

**Series "In The Beginning...God"**  
**"Two Brothers"**  
**Genesis 4:1-10**  
**Study-18**

**1<sup>st</sup> Mother, 1<sup>st</sup> Son, 1<sup>st</sup> False Religion, 1<sup>st</sup> Murder, 1<sup>st</sup> Martyrdom, and 1<sup>st</sup> Conflict with the seed of the Woman (Able) versus seed of the Serpent (Cain).**

**Genesis 3** reveals the origin of sin into the world. Now, we see sin in the individual and the beginning of the family.

**(Genesis 4) Verses 1-10 Two Brothers: Verses 10-16 Cain's Curse: Verses 17-26 Hope For Civilization Without God.**

We are introduced to the first child ever born named **Cain** – mentioned **13 times**, he is the key to the chapter.

**Jude 11 Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain,**

**Thought Of Our Passage:** All Descendants Of Adam Must Choose Whether He Or She Will Listen To God Or Rebel Against God.

- 1. Verses 1-5 Worship:**
- 2. Verses 5-7 Anger:**
- 3. Verses 8-10 Murder:**

**1. Verses 1-5 Worship:**

**Genesis 4:1 Now** how much time has elapsed here? We don't know how much; the writer is hitting the mountain top peaks.

**the man had relations with his wife Eve,** sexual union in marriage  
**Genesis 2:24**

**and she conceived** This might have really surprised them, never giving birth before.

**1<sup>st</sup> Birth Was Outside Of Paradise: and gave birth** Adam and Eve have been evicted from Eden. **Genesis 3:24 So He drove the man out; Romans 5:19**

**to Cain,** the name means "*possession, acquired, gotten.*" Eve may have thought that Cain was the answer to the deliverer, Messiah. **Genesis 3:15**

**and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD."** Eve acknowledged that God was the giver of life. **Psalms 58:3**

God said to be fruitful and multiply. **Genesis 1:28; Psalm 127:3-5**

**Genesis 4:2 Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. Abel** name means "*Transitory, emptiness, or vanity, vapor.*" **How brief life is!**

**And Abel was a keeper of flocks,** Mankind and animals were vegetarians  
**Genesis 1:29-30** Abel raised livestock for clothing and leather.

**but Cain was a tiller of the ground.** following in the path of Adam  
**Genesis 2:15**

**Genesis 4:3 So it came about in the course of time** a period has gone by, don't know how long. Maybe an anniversary of Adam and Eve's being covered with animal skins?

**that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.** We see that Cain with full knowledge that blood would have to be shed, offered the fruit of his labors.

**Genesis 4:4 Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock** Abel offered a lamb to the Lord. **Exodus 13:2; 34:19 and of their fat portions.** Most plump and healthy, **Leviticus 3:9-10, 16, 4:19-20, 25-26**

**Firstlings** – "*the best of his flock.*" This is what worship really is, is giving the best to God. Cain's offering **the fruit of the ground.**

**And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;** possible fire came down from heaven, Elijah's alter Carmel?

**This Passage Upsets People:** Cain did the best he could, his offering should be more acceptable, all the work and sweat he put into it! The difference was Abel offered a blood sacrifice, (Sin Separates Man from God) it was offered in faith, (animals' death for a substitute) Cain's was bloodless! Cain rejected God's substitute! (The Cross of Jesus Christ)

**Leviticus 17:11; Genesis 3:21; Hebrews 11:4**

**Genesis 4:5 but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard.** (God made it public somehow)

**The Way Of Cain – Self-Righteous Works:** My way is just as good! If not better, I can make it on my own. **Jude 11; Proverbs 21:27**

**Isaiah 1** God said I don't want your sacrifice.

**2. Verses 5-7 Anger: Angry Response: So Cain became very angry** Literally "burning with anger." For The 1<sup>st</sup> Time We See **Anger**. Pride led to anger. (Cain's heart was not right in worship, should have asked God "How?")

