

IN THE BEGINNING

Part Thirty-Seven: The Beginning of the Righteous Remnant

Text: Gen. 4:25-5:32

THE PATRIARCHS OF THE RIGHTEOUS REMNANT

- Six characteristics in the Biblical portrait of these spiritually _____ fathers:
 1. **They were far from _____ men (5:2-3).**
 - Adam begot Seth “in his own likeness and after his image”; this image had been marred by _____.
 - Seth and his righteous offspring were born sinners, like all of us, and they all _____ (except Enoch).
 - Application: There is no _____ dad or leader. Don't look to your sufficiency or inadequacy but to the sufficiency of God to make you the godly man and leader your family needs.
 2. **They _____ upon the name of the Lord (4:26).**
 - “Call upon the name of the Lord”:
 - To invoke God's name in _____;
 - To call upon Him in _____;
 - To _____ His name in your life and testimony.
 - Calling upon the name of the Lord is the fruit of saving _____ in the heart (Rom. 10:13).
 - Application 1 (children): It's not enough to ride on the coattails of your parents' godliness; you must _____ God for yourself.
 - Application 2 (parents): Is it clear to your children that your family calls upon the name of Lord?
 3. **They lived _____ as strangers and pilgrims on the earth.**
 - Seth = “_____ one”
 - Enos = “mortal man; mortal _____”
 - Mahalaleel = “_____ to God”
 - Jared = “descent”
 - Enoch = “_____”
 - Methuselah = “when he _____, it shall be sent” (a prophecy of the Flood)
 - Noah = “_____, comfort”
 4. **They looked forward by faith to the coming of the Redeemer.**
 - Two of these men also spoke _____ of the coming of Christ:

- _____ (Jude 1:14-15)
- _____ (Gen. 5:29, Acts 3:21)

5. **They were _____ of righteousness (2 Pet. 2:5).**
 - They preached to others in their generation, but first and foremost to their own _____ (like Noah).
 - They preached by their righteous _____, by separating from the worldliness and wickedness of their day.
 - They preached by their righteous _____, warning of judgment to come.
 - Application: Dad, do you speak to family with a prophetic voice? If you do nothing else in life but take your own kids to _____ with you, you will be a success.
6. **They _____ with God (5:24, 6:9).**
 - Primary examples = _____ (5:24) and Noah (6:9).
 - They probably spent time talking with God face to face (like Abraham and Moses).
 - Their _____ centered on a personal, intimate connection with God.
 - Walking with God = “a life lived in God's _____, to enjoy His company, talk with Him, learn about Him, learn from Him, and grow to love Him.”

APPLICATIONS

- Two right responses:
 1. **We should emulate the characteristics of these patriarchs to ensure the continuation of the righteous _____ in our children and grandchildren.**
 - The days in which we are living (the Last Days) are much like the days of _____ and the patriarchs before the Flood (Lk. 17:26).
 - If we want our children to be spiritual survivors in a world that is becoming more wicked and ripe for judgment all the time, we will need to do what they did.
 2. **We should make it a priority to _____ with God in this ungodly age.**
 - Vs. 24, “and he was not, for God took him (took him away)” = God translated Enoch to heaven (Heb. 11:5), a picture of the _____.