Our Fathers  
Memorize Thy Word: Romans 10:17  
Lesson: The Ages of the Patriarchs  
Read Genesis 5.

**A.** Probably the most prominent feature of this chapter is the length of years these Patriarchs lived compared to our own lives today. To understand the reason for this stark difference, we must remember that the earth was created perfect in every way, as were our bodies, made to last forever. But when sin entered the world through Adam and Eve, not only did the earth start decaying, but God's children's bodies did as well. We must also remember that the catastrophic flood that God brought upon the earth because of the great wickedness among His people radically changed the earth and its environment. This in turn also changed the length of days man lived as we can clearly see by comparing the ages of those who lived before the flood with those who lived after the flood. Even more significantly important to

consider is that God made man in His image, just a little lower than God Himself, and commanded him to subdue the earth. So after sin entered the world and every form of wickedness, decreasing man's days, we decrease the amount of time his wickedness can wreak havoc on the earth. In Genesis 11:6 at the tower of Babel, God confirms this point by saying, "now nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them."

YEARS LIVED BEFORE THE FLOOD  
 Adam 930  
 Seth 912  
 Enosh 905  
 Kenan 910  
 Mahalalel 895  
 Jared 962  
 Enoch 365  
 Methuselah 969  
 Lamech 777  
 Noah 950

Please note that Enoch did not die but was taken by God and that Noah lived 600 of his years before the flood.

YEARS LIVED AFTER THE FLOOD  
 Shem 600  
 Arpachshad 438  
 Shelah 433  
 Eber 464  
 Peleg 239  
 Reu 239  
 Serug 230  
 Nahor 148  
 Terah 205  
 Abraham 175

Please note that at the time of Peleg another worldwide catastrophic event took place when the continents were divided, which would account for another decrease in lifespan.

B. From the timeline that Jon showed us at church based on Genesis 5 and Genesis 11, we could see that there are absolutely no gaps in the lineage from Adam to Noah, and from Shem to Abraham. God in His great wisdom clearly shows us in His Word that there are no gaps in His timeline. As Christians, we must stand firm on God's Word and His timetable. It is so clear!

C. Isn't it amazing to realize that both Noah's grandfather and father walked with Adam? They, included in eight successive generations of Adam, actually heard directly from Adam himself the eyewitness account of walking and talking with God in the garden before he was driven out because of his sin, and the assurance of hope that God promised His children if they would but believe in His provision for salvation. Can you imagine the impact of this upon these men, and how they faithfully passed this on to their son and grandson, Noah. And Noah actually had the privilege of gleaning from his grandfather's wisdom for 600 years.

1. This really helps us understand Job 8:9: "For we are only of yesterday and know nothing, because our days on earth are as a shadow."

2. People before Job's day obviously had far greater knowledge because they lived so much longer and could glean from those around them who had hopefully learned much from their ancestors. Yet knowledge is far different from wisdom. For we must be very careful to remember that although the earth was very populated at the time of Noah, God was getting ready to destroy the earth because of the great wickedness of the people who covered it. So obviously, just because man lives long does not necessarily mean that he will become wise. Job's friends try to convince Job that he must learn from past generations.

3. Job 8:8,10: "Please inquire of past generations, and consider the things searched out by their fathers. Will they not teach you and tell you, and bring forth words from their minds?"

4. Yet Job rebukes them that only God has wisdom and understanding. Job 12:12,13: "Wisdom is with aged men, with long life is understanding." (This statement was really a question because of his next statement that contradicts this thought.) "With Him are wisdom and might; to Him belong counsel and understanding."

5. This is further clarified by Abraham's descendant, Elihu, who after witnessing the foolishness of Job's older friends, states that wisdom comes from God and that man is not necessarily wise because of his age, but because of the Spirit of God that is within him. Job 32:6-9: "So Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite spoke out and said, 'I am young in years and you are old; therefore I was shy and afraid to tell you what I think. I thought age should speak, and increased years should teach wisdom. But it is a spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty gives them understanding. The abundant in years may not be wise, nor may elders understand justice.'"

