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**I. Cain and Abel**

1. Why was God pleased with Abel's offering? (Hebrews 11:4)  
\_\_\_\_\_He brought a better offering than Cain did, and he was commended for this righteous act. \_\_\_\_\_He offered the best of his flock. \_\_\_\_\_
2. List all of Cain's sins in the order they occurred: 1. Brought an offering that was not righteous or pleasing to God. 2. Murdered Abel out of anger. 3. Lied to God 4. Rejected his plan. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Whom do you think Cain married? \_\_\_His Sister Awan or a distant cousin (Bible Odyssey) \_\_\_\_\_
4. What were the occupations of the early descendants of Cain? (4:20-22) \_\_\_musicians, farmers, blacksmiths/metalsmiths, shepherds \_\_\_\_\_
5. What son was given to Adam and Eve to take Abel's place? (4:20-22) \_\_\_Seth \_\_\_\_\_

**II. What the Bible Teaches About Sin**

- A. What is sin? \_\_\_ an immoral act considered to be a transgression against divine law. \_\_\_\_\_
- 1 John 3:4- "Sin is the \_\_\_\_\_ actions that are committed against Gods word. According to 1 John 3:4 is anything that is done to break the law. \_\_\_\_\_" "Sin is the root of all EVIL." \_\_\_\_\_"
- John 16:7-9: "The Comforter..... will reprove the world of sin... because they \_\_\_don't believe \_/Rely\_\_\_\_\_ on/in me (Jesus).
- B. Who has sinned?  
Roman 3:23 " \_for all\_\_\_\_\_ have sinned."

Isaiah 53:6 “ \_\_\_\_\_All\_\_\_\_\_ we like \_\_\_sheep that \_\_\_\_\_ have gone astray; we have turned everyone to \_\_\_our own way\_\_\_\_\_ and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.”

C. Consequences of sin:

Romans 6:23- For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in<sup>[a]</sup> Christ Jesus our Lord.

John 3:36- Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God’s wrath remains on them.

Revelation 20:15- Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

D. Provisions for forgiveness:

John 3:16: For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 John 1:7: But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all<sup>[a]</sup> sin.

*Also see 2 Peter 3:9, Hebrews 9:22, 26, 28; Isaiah 53:5, 6; 1John 2:2; Galatians 3:13.*

E. Conditions of forgiveness:

John 1:12- Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God—

1 John 1:9- Anyone who runs ahead and does not continue in the teaching of Christ does not have God; whoever continues in the teaching has both the Father and the Son.

F. When can one be saved?

2 Corinthians 6:2- For he says,

“In the time of my favor I heard you,  
and in the day of salvation I helped you.”[a]

I tell you, now is the time of God’s favor, now is the day of salvation.

Proverbs 27:1- Do not boast about tomorrow,  
for you do not know what a day may bring.

G. Can one know he is saved?

1 John 5:13- I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.

**Closing Prayer**

**Prayers of the People:**

*We pray for safe travels for Dennis and Paulette, Donna Baker, Doris Ann, Martha and her family, Emelia, John B, Arianna, Alex, Olivia, Steve, Megan and family, Andrew, Ericka, all those who are still without power after the storms, those who are struggling with addiction, alcoholism, depression, anxiety, any medical conditions.*

*We pray for those in positions of power, any one in positions of power that they may lead with dignity, thoughtfulness, and reason. We pray for those who work to ensure our safety as citizens of our country. We pray that you guide our countries leaders, that they may lead our country with common*

sense, reason, a level head, and appropriate situational awareness, and that they may be a collaborative government that works with other countries that work towards world peace, rather than continuously creating enemies.

We also pray that in this season of Epiphany that you Enlighten our hearts, guide us in your way, and help us to be more worldly in our actions as we live our lives according to your will.

In Jesus name we pray,

Our Father, who art in heave hallowed be they name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those,  
Who trespass against us.  
Lead Us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom,  
The power and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.

Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.

