

Cain and Abel - Proper attitude, proper sacrifice

Gen 4

1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare **Cain**, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.

2 And she again bare his brother **Abel**. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto **Abel** and to **his offering**:

5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou **doest well**, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

NLT verse 7

7 You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master.”

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8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

Hebrews 11

4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

1 John 3

11 For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.

12 **Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother.** And wherefore slew he him? (**Why did he kill him?**) Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.

13 Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you.

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25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed **instead** of Abel, whom Cain slew.

26 And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to **call upon the name of the Lord.**

Take away:

- All children are different
- Cain's attitude did not please God, nor his sacrifice
- Cain's defiance gave satan an advantage over him (1 John 3:12)
- Cain viewed his brother as his problem, rather than looking INTERNALLY
- Our own works of righteousness can be met with persecution
- Cain born first - FLESH MAN, Abel born second - SPIRITUAL MAN
- FLESH will try and overtake the SPIRITUAL
- The need for a second birth, BORN AGAIN
- Seth