

## The Fall: Reading Obituaries

Sunday, February 2, 2020 --- Genesis 5:1 – 6:8

*At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord. - Genesis 4:26*

*The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth... and the Lord regretted that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him to His heart. - Genesis 6:5 – 6*

*Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. - Luke 17:26*

*Reading Genesis 5 is like reading the obituaries or walking through a cemetery. It traces the human race from Adam to Noah. The moral degeneration of humanity culminates in Ch. 6 and God has to judge them. But in this account of holy history we see God faithfully preserve the seed of redemption.*

1. The Generations of Adam through Cain (Gen. 4:17 – 24)
  
2. The Generations of Adam through Seth (Gen. 4:25 – 5:32)
  
3. The Degeneration of Humanity through Sin (Gen. 6:1 – 8)

### Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

- i. How do the descendants of Cain differ from those of Seth, especially in the 7<sup>th</sup> firstborn from Adam? (Lamech – 4:19 and Enoch – 5:24) What is a lesson we take from this?
- ii. We see that after the flood people did not live as long as before. Why do you think the Lord chose to limit human life-span to 120 years? (cf. Gen. 6:3)
- iii. How do you interpret Gen. 6:1 – 4? Of the three interpretations given in the sermon, which one seems most plausible? Regardless of the meaning, what is the lesson to take home?
- iv. The Bible teaches us about signs that will accompany the 'last days' (Mt. 24:1ff; 2 Tim. 3:1 – 5; 2 Pet. 3:3 – 4; Jude 1:18 – 19; Heb. 1:2). How is our generation similar to Noah's?
- v. Good and evil do co-exist in every generation. In light of our study, how should we be living? What areas of righteous living have become compromised in the church?