Thank You, Father, for the example of godly men who maintained a trusting, prayerful communion with You, like Enoch who trusted in You and walked by faith for the rest of his life. Thank You that You are the same, yesterday, today, and forever, and I pray that I may keep the eyes of my heart fixed on Jesus and that my daily walk may be pleasing to You. Help me to live as You would have me to live and to glorify my Father in heaven. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.

“And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.”  
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**CAIN AND ABEL:**

**Genesis 4:1-8**

Cain and Abel, Brothers born of the lineage of Adam and Eve. However, their relationship was tainted when one brother's sacrifice was accepted over the other. This caused jealousy between the two brothers, a jealousy so strong that one brother ended up murdering the other brother.

**CONTEXT:**

Adam and Eve were banished from the garden of Eden and had left to begin a their new life, a life in a fallen world without the glories and protections of God. Everything had changed from what they once knew: animals had changed and become hostile to them and to one another; thorns and thistles have sprung up where once only edible plants had grown. Worst of all, there is something completely new and that was they now had to undergo suffering and death. Whereas this was unknown to them prior, and they once were granted eternal life.

The amount of time that had passed from Adam Expulsion to the birth of their first son is unknown. Their first son's name was Cain. If we had to make an educated guess, it could not have been more than a few short years.

Now although it is not completely laid out in black and white, we find that Cain and Abel were twins. They are fairly close in age. It is also feasible to say that Adam and Eve had other children besides Cain and Abel, although this is not mentioned in the book of Genesis.

We find as we studied our reading that Genesis 4 is not concerned with any other siblings. Cain and Abel were the primary focus.

The context of this chapter suggests that God had explained to Adam and his family, the correct way to enter His presence with proper sacrifices. The law of Moses had not yet been given, so the full array of sacrifices and offers was not in practice. However, God Himself made the first animal sacrifice in the garden of Eden, in order to provide a covering for the Grave Sin of man. This set the example for what is truly required: the life of an innocent animal. Fruits and vegetables were not acceptable.

4:1. ADAM KNEW EVE: These Hebrew words are used in many ways, most frequently it denotes a deeply intimate knowledge. In this case, it is used to describe the sexual intimacy between man and wife. In the previous chapter, it was used in reference to mankind's newfound intimacy with evil. Both intimacies bear fruit in this chapter.

CAIN: means "to possess." Even made a pun on the name when she said that she had "acquired a man from the Lord."

ACQUIRED A MAN: This is a reference to the promise Redeemer of mankind—that Eve anticipated Cain would fulfill the promise of God concerning "the seed of woman (see Genesis 3:15). If that was the case, she was going to be doubly disappointed.

2. THEN SHE BORE AGAIN: We do not know what other children were given to Adam and Eve during this time, but the text seems to suggest that Cain and Abel were the first and second born, respectively.

We can safely surmise that Adam and Eve had daughters soon after, since both sons were married as adults.

ABEL WAS A KEEPER OF SHEEP: The two oldest professions known to man are farming, which is what Cain had done, and shepherding, which is what Abel had done. These were also the two facets of Adam's original calling prior to the Fall of Man, which is what he was created when he had headship of creation—caring for the animals and tending the garden of Eden.

*TWO OFFERINGS: Evidently, Adam and his family understood that God wanted them to bring offerings to Him with some regularity, and what sort of offerings He desired.*

3. IN THE PROCESS OF TIME: this phrase helps us gauge a bit of time, but not as concise as some may think. It indicates that it is possible that years have passed.

CAIN BROUGHT AN OFFERING OF THE FRUIT OF THE GROUND: This at first seems like a legitimate act of worship on Cain's part. After all, he was a farmer, so it would be natural for him to give or tithe some of the product he yielded to his LORD as an indication of his love and worship. However, he was not the one in charge of rule making in regard to acceptable offerings to GOD. Cain knew what God wanted, but ignored his command and brought what "he wanted" instead.