6. This is certainly evident in Cain's lineage described in

Genesis 4:16-24 where Cain and his descendants built a city, played musical instruments, raised livestock, and forged implements of bronze and iron. However, their line of descendants is only mentioned to the seventh generation, whereas God's lineage from Seth continues on into eternity.

7. Matthew 16:26: For what will a man be profited, if he gains the whole world, and forfeits his soul?

8. Yet let us ever be mindful of the importance of passing on God's wisdom to our children and our children's children. For even though Job, having no written record of God's Word because he lived before Moses, knew of Christ as his Redeemer. How? Because God's Word had been faithfully passed on to him. Job 19:25,26: And as for me, I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last He will take His stand on the earth. Even after my skin is destroyed, yet from my flesh I shall see God.

9. Children learn to listen to their heavenly Father whom they cannot see, and walk by faith, by learning to listen to their earthly father whom they can see tell them the Word of God over and over again.

10. Seth became the beginning of the line of faith through listening to the truths of God from his father Adam. Just think, Adam was even able to tell his great, great, great, great, great, great grandchildren about God. Isn't that amazing!

11. From Jon's timeline we can also see that Abraham's father knew Noah and Shem knew Abraham. Isn't that amazing!

12. This great line of faith was passed on from sons to sons, not through the written word such as we have, but by word of mouth. Each father faithfully preserved the line of faith by passing on their posterity to each son to teach to his sons and daughters. This is the importance of family and staying together. Adam raised a nation, passing on his inheritance to his children, to their children, to their children, to their children and on down throughout the ages.

13. Psalm 103:15-18: As for man, his days are like grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourishes. When the wind has passed over it, it is no more; and its place acknowledges it no longer. But the lovingkindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant, and who remember His precepts to do them.

MONDAY, October 6

Prayer

Praise: Faith of Our Fathers

Memorize Thy Word: Romans 10:17

Lesson: God Always Preserves a Remnant

Read Genesis 5:1-5: This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day when God created man, He made him in the likeness of God. He created them male and female, and He blessed them and named them man in the day when they were created. When Adam had lived one hundred and thirty years, he became the father of a son in his own likeness, according to his image, and named him Seth. Then the days of Adam after he became the father of Seth were eight hundred years, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.

A. This is the line of faith from the creation to the flood. From this we can gather that God always preserves a remnant of believers, for no doubt there were a great many people upon the earth at this time, with the first man Adam still upon the earth to relate an eyewitness account of all that had occurred since the beginning of time, yet there were only a few who obeyed and worshipped God. Does that not seem incredible? Yet not so, when we study God's Word and His Story, for throughout all the ages, there have been but a few who were truly His.

1. Matthew 7:13,14: Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it.

B. Adam was created in the image of God before his sin, and like this image, so Seth was created in that image for the church or Bride of Christ. Now remember, all are born into sin because of Adam, so too, Seth was born a sinner, yet to preserve a people unto Himself, Seth, by the grace of

God, was filled with His Spirit, as a posterity for Him.<br />◆C. Genesis 5:5: ◆◆and he died,◆ also repeated in verses 8,11,14,17,20, and 27, confirms God◆s Word in Genesis 2:16,17: ◆◆And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ◆◆From any tree of the garden you may eat freely; but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you shall surely die.◆◆ </p><p>TUESDAY, October 7<br />Prayer<br />Praise: Faith of Our Fathers<br />Memorize Thy Word: Romans 10:17<br />Lesson: Victory over Death</p><p>◆◆Read Genesis 5:6-24: ◆◆And Seth lived one hundred and five years, and became the father of Enosh. Then Seth lived eight hundred and seven years after he became the father of Enosh, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days of Seth were nine hundred and twelve years, and he died. And Enosh lived ninety years, and became the father of Kenan. Then Enosh lived eight hundred and fifteen years after he became the father of Kenan, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years, and he died. And Kenan lived seventy years, and became the father of Mahalalel. Then Kenan lived eight hundred and forty years after he became the father of Mahalalel, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days of Kenan were nine hundred and ten years, and he died. And Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Jared. Then Mahalalel lived eight hundred and thirty years after he became the father of Jared, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred and ninety-five years, and he died. And Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch. Then Jared lived eight hundred years after he became the father of Enoch, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years, and he died. And Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.◆◆<br />◆◆1. Amos 3:3: ◆◆Do two men walk together unless they be agreed?◆◆<br />◆◆2. Hebrews 11:5: ◆◆By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death; and he was not found because God took him up; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God.◆◆<br />◆◆3. Jude 14,15: ◆◆And about these also Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, ◆◆Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.◆◆<br />◆◆4. Malachi 2:5-7: ◆◆My covenant with him was one of life and peace, and I gave them to him as an object of reverence; so he revered Me, and stood in awe of My name. True instruction was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found on his lips; he walked with Me in peace and uprightness, and he turned many back from iniquity. For the lips of a priest should preserve knowledge, and men should seek instruction from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts.◆◆<br />◆◆5. 1 Corinthians 15:51-58: ◆◆Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, ◆◆Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?◆◆ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,

knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord. ♦<br />♦6. 1 Thessalonians 4:15-18: ♦For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, and remain until the coming of the Lord, shall not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words. ♦<br />♦7. 1 Thessalonians 5:9,10: ♦For God has not destined us for wrath, but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with Him. ♦<br />♦8. Reconciliation with our heavenly Father assures us of victory over death.

</p><p>WEDNESDAY, October 8<br />Prayer<br />Praise: Faith of Our Fathers<br />Memorize Thy Word: Romans 10:17<br />Lesson: Let Us Enter into His Rest</p><p>♦Read Genesis 5:25-32: ♦And Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and became the father of Lamech. Then Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years after he became the father of Lamech, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years, and he died. And Lamech lived one hundred and eighty-two years, and became the father of a son. Now he called his name Noah, saying, ♦This one shall give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands arising from the ground which the Lord has cursed. ♦ Then Lamech lived five hundred and ninety-five years after he became the father of Noah, and he had other sons and daughters. So all the days of Lamech were seven hundred and seventy-seven years, and he died. And Noah was five hundred years old, and Noah became the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth. ♦<br />♦A. God would continue to preserve a remnant, even during the catastrophic flood, until Christ shall come and give all His people victory over the curse brought on by sin, so that we shall enter into His rest as previously stated in the following verses. <br />♦♦1. Hebrews 3:7-15,19: ♦Therefore, just as the Holy Spirit says, ♦Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as when they provoked Me, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tried Me by testing Me, and saw My works for forty years. Therefore I was angry with this generation, and said, ♦They always go astray in their heart, and they did not know My ways♦; as I swore in My wrath, ♦They shall not enter My rest.♦♦ Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart, that falls away from the living God. But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called ♦Today,♦ so that none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end; while it is said, ♦Today if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me♦♦. so we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief. ♦<br />♦♦2. Hebrews 4:1-3,6: ♦Therefore, let us fear if, while a promise remains of entering His rest, any one of you may seem to have come short of it. For indeed we have had good news preached to us, just as they also; but the word they heard did not profit them, because it was not united by faith in those who heard. For we who have believed enter that rest, just as He has said, ♦As I swore in My wrath, they shall not enter My rest,♦♦ Therefore, since it remains for some to enter it, and those who formerly had good news preached to them failed to enter because of disobedience. ♦<br />♦♦3. Hebrews 4:11-16: ♦Therefore let us be diligent to enter that rest, so that no one will fall, through following the same example of disobedience. For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And there is no creature

hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do. Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

THURSDAY, October 9  
Prayer  
Praise: Faith of Our Fathers  
Memorize Thy Word: Romans 10:17  
Lesson: Hearing God's Voice

Romans 10:17: So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

1. Matthew 15:10: And He called to Himself the multitude, and said to them, Hear, and understand.

2. Matthew 17:5: While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them; and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son, with whom I am well-pleased; hear Him!

3. John 5:24: Truly, truly, I say to you, he who hears My word, and believes Him who sent Me, has eternal life, and does not come into judgment, but has passed out of death into life.

4. John 12:47-50: And if anyone hears My sayings, and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world. He who rejects Me, and does not receive My sayings, has one who judges him; the word I spoke is what will judge him at the last day. For I did not speak on My own initiative, but the Father Himself who sent Me has given Me commandment, what to say, and what to speak. And I know that His commandment is eternal life.

5. Revelations 3:20: Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will dine with him, and he with Me.