

CITY BUILDERS AND FIRE LIGHTERS

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Gen 4:12-13 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

Gen 4:17 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he built a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch.

Because Cain killed his brother Abel and then refused to repent and make his wrong right, God pronounced judgment upon Cain. God said, "You're going to be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth. You're going to be a restless wanderer."

Cain rebelled. Instead of repenting and asking God for forgiveness, he decided to take matters in his own hands. "I'll build a place for myself. I'll construct my own city." And that's what he did.

City builders are determined to depend upon themselves and their own resources instead of depending upon God and allowing His will to be done in their lives.

Isa 50:10-11 Who is among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh in darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God. Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass yourselves about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

City builders depend upon their ability, while fire lighters depend upon their knowledge.

Do you feel the need to always be in the know? Do you have to have all the answers?

The question is, "Where is your confidence?" Is it in God or in your knowledge and ability to come up with a good plan? Will you pray and ask the Lord for revelation or will you start lighting torches in order to get yourself out of the darkness?

I don't want to be a fire lighter. I don't want to walk by man's light. I want to walk in the light and revelation that God provides.

Neither do I want to be a city builder. I don't want to depend more upon my own ability than I do on God's ability.

Ps 127:1 Except the LORD build the house, they labor in vain that build it: except the LORD keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.