4. ABEL ALSO BROUGHT OF THE FIRST BORN OF HIS FLOCK AND OF THEIR FAT: This also seems natural, since Abel was a shepherd. A closer look, however reveals a distinction in the wording: Cain brought "an offering of the fruit of the ground," while Abel brought "the firstborn" of his sheep and included "their fat." This implies that Abel's was more generous than Cain's, by selecting God's portion for an offering before his own, showing that he was very generous in his offering to GOD. The fat of the lamb demonstrates very clearly that the sheep was sacrificed (A living creature as demonstrated in the Garden of Eden.) "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins. (Hebrews 9:22)

THE LORD RESPECTED ABEL AND HIS OFFERING: Note that the wording here "God *respected* Abel and his offering." Theologians claim that God was not happy with Cain's "heart attitude" when he brought his offering, but this is not entirely supported in the text. It is the offering itself, not the attitude of the one bringing it, that concerns God. His acceptance of Abel was based on his offering, not his words or actions.

*TWO RESPONSES FROM GOD: God accepts Abel's offering, and therefore Able himself, but He rejects Cain's offering. Cain is in grave danger.*

5. HE DID NOT RESPECT CAIN AND HIS OFFERING: Here again the offering itself is underscored, not Cain's attitude in bringing it. God's rejection of Cain was based on his offering, not on some preference for one brother over the other. God has respect for everyone, and he doesn't hold biases towards anyone, after all we are all his creation and created in his likeness. He demands the correct sacrifice from everyone, or every human being, regardless of race or background, or financial status or upbringing or any other factor. This sacrifice opens the way into God's presence, not the person bringing it. There was a question that God had with Cain's attitude, but the attitude later led to sin, it was not the primary offense itself.<sup>4</sup>

CAIN WAS VERY ANGRY: This is our first clue to the problem that underlies Cain's sin; he wanted to have his own way. If he had merely been ignorant of God's commands concerning animal sacrifices, he would have been embarrassed, but he would not have grown angry.



HIS COUNTENANCE FELL: Cain pouted. This underscores the fact that he was determined to have his own way. He evidently knew that God wanted a sacrifice of shed blood, but that may have been inconvenient for him, perhaps he only raised crops and did not own any livestock. Yet if he truly wanted to please God, he would have found an animal that would have been an acceptable sacrifice—perhaps trading with his brother for some crops. A person who desires to please someone else does not become angry or upset when they find out what is pleasing to the other person; rather they find a way to do what is pleasing, or acceptable, even if the first attempt is a failure.

6. SO THE LORD SAID TO CAIN: If there was any question about Cain's knowledge of what was pleasing to God, it was removed here. Even if Cain had not known previously what sort of sacrifice God desired, he understood now. God went out of His way to be reunited with mankind, even to the point of speaking directly to a man who was in danger of error.

*GOD'S GRACE: Both Cain and Abel have equal opportunity to find acceptance before God, as the Lord now explains to Cain.*

WHY ARE YOU ANGRY: Rather than repenting for his sinful nature and disobedience, Cain was hostile towards God, whom he could not kill, and jealous of his brother, whom he could kill (see John 3:12; Jude 11).

7. IF YOU DO WELL, WILL YOU NOT BE ACCEPTED: Just as God demands the correct sacrifice from all men, so He also offers His grace and salvation to all men alike—regardless of heritage, social class, or any other factor. In Cain's case, "doing well" meant bringing the correct sacrifice before God: a sheep whose blood had been shed. God was calling Cain's attention to the underlying problem in his attitude—stubbornness. God was warning Cain that mankind does not have the right to enter His presence on his own terms—we must accept God's terms or be denied access. Without a suitable offering, Cain faced God's rejection.

SIN LIES AT THE DOOR: Cain's insistence on having his own way led him to stubbornness, and his stubbornness led him into anger. If he continued this path, he would go through the door of anger into murder. The wild beast of sin lurked just beyond the door, waiting to tear him limb from limb. God urged Cain to turn back from his self-destructive path while he still could.

