GENESIS 4 - CAIN AND ABEL

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CALLED TO WORSHIP

• They were taught to worship—two brothers—Cain and Abel
• Two motives for offerings—faith and works
• Doing right for the wrong reason
• Two responses—Cain’s rejected, Abel’s accepted

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. Hebrews 11:4 (NKJV)

Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah. Jude 1:11 (NKJV)

Not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. 1 John 3:12 (NKJV)

CAIN’S RESPONSE TO CONVICTION

• He became angry
• He harbored his anger
• He killed his brother

Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death. James 1:15 (NKJV)

Beware of the vulnerability to sin and its consequence’s

TWO POSSIBLE RESPONSES TO CONVICTION

• Sorrow for sin which comes from grief resulting in repentance
• Anger which comes from jealousy which comes from pride

TWO TIMES GOD APPEALS TO CAIN TO REPENT

• Warning—sin wants to have you

So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." Genesis 4:6-7 (NKJV)

• Where is your brother? Are you responsible?
• Greater than he could bear—why not repent?

Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. Genesis 4:9-10 (NKJV)

THE FINAL OUTCOME

• Wandering—the Land of Nod
• The end of Cain’s line
• Lamech, Cain’s great, great, great grandson became a murderer
• God marked Cain, protecting him in hope of repentance

Did he repent—two grandson names

Mehujael—smiten of God
Methusael—Man who is of God

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Genesis
4:10 (NKJV)

And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

Hebrews 12:24 (NKJV)