



Genesis 4:1-5 – The Two Cities Part 1

Observe:

- 1) The Bible holds for us the account of **redemptive** history.
- 2) Man's history in this light takes one of two **directions**.
- 3) These directions form two cultures – **Godly** and **ungodly**.

The City of **Man**

- Humanistic mankind down through the ages.
- Seeks self and separation from God.
- Rests on their self-righteousness as their final hope.
- Hostile to both God and His City.

The City of **God**

- The elect down through the ages.
- Seeks "first His kingdom and His righteousness."
- Rests on the shed blood and imputed righteousness of Christ.
- Called to be a witness and live "in" but not "of" the City of Man.

The Formation of the Two Cities (Genesis Chapter 4)

- 1) Two Male Children:
 - a. Cain – means "**possession**" or "gotten"
 - b. Abel – mean "**vanity**" or something unsatisfactory
- 2) Two Childhoods:
 - a. Cain – Eve viewed him as either the **Messiah** or of his lineage.
 - b. Abel – A child of less **importance**
- 3) Two Professions:
 - a. Cain – followed his father in working the **ground** – for food
 - b. Abel – a keeper of sheep – for **clothing & sacrifice**
- 4) Two Sacrifices:
 - a. Cain – his own **self-righteousness** – refusal to bow to God
 - b. Abel – the shed **blood** of the lamb – humble submission to God
- 5) Two Paths & Gates:
 - a. Cain – **Broad** way and gate – "the way of Cain" is to belong to the evil one. (Jude 1:11, 1 John 3:12) – he became a restless wanderer.
 - b. Abel – **Narrow** way and gate – "commended as righteous" because of his faith – became a prophet who "still speaks" (Heb. 11:4)

"Prior to the fall, Adam in coming to God only had to bow once – as a creature before the Creator. But now, after the fall of Adam, we must bow twice – as a creature before the Creator and as a sinner coming to a holy God through Jesus' work."
Francis Schaeffer in "Genesis in Space and Time"

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Hymn of the City of God:

Nothing in my hands I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling.

Hymn of the City of Man:

Something in my hands I bring;
To my goodness I do cling.

(Arthur W. Pink)

38 Q What shall be done to the wicked at their death?

A The souls of the wicked shall at their death be cast into the torments of hell (Lu 16:22-24), and their bodies lie in their graves till the resurrection and judgment of the great day (Ps 49:14).

A Puritan Catechism with Proofs, C.H. Spurgeon 1855