ITS DESIRE IS FOR YOU, BUT YOU SHOULD RULE OVER IT: This is the same phrase that the Lord used when he explained the curse to Eve (Gen. 3:16). God was warning Cain that he was in danger of turning the created order upside down—the very sin that Adam committed in Genesis 3. God called on Cain to have lordship over his own emotions and decisions, just as He had called Adam, but Cain's desires were trying to gain mastery over him. The New Testament pictures Satan as a ravenous beast who lurks in dark corners, waiting to pounce on the wary and rend them limb from limb. "Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced

by your brotherhood in the world” (1 Peter 5:8-9). God warned Cain of this danger but also exhorted him to vanquish that for—which Peter addressed when he encouraged us to resist the devil, standing “steadfast in the faith.”

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## GENESIS 4:8-16 THE FIRST MURDER

### THE CONTEXT

Previously we examined the story of Cain and Abel and how they brought sacrifices to God. But God accepted one offering over the other. The reason for the rejection of Cain’s sacrifice is because of attitude, stubbornness, and unacceptability of the sacrifice itself. In turn, jealousy set in, anger took over, and Cain murdered Abel.

This is an actual historical account, recorded in Genesis Chapter 4. This account involved real people. But the New Testament also uses Cain and Able as “types” or pictures that illustrate two very different sorts of people. In this section, we will be looking at two very different sorts of people who reflect the salvation offered by God through Christ, while Abel represents a picture of those who are redeemed through Christ’s blood.

A major theme that we will discover is that God’s grave warnings to Cain apply equally to us today; turn away from your stubbornness and repent of your anger or sin will destroy you. The second theme that we will discover is that the fate of Abel is comparable to the suffering that God calls His people to endure even today. *Now keep in mind suffering today looks a lot different than that of ancient times. However, we will experience or endure suffering in many ways.*

### KEYS TO THE TEXT

*MURDER: God calls on Cain to have lordship over his emotions and decisions, but he is steadfast in his determination to reject God’s plan. He prefers to find his won way to God and allows his desires to rule over him. Sin thus bears its final fruit, murder.*

4:8 CAIN TALKED TO HIS BROTHER ABLE: Interestingly, both of these brothers lived together on a daily basis. One who had found peace with God, and one who had defiled God. When we accept Christ’s salvation and become one of His children, He does not whisk us out of this world. We continue to rub elbows with those who love God, who hate God, and the vast numbers of which are in between, on a daily basis.

CAIN ROSE UP: This is the physical action that Cain's heart has been exercising all along; he elevated himself, raising himself about his brother, because he was consumed with self-will, which also caused him to raise himself above God's will. This led him to bring an acceptable offering and led him to act in hostility and use violence against his brother, eventually murdering him.

KILLED HIM: Why did Cain kill Abel? "Because his works were evil and his brother were righteous" (1 John 3:12). "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, brings forth death" (James 1:14-15). Jesus warned us many times that those who follow Him will be hated and persecuted by the world. "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet, because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hate you. Remember that word that I said to you, 'A servant is not great than his master.' If they persecute Me, they will persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also" (John 15:18-20).

*COVER-UP: God confronts Cain with his crime in an effort to led him to confession and repentance, but Cain prefers to lie.*

9. WHERE IS ABLE YOUR BROTHER? Through this book, and then entire bible, we find God working bring reconciliation with individual men and women. If Cain had accepted that he had sinned, and confessed, he would have been restored to God, even after murdering his brother.

I DO NOT KNOW: Cain's reply to God reveals, in two ways, whom he served. His first statement was a direct lie—he certainly *did* know where his brother was. This reveals that his master was the devil, the father of lies and "a murderer from the beginning" (John 8:44), and that he had sealed his allegiance to him.

AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER? Cain's follow-up question among some of the notorious that we use as humans- reveals that he also served himself. It was this self-serving nature that led him into this deadly trap in the first place. This is the ultimate end for everyone who rejects God's plan of salvation. Jesus would one day answer the question Himself in the parable of the good Samaritan. (Luke 10:25-37)

*CONSEQUENCEES: Cain's refusal to repent of his sin brings the justice of God upon him. Yet even in this, God continues to show mercy and grace.*

10. THE VOICE OF YOUR BROTHER'S BLOOD CRIES OUT TO ME FROM THE GOUND: In Genesis 3, we heard God calling gently to Adam in the Garden of Eden. Now we hear the outraged voice of creation as it cries out against the horrible, unnatural act of murder. God permits His people to suffer under the hateful hand of the world, but He is carefully aware of all their suffering (Revelation 6:9-11).

