

Message Four

Enosh – The Landmark of One who Called upon the Name of Jehovah

Scripture reading: Gen. 4:26; Exo. 3:13-14; Acts. 2:21; Rom. 10:12-13.

I. The second fall of man began with a self-made religion and was completed by an act of murder—Gen. 4:3, 5, 8.

- A. It was instigated by the subtle one who had gained Cain and worked within him—1John 3:12; John 8:44.
- B. Man was presumptuous to forsake God's way of salvation and served God according to his concept, his opinion, and invented a religion.
- C. Man became angry when he learned that God did not look upon his offering and slew his brother Abel.
- D. As the result of the second fall of man;
 - 1. God pronounced a greater curse—Gen. 4:11-12.
 - 2. Man became a wanderer—v. 12.
 - 3. Man was cast out from the presence of God—v. 16.
 - 4. And Man produced a culture without God—vv. 16-24.
- E. The way to escape from the second fall of man is;
 - 1. Not be presumptuous according to one's own concept but living for God and worshipping Him according to His way.
 - 2. Realizing the vanity, from Abel, and fragility, from Enosh, of human life.
 - 3. Calling on the name of Jehovah, the "I Am."

II. In human history Enosh was the landmark of one who called upon the name of Jehovah—Gen. 4:26.

- A. Enosh was a frail believer who called upon the name of Jehovah to enjoy Him as his portion—Rom. 10:12; Eph. 3:8.
 - 1. Enosh realized that he is weak, frail, and mortal, so he had no trust in himself.
 - 2. If we realize both vanity of human life and the frailty of man, we will have no trust in ourselves—Eccl. 1:2; 2:17; 2Cor. 1:9; Phil. 3:3.
- B. Because men realized that their life was vanity and that they were frail and mortal, they spontaneously began to call upon the name of Jehovah, the eternal One.
 - 1. Although they were vain and weak, by calling on the name of the Lord, they were made rich and strong, for they entered into the riches and strength of the One on whom they called.
 - 2. Jehovah means the name of intimacy, the name for God coming into an

intimate relationship with man—Gen. 2:4; Exo. 3:13-14.

- a. The name Jehovah means “I am who I am,” that is, the self-existing and ever-existing One, the One who now is and who forever is.
- b. As the self-existing and ever-existing One, God is everything; whatever we need, He is—John 8:58, 6:48; 8:12; 11:25; 14:6; 15:1a.

C. The history of calling on the Lord’s name continues throughout the Bible.

1. In the Old Testament, starting from Enosh, Job (Job 12:4), Abraham (Gen. 12:8), Isaac (Gen. 26:25), Moses (Deut. 4:7), Jabez (1 Chron. 4:10), Samson (Judg. 16:28), Samuel (1 Sam. 12:10), David (2 Sam. 22:4), Jonah (Jonah 1:6), Elijah (1 Kings 18:24), Elisha (2 Kings 5:11), Jeremiah (Lam. 3:55), and many others called on the name of Jehovah.
2. Old Testament prophets prophesied that people would call on His name—Joel 2:32; Zeph. 3:9; Zech. 13:9.
 - a. Joel prophesied that receiving the outpouring of the Holy Spirit requires our calling on the name of the Lord.
 - b. Joel’s prophesy was fulfilled in the Day of Pentecost—Acts 2:21.
3. All the New Testament believers practiced the matter of calling on the Lord—Acts 7:59; 9:14; 22:16; 1 Cor. 1:2; 2 Tim. 2:22; Rev. 22:20.

D. In the New Testament age, to call upon the name of the Lord is to call upon Lord Jesus—Acts 2:21, 36; Rom. 10:13; Phil. 2:9-11.

1. The name of Jesus means “Jehovah my Savior” or “Jehovah my salvation.”
2. God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ, highly exalted and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name—Acts 2:36; Phil. 2:9.

E. The proper Christian life is a life of receiving the Spirit continually by exercising our spirit to call upon the name of the Lord—Gal. 3:2, 5; John 20:22; Rom. 10:12-13; John 14:26.

