



Series: Genesis 1-11: An Introduction to Everything

Boastful Violence East of Eden

When Lamech had lived 182 years, he fathered a son and called his name Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the Lord has cursed, this one shall bring us relief[d] from our work and from the painful toil of our hands."

- Genesis 5:28-29

"In the face of the oppressed I recognize my own face, and in the hands of the oppressor I recognize my own hands. Their flesh is my flesh, their blood is my blood, their pain is my pain, their smile is my smile."

- Henri Nouwen, *With Open Hands*

"Lamech merges menfolk's newfound dominance (Gen 3:16) with the murderous impulses of Cain (Gen 4:1-12). Violence and misogyny grow like twins east of Eden."

- Matthew Lynch, *Flood and Fury*

"We're clearly meant to see Lamech as a fatal consequence of Adam's now-distorted dominance in creation, and of Cain's violence. Cain's great-great-great grandson Lamech is the first polygamist in the Bible. This detail, mentioned in passing during the recitation of Cain's genealogy, is deliberate (Gen 4:19). He stands in contrast to the seventh-generation Lamech in Seth's line (Gen 5:25), who fathered Noah and prophesied rest in the land and relief from the ground's curse (Gen 5:29)."

- Matthew Lynch, *Flood and Fury*

Welcome & Update

prelude

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Call to Worship – from Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

People: So, I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

All: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

Songs of Praise

Come, now is the time to worship

Come, now is the time to worship
Come, now is the time
To give your heart
Come, just as you are to worship
Come, just as you are
Before your God
Come

One day every
Tongue will confess
You are God
One day every knee will bow
Still the greatest treasure
Remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all. (last two lines x2)

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,
Ye ransomed from the fall,
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,
And crown Him Lord of all. (last two lines x2)

Let every kindred, every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To Him all majesty ascribe,
And crown Him Lord of all. (last two lines x2)

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at His feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song,
And crown Him Lord of all. (last two lines x2)

Prayer for the World, the Church, and the City

Apostles Creed

Confession

Reconciling God, we confess that we do not trust your abundance. We place our hope in ourselves and rely on our own efforts. We fail to believe that you provide enough for all. We abuse your good creation for our own benefit. We fear difference and do not welcome others as you have welcomed us. We sin in thought, word, and deed. By your grace, forgive us; through your love, renew us; and in your Spirit, lead us; so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Private Confession

Assurance of Pardon – Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Song of Assurance

His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Tithes and Offerings:

Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture – Genesis 4:16-26

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

God's Word Today: Jon Fung

Sermon: Boastful Violence East of Eden

Sermon Outline

1. Handling a difficult text
2. Lamech's dominance, violence and arrogance
3. Silence of God but not the final word
4. Which Lamech?

The Lord's Supper

The Great Thanksgiving

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you!

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks unto you, O Lord, our Father Almighty, everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your holy name; evermore praising You and singing:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth of Your glory are full. Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Words of Institution and Declaration of Faith

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith

People: Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God, take them in

remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Song of Thanksgiving

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creations revealing Your majesty
From the colours of fall to the fragrance of spring
Every creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable, uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing, God

All powerful, untameable
Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God

Who has told every lightning bolt where it should go?
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light?
Yet, conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Incomparable, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing, God
You are amazing, God

Benediction : 1 Peter 5:8-11

Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Peace

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you all

People: And also with you.

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