11. YOU ARE CURESED FROM THE EARTH: All of creation would now rebel against Cain, even as Cain rebelled against his Creator, Our Creator.

12. WHEN YOU TILL THE GROUND, IT SHALL NO LONGER YIELD ITS STRENGTH TO YOU: The curse that Adam faced was that his work would involve great toil as the earth resisted his efforts. This curse seemed to go a step further, implying that Cain would never again find mastery over the environment, regardless of the amount of effort that he put in.

A FUGATIVE AND A VAGABOND: Here is another element of the curse on Adam that was stepped up a notch in Cain's case. Adam and Eve were expelled from the garden of Eden, but they presumably found another place to settle, Cain, however, would be forced to become a nomad, never again able to settle in one place, but continuously roaming the earth, until his final day, mimicking his spiritual father, the devil who wanders "to and fro on the earth" (Job 1:7).

13. MY PUNISHMENT IS GREATER THAN I CAN BEAR: Cain pouted and sulked when he didn't get his way. Then he threw a temper tantrum and took out his rage on his innocent brother. Now he whined. This is the pattern of behavior in people who hold themselves in too high regard—Those who indulge and pamper themselves. This demonstrates aspects of a "self-esteem" fetish.

14. ANYONE WHO FINDS ME WILL KILL ME: This shows that the population of the earth was, by this time, had greatly increased. It is interesting that Cain listed the three things that God specified in the curse—and then added one of his own. God did not say that Cain would be hunted down and killed, but he seemed to conclude that this would happen. This is one of the most common results of sin: we become afraid and make decisions that are based on fear. This happened to Adam as well when he became afraid of God—the only One who could solve his self-induced problem. Fear moves us away from God rather than toward.

15. THE LORD SET A MARK ON CAIN: It is not specified as to what type of sign Cain was marked with, but it was a mark that symbolized some form of divine protection. But yet it was a lifelong reminder of his shame and guilt.

16. CAIN WENT OUT FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD: This statement is very tragic, and concludes that Cain never again entered in the presence of God.

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## CHAPTER 5

### SETH'S LINE

*“And Adam lived a hundred thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth (Genesis 5:3)*

#### **Events:**

1. God creates Adam in His image.
2. God provides Adam another son in his image, whom he names Seth.
3. Set's line develops through Noah.

#### **The Passage:**

Verses 1-3: We are reminded again that Adam did not have an earthly father, nor did he descend from an ape as the evolutionists want to believe. God created man in his own image. As we read further, it states that Adam creates a child in his likeness and image. These words tell us that the son is a close replica of the father. It will not be identical, but all features will be similar or extremely close to that of their father. The child should remind us of the parents, this is the same idea that we should see similarities of our Creator when we look at man.

Verses 4-32: Lays out the genealogy or lineage or bloodline of Seth. No further mention is made of Cain or any other children of Adam. In verse 4, we find out that Adam had many children. After the flood (Genesis 6-8), deleterious environmental conditions greatly affected the human genetic makeup and the immune system, so it was very possible that men and women were enjoying an extraordinarily robust health before the flood. This robustness could have produced longer and more prolific child-bearing years. If you take the ratio of the average lifespan in the pre-diluvian age over the average lifespan of today, and multiply it by the average birth rate today (which is 2.43), you get a pre-flood average birth rate of 29 children and 420 grandchildren per family. Life was very different before the flood. Its hard to even fathom keeping track of all of the children in a pre-flood family.

Adam would have still been alive when Noah was born, ten generations later, making for billions of relatives. As we read we start to see that over one thousand years of world history is summarized in this chapter in the form of a single genealogy. Consider that God's revelation is the only thing necessary to equip His people (2 Timothy 3:16, 17), and He did not want to include any information that was deemed unnecessary.