1. When we breathe in the Spirit by calling upon the name of the Lord, we both exhale and inhale; we breathe out the negative things and breathe in the positive things of the Lord—Lam. 3:55-56.
2. The way to live Christ is to breathe Him, and the way to breathe Him is to call upon Him without ceasing—Phil. 1:19-21a; Rom. 10:12-13; 1Thes. 5:17.

F. We must practice and build up a habit of calling on the name of the Lord, in our daily living, practical matters, prayer, Bible reading, thanksgiving, praising, meetings, gospel preaching, individually and corporately, so that calling on the Lord may become our living—Psa. 88:9; 116:2; Isa. 64:7; cf. Rev. 3:12.

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Reference Scripture Verses:

Gen. 4:26 And to Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time men began to call upon the name of Jehovah.

Exo. 3:13-14. **13** Then Moses said to God, If I come to the children of Israel and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, What is His name? what shall I say to them? **14** And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you

Acts 2:21 And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Rom. 10:12-13. **12** For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is *Lord* of all *and* rich to all who call upon Him; **13** For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

I.

Gen. 4:3 And in the course of time Cain brought an offering to Jehovah from the fruit of the ground.

Gen. 4:5 But for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. And Cain became very angry, and his countenance fell.

Gen. 4:8 And Cain said to Abel his brother, Let us go into the field. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel his brother and slew him.

1John 3:12 Not as Cain was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his works were evil, and his brother's, righteous.

John 8:44 You are of *your* father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks the lie, he speaks *it* out of his own *possessions*; for he is a liar and the father of it.

Gen. 4:11-24. **11** And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. **12** When you till the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you. You will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth. **13** And Cain said to Jehovah, My punishment is greater than I can bear. **14** Now You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground, and from Your face I will be hidden; and I will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me. **15** And Jehovah said to him, Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold. And Jehovah put a mark on Cain, so that anyone who found him would not strike him. **16** And Cain went forth from the presence of Jehovah and dwelt in the land of Nod, east of Eden. **17** And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city and called the name of the city after the name of his son Enoch. **18** And Irad was born to Enoch, and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech. **19** And Lamech took two wives for himself: The name of the first was Adah, and the name of the second Zillah. **20** And Adah gave birth to Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and raise cattle. **21** And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. **22** And Zillah also gave birth to

Tubal-cain, the forger of every cutting instrument of bronze and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah.
23 And Lamech said to his wives, Adah and Zillah, listen to my voice; O wives of Lamech, hearken to my speech; For I have slain a man for wounding me, Even a young man for striking me. **24** If Cain is avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.

II.

Gen. 4:26 And to Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time men began to call upon the name of Jehovah.

II.A.

Rom. 10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord *is Lord* of all *and* rich to all who call upon Him;

Eph. 3:8 To me, less than the least of all saints, was this grace given to announce to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ as the gospel

Ecc. 1:2 Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; Vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

Ecc. 2:17 So I hated life, for the work that is done under the sun was grievous to me, because everything is vanity and a chasing after wind.

2Cor. 1:9 Indeed we ourselves had the response of death in ourselves, that we should not base our confidence on ourselves but on God, who raises the dead;

Phil. 3:3 For we are the circumcision, the ones who serve by the Spirit of God and boast in Christ Jesus and have no confidence in the flesh,

II.B.

Gen. 2:4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created. When Jehovah God made earth and heaven,

Exo. 3:13-14. **13** Then Moses said to God, If I come to the children of Israel and say to them, The God of your fathers has sent me to you, and they say to me, What is His name? what shall I say to them? **14** And God said to Moses, I AM WHO I AM. And He said, Thus you shall say to the children of Israel, I AM has sent me to you

John 8:58 Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.

John 6:48 I am the bread of life.

John 8:12 Again therefore Jesus spoke to them, saying, I am the light of the world; he who follows Me shall by no means walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

John 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the way and the reality and the life; no one comes to the Father except through Me.

John 15:1 I am the true vine, and My Father is the husbandman.

II.C.

Job 12:4 I have become a laughingstock to my friends, I, who have called out to God and He answers me. The righteous man, the perfect man, is a laughingstock.

