

Prosperity Without Blessing

Genesis 4:13-26

Introduction

A. Cain's Appeal (13-16)

1. Perceived punishments (13-14)

a. Loss of vocation

b. Loss of God's presence

c. Loss of a home (wanderer)

d. Loss of safety

2. God's redemptive purpose and plan (15-16)

B. Prosperity Without Blessing (17-24)

1. Cain: seeking the blessing of security apart from obedience to God (17-18)

2. Lamech: seeking the blessings of marriage
apart from God's design for marriage (19)

3. Jabel: seeking the blessing of ruling over the animals
apart from the Sovereign Ruler (20)

4. Jubal: seeking creativity
apart from the Creator (21)

5. Tubal-cain: seeking to subdue the earth
apart from stewardship for the Creator (22)

6. Lamech: seeking worth through the power of sin
apart from God's mercy (23-24)

C. Grace and Hope (25-26)

Conclusion