Anger is not sinful in and of itself. **Ephesians 4:26-27**

**and his countenance fell.** That means that he was depressed. "*Bummed Out*"

**Genesis 4:6 Own It Cain/Don't Blame Shift: Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry?** God was trying to reach Cain.

**Why was Cain angry? (Pride, Lacking Humility)**

**And why has your countenance fallen?** Because Cain believed that his sacrifice and way of worship was better than Abel's. **Pride - I can do it my way!**

**Genesis 4:7 "If you do well, ("Obey His Word") will not your countenance be lifted up?** Reveals that there was a prescribed, right way; Cain even knew it.

**And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door;** 1<sup>st</sup> time the word "sin" is used in the Bible. The idea of sin like a crouching lion looking for the opportunity to come down on the prey. (come on God's terms, if not, you flirt with disaster)

**and its desire is for you, desire - "to rule, master, control, to run after and over. The idea of a flood that comes upon, and builds, and floods over."** This is the same word used for the woman wanting to control the marriage relationship. **(Genesis 3:16)**

**but you must master it."** You need to determine to do that which is right!

### **3. Verses 8-10 Murder:**

**Genesis 4:8 Calloused Disobedience: Cain told Abel, his brother. (Refused to confess and repent)** They talked together. What about? **James 1:22**

**Premeditated Murder: Cain rose up against Abel, his brother, and killed him.** 1<sup>st</sup> Murder in the Bible. How did he kill him? Rock, a piece of wood? Satan continued in **Exodus 1** and **Matthew 2**

**Genesis 3:15** see the first conflict. (Satan got in the first punch!)

Jesus called out His hometown Nazareth for their unbelief **(Luke 4:16-30)**. Pharisee's traditions about the Sabbath **(Matthew 12:1-14; Mark 2:23-3:6; Luke 6:1-11)**.

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Child Born Was A Murderer. (Jealousy) 2<sup>nd</sup> Child Born Was A Martyr: 1 John 3:10-13**

**Jude 11** "way of Cain" rejecting the righteousness of God that comes through faith in Christ) **Genesis 4:8 Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.**

**Abel The 1<sup>st</sup> Person To Enter Heaven, Sheol:**

**Genesis 4:9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?"**  
This is God attempting yet again to reach the sinner.

**Arrogant Lie: And he said, "I do not know.** (Bareface Lie) Sin so controlled Cain, he lied to God! **Genesis 4:7** Satan the father of lies and murderer  
**John 8:44**

**Sarcastic Question: Am I my brother's keeper?" 1<sup>st</sup> Human Question In Scripture. My brother I killed is not my responsibility, its Abel's fault!**

**Genesis 4:10 "What have you done?** Opportunity after opportunity, God gives.  
**Numbers 32:23**

**The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground.** Literal translation, "*Each drop of your brother's blood screams out the testimony of your guilt and cries to me for vindication.*" **blood** – 1<sup>st</sup> time the word is used in Scripture.

**Matthew 23:35**

**Hebrews 12:24** *Abel's blood cried out for punishment and retribution, the blood of Jesus speaks reconciliation and peace.*

**Application:**

1. The Worshipper Approved By God Starts In The Heart Of The Worshipper Who Approaches God On God's Term By Faith. Knowing Sin Has Resulted In A Separation From God And That A Substitution Of Death/Blood (Jesus) Is Necessary For The Worshipper To Be At One With God.
2. 1<sup>st</sup> Time Anger Is Mentioned In Scripture, Is The Anger Of Cain. Cain Was Angry As A Result Of His Pride And Lack Of Humility. If Cain's Heart Had Been Right, He Would Have Humbled Himself And Asked God How He Could Be Accepted.
3. God Warned Cain About The Danger Of Sin Controlling Him If He Failed to Submit To God. Cain Rejected God's Word Resulting In Physical And Spiritual Death.