

LESSONS FROM THE FIRST FAMILY

Introduction

- 1) The divine record of the first family is found in **Genesis 1-4: Adam, Eve, Cain, Abel, Seth**
- 2) This passage of Scripture is written as a literal historical account – real people and real events in real time (Gen. 5:1-5)
- 3) The New Testament is an inspired commentary to teach us lessons about the first family

I) ADAM

A) *Beginning of humanity*

- 1) The “first man” – made of dust [“earthy”] (1 Cor. 15:45-49)
 - a) Belief in this truth is the basis for belief in our future spiritual change
- 2) Created at “the beginning of the creation” (Mk. 10:6)
 - a) Contradicts human theories about a pre-Adamic race or long geological ages before man
 - b) Adam and Eve created on the sixth day of creation – literal days (Ex. 20:11)
- 3) Beginning of role relationship of man and woman
 - a) Man (Adam) created first; woman (Eve) created from and for man (1 Cor. 11:3, 7-9; 1 Tim. 2:11-13); roles to be applied in the church and home (1 Cor. 14:34; Eph. 5:22-23)

B) *Marriage to first woman*

- 1) Joined to wife to become “one flesh” (Mk. 10:7-8)
 - a) Union of man and woman for life (vv. 8-9; Matt. 19:7-8)
 - b) Unlawful divorce and remarriage results in adultery (vv. 10-12; sin – 1 Cor. 6:9)

C) *Beginning of sin and death*

- 1) Spiritual death spread to all who sinned after Adam introduced sin (Rom. 5:12-14)
 - a) Remedy for spiritual death provided through Jesus (Rom. 5:15-19; 6:3-4)
- 2) Physical death came by Adam; resurrection will come through Jesus (1 Cor. 15:20-22)

II) EVE

A) *Deceived*

- 1) Eve was deceived by the craftiness of the serpent (2 Cor. 11:3)
 - a) We must be careful to not fall prey to the deception of evil (vv. 1-2, 4)
- 2) Part of the reason for the submissive role of the woman (1 Tim. 2:14)

B) *Childbearing*

- 1) Mother of all living [“Eve” – life, living] (Gen. 3:20)
- 2) Unique and glorious role of the woman when combined with godliness (1 Tim. 2:15)
 - a) Consider that through woman and childbearing the promised Seed (Christ) would come bringing salvation (Gen. 3:15; Gal. 3:16; 4:4)

III) CAIN

- ### A) *Example of evil* – murdered his brother because “his works were evil” (1 Jn. 3:11-12) - 1) If we hate our brother, we are a murderer like Cain (v. 15; Jude 11)

IV) ABEL

- ### A) *Example of faith* – “by faith” he offered to God a “more excellent sacrifice” (Heb. 11:4) - 1) Without faith we cannot please God (v. 6); comes by hearing Word of God (Rom. 10:17)

V) SETH

- ### A) *Lineage of our Savior* – son through whom Jesus came in the flesh (Lk. 3:38) - 1) We see God’s eternal plan working from the beginning (Eph. 3:11; 1 Pet. 1:20)

Conclusion

The New Testament helps us understand the lessons from the first family of man. These are fundamental truths that continue to be true today. Are you a part of God’s spiritual family now?