Gen. 12:8 And he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to Jehovah and called upon the name of Jehovah.

Gen. 26:25 And he built an altar there and called upon the name of Jehovah and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.

Deut. 4:7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as Jehovah our God is whenever we call upon Him?

1Chron. 4:10 And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, Oh that You would richly bless me and enlarge my border, and that Your hand would be with me, and that You would so keep me from evil that it would not grieve me! And God caused what he had requested to come to pass.

Judg. 16:28 And Samson called on Jehovah and said, O Lord Jehovah, remember me, I pray; and strengthen me, I pray, this one time only, O God, that I may be avenged of the Philistines at once for my two eyes.

1Sam. 12:10 Then they cried out to Jehovah and said, We have sinned, for we have forsaken Jehovah and have served the Baals and the Ashtaroth; but deliver us now from the hand of our enemies, and we will serve You.

2Sam. 22:4 I called upon Jehovah, who is worthy of praise, And from my enemies I was saved.

Jonah 1:6 So the ship captain approached him and said to him, How can you be fast asleep? Arise, call on your God. Perhaps God will give thought to us, and we will not perish.

1Kings 18:24 Then call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of Jehovah; and the God who answers by fire, He will be God. And all the people answered and said, The word seems good.

2Kings 5:11 But Naaman became furious and went away and said, I thought, He will surely come out to me and stand and call on the name of Jehovah his God, and wave his hand over the place and cure the leper.

Lam. 3:55 I called upon Your name, O Jehovah, From the lowest pit.

Joel 2:32 And everyone who calls on the name of Jehovah shall be saved; For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem will be an escape, As Jehovah has said, Even for the remnant Whom Jehovah calls.

Zeph. 3:9 For then I will change the language of the peoples Into a pure language That they may all call upon the name of Jehovah, To serve Him with one accord.

Zech. 13:9 And I will bring the third part through fire And refine them as silver is refined And try them as gold is tried. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, They are My people, And they will say, Jehovah is my God.

Acts 2:21 And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 7:59 And they stoned Stephen as he called upon *the Lord* and said, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit!

Acts 9:14 And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon Your name.

Acts 22:16 And now, why do you delay? Rise up and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name.

1Cor. 1:2 To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, the called saints, with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, *who is* theirs and ours:

2Tim. 2:22 But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Rev. 22:20 He who testifies these things says, Yes, I come quickly. Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

II.D.

Acts 2:21 And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified.

Rom. 10:13 For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Phil. 2:9-11. 9 Therefore also God highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name,
10 That in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 And every tongue should openly confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father.

II.E.

Gal. 3:2 This only I wish to learn from you, Did you receive the Spirit out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?

Gal. 3:5 He therefore who bountifully supplies to you the Spirit and does works of power among you, *does He do it* out of the works of law or out of the hearing of faith?

John 20:22 And when He had said this, He breathed into *them* and said to them, Receive the Holy Spirit.

Rom. 10:12-13. 12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord *is Lord* of all *and* rich to all who call upon Him; **13** For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

John 14:26 But the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things and remind you of all the things which I have said to you.

Lam. 3:55-56. 55 I called upon Your name, O Jehovah, From the lowest pit. **56** You have heard my voice; do not hide Your ear at my breathing, at my cry.

Phil. 1:19-21. 19 For I know that for me this will turn out to salvation through your petition and *the* bountiful supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, **20** According to my earnest expectation and hope that in nothing I will be put to shame, but with all boldness, as always, even now Christ will be magnified in my body, whether through life or through death. **21** For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain.

1Thes. 5:17 Unceasingly pray,

Psa. 88:9 My eye wastes away at the affliction; I have called out to You, O Jehovah, every day; I have spread out my hands to You.

Psa. 116:2 Because He inclines His ear to me; Therefore I will call upon Him all my days.

Isa. 64:7 And there is no one who calls upon Your name, Who stirs himself up to lay hold of You; For You have hidden Your face from us And have consumed us by our iniquities.

2Tim. 2:22 But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

Rev. 3:12 He who overcomes, him I will make a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall by no means go out anymore, and I will write upon him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which descends out of heaven from My God, and My new name.