GENESIS – LESSON THREE

I. THE GENERATIONS UP TO THE FLOOD (4:1-5:32)

A. Cain and Abel born to union of Adam and Eve – Offerings and Fratricide (4:1-8).
   1. Cain – Name: "gotten a man with Jehovah"
      a. Tiller of ground
      b. Does not bring acceptable offering to Jehovah
   2. Abel - Heb.11:4
      a. Keeper of sheep
      b. Offers pleasing offering of firstlings of flock with fat to Jehovah
   3. Cain refuses penetrating reasoning of Jehovah and kills Abel – I Jn. 3:12

B. The Way of Cain – Consequences of His Sin (4:9-16).
   1. Cursed from the ground – made a wanderer
   2. A sign appointed for Cain – vengeance taken seven-fold on any one killing Cain.
   3. Dwells in land of "Nod" (Wandering) – East of Eden.

C. Descendants of Cain (4:16-24)
   1. Enoch – Cain builds city named after Enoch
   2. Irad
   3. Mehujael
   4. Methushael
   5. Lamech: two wives: Adah and Zilah
      a. Jabel of Adah – dwellers in tents and had cattle
      b. Jubal of Adah – handle the harp and pipe
      c. Tubal-cain of Zilah – forger of cutting instruments of brass and iron.

D. Seth born to union of Adam and Eve (4:25-26).
   1. Seth appointed another seed in the stead of Abel.
   2. Enosh born to Seth – men begin to call upon the name of Jehovah.

E. Genealogy of ten Patriarchs from Adam to Noah (5:1-32).
   1. Adam – lived 930 years and died.
   2. Seth – lived 912 years and died.
   3. Enosh – lived 905 years and died.
   4. Kenan – lived 910 years and died.
   5. Mahalalel – lived 895 years and died.
   6. Jared – lived 962 years and died
   7. Enoch – lived 365 years and did not die – taken by God alive- Jude 14-15

8. Methuselah – lived 969 years and died.
9. Lamech – lived 777 years and died.
10. Noah – at age of 500 had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

QUESTIONS:

1. Why is the understanding of the meaning of *"knew"* in Gen. 4:1,17,25 important in the modern debate among religious people over homosexuality?

2. Why did God *have respect* for Abel's offering?
   Why did God *not have respect* for Cain's offering?

3. What does God's penetrating questions to Cain teach us about our personal responsibility regarding sin and happiness?

4. Why did Cain kill his brother?

5. Describe Cain's attitude behind his words, *"Am I my brother's keeper?"*

6. What was the consequence to Cain for his sin of murdering his brother?

7. Was there a *"mark"* placed on Cain to keep him from being killed?

8. What is the origin for Cain's wife?

9. How do Cain and his descendants manifest that there was not a long period of time called the "Stone Age"?

10. What kind of person was Lamech, the descendant from Cain?

11. Explain what men begin to do at the time of Enosh?

12. Is the doctrine of "inheriting the original sin" proven by the distinction of man being created in the likeness of God beginning with Adam (Gen. 5:1) and then his offspring being created in Adam's own likeness (Gen. 5:3)?

13. What *three facts* do you learn by reading the genealogical record of Adam and Seth?

14. What kind of person was Enoch?
What happened to him?

15. Who probably died in the flood:
(a). Jared?
(b). Methuselah?
(c). Lamech?

16. Why did Lamech name his son, "Noah"?

17. What is important about the *"book of the generations of Adam"* revealed in Genesis 5?