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## **“Lamech’s Lunacy”**

**“There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.” (Proverbs 14:12; 16:25)**

### **Enoch’s Opposite**

**Genesis 4:19-24** – (19) “And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. (20) Adah bore Jubal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. (21) His brother’s name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. (22) Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. (23) Lamech said to his wives: ‘Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say: I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for striking me. (24) If Cain’s revenge is sevenfold, then Lamech’s is seventy-sevenfold.’”

### **Refusal to Follow God’s Order (verses 19, 23)**

**Ecclesiastes 7:29** – “See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes.”

**2 Thessalonians 3:6** – “Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from every brother who leads an unruly life (disorderly) and not according to the tradition which you received from us.” (NASB)

### **Driven by Delusional Deductions (verse 24)**

**Proverbs 17:15** – “He who justifies the wicked and he who condemns the righteous are both alike an abomination to the LORD.”

**John 16:2** – “...Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God.”

**Acts 9:1-2** – (1) “But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest (2) and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.”

### **Ruled by Over-Reaction (verse 23)**

**1 Samuel 25:12-13, 21-22** – (12) “So David’s young men turned away and came back and told him all this. (13) And David said to his men, ‘Every man strap on his sword!’ And every man of them strapped on his sword. David also strapped on his sword. And about four hundred men went up after David, while two hundred remained with the baggage. (21) Now David had said, ‘Surely in vain have I guarded all that this fellow has in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that belonged to him, and he has returned me evil for good. (22) God do so to the enemies of David and more also, if by morning I leave so much as one male of all who belong to him.’”

**1 Samuel 25:32-33** – (32) “And David said to Abigail, ‘Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who sent you this day to meet me! (33) Blessed be your discretion, and blessed be you, who have kept me this day from bloodguilt and from working salvation with my own hand!’”

**Proverbs 29:11** – “A fool gives full vent to his spirit, but a wise man quietly holds it back.”

**Philippians 4:5** – “Let your reasonableness be known to everyone...”

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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