The genealogy that we see here, is no ordinary list of names, but is the line of the Children of God, beginning with Seth, continuing with Enoch, and ending with Noah. God can keep track of His own people, other died out, or were killed in the flood.

Interestingly, all the people that were born before the flood (assuming the birth rate of 19 children per father and mother), 99.94% of them would have died in the flood waters: a total of 33 billion people.

The major difference between the city of God and the city of man becomes obvious when you compare the lines of Cain and Seth. Cain was building cities, establishing power bases, and developing polygamy and power oriented, family fiefdoms. Meanwhile, Seth was calling upon the name of Yahweh God, and his great, great grandson Enoch was walking with God in relationship. We can clearly see that the city of God was about building strong foundational relationships, rather than building power bases. Interestingly, both Enoch and Lamech were the seventh generation of Adam. At the same time that Lamech was usurping God's prerogatives in defiance of God, Enoch was enjoying a loving, submissive relationship with God.

This genealogy is important because it is the first record of the church, a group of people who, to this day, in the pattern of Seth, "call upon the name of the Lord" (Genesis 4:26; Romans 10:13' 1 Corinthians 1:2). Genealogies like this one are simply lists of the names of the fathers who represent households that considered part of the church of God. We find similar genealogies later in the book of Numbers. In Revelation, the Lamb maintains the Book of Life continuing those who call upon the name of the Lord.

Noah's father, Lamech, was a man of faith—evidenced in the naming of his son, and his prophetic declaration:

*This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the Lord has cursed."*

The name "Noah" literally means "to give rest." In his prophetic statement, Lamech referred to the curse that Yahweh placed upon the ground. By faith, he believed that God would one day bring rest to the world through Noah's seed. The salvation that God brings to this world includes more than the human soul. Lamech called for God's mercy on His creation, "which groans and travails together until now" (Romans 8:21). Which much of the world had gone the way of Cain, Lamech still had hope in the promised seed that would crush the Serpent and break the curse God had placed upon the earth after the fall. Lamech's faith was well-founded. As it turned out, Noah was that seed, as the progenitor of the Lord Jesus Christ!!

### Closing Prayer

#### Prayers of the People:

*We pray for safe travels for Dennis and Paulette, Donna Baker, Doris Ann, Martha and her family, Emelia, John B, Arianna, Alex, Olivia, Steve, Megan and family, Andrew, Ericka, all those who are still without power after the storms, those who are struggling with addiction, alcoholism, depression, anxiety, any medical conditions.*

*We pray for those in positions of power, any one in positions of power that they may lead with dignity, thoughtfulness, and reason. We pray for those who work to ensure our safety as citizens of our country. We pray that you guide our countries leaders, that they may lead our country with common sense, reason, a level head, and appropriate situational awareness, and that they may be a collaborative government that works with other countries that work towards world peace, rather than continuously creating enemies.*

*We also pray that in this season of Epiphany that you Enlighten our hearts, guide us in your way, and help us to be more worldly in our actions as we live our lives according to your will.*

*In Jesus name we pray,*

*Our Father, who art in heave hallowed be they name,  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
On earth as it is in Heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those,  
Who trespass against us.  
Lead Us not into temptation,  
But deliver us from evil.*

*For Thine is the Kingdom,  
The power and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.*

*Hail Mary, full of grace,  
the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women,  
and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God,  
pray for us sinners,  
now and at the hour of our death.  
Amen.*

*Thank You, Father, for the example of godly men who maintained a trusting, prayerful communion with You, like Enoch who trusted in You and walked by faith for the rest of his life. Thank You that You are the same, yesterday, today, and forever, and I pray that I may keep the eyes of my heart fixed on Jesus and that my daily walk may be pleasing to You.*

Help me to live as You would have me to live and to glorify my Father in heaven. In Jesus' name I pray, AMEN.

“And Enoch walked with God; and he was not; for God took him.”  
(Genesis 5:24)