

Series "In The Beginning...God"
"Cain's Curse"
Genesis 4:10-16
Study-19

Genesis 4:4-5

First child ever born was named **Cain** – mentioned **13 times**, Cain is the key to **Genesis 4**.

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

Thought Of Our Passage: Taking Responsibility For One's Own Actions And Difficulties, Then Turning To God Is Essential If Persons Genuinely Want To Change.

- 1. Verses 10-12 Divine Judgment:**
- 2. Verses 13-14 Cain's Self-Pity:**
- 3. Verses 15-16 Divine Protection:**

1. Verses 10-12 Divine Judgment:

Genesis 4:10 "What have you done?" Opportunity after opportunity, God gives Cain. **Genesis 4:3 Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.** 1st False Religion: (Bloodless)

Man's Way Versus God's Way: (Mankind Sides With Cain) 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).

Genesis 3:21; Leviticus 17:11

Genesis 4:4 Hebrews 11:4

Genesis 4:5 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**

So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. Anytime a person is filled with envy and anger over God's blessing on others, there will be disaster if that anger is allowed to run its course.

Genesis 4:6 Why was Cain angry? (Pride, Lack Humility) Because he believed that his works and efforts equaled to the blood sacrifice.

Genesis 4:7 1st time the word "**sin**" is used in the Bible.

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."

but you must master it." to determine to do that which is right!
Confess/submit to God.

Genesis 4:8-9 The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground. blood – 1st time Blood is used in Scripture.

crying to Me literally *"the cry of a desperate man without food,"*
(Genesis 41:55) *"scream for help as of a woman being raped"*
(Deuteronomy 22:24) Why would Abel's blood be crying to God? Because God gave life (blood) to Abel. God is "My brother's keeper!" **Genesis 4:9**

Hebrews 12:24 *the blood of Jesus speaks of reconciliation and peace.*

Genesis 4:11 "Now you are cursed 1st Time A Human is Cursed: The serpent was cursed (Satan) **Genesis 3:14**

from the ground, cursed the ground as a result of Adam's sin
Genesis 3:17-19

which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. Leviticus 17:11

Genesis 4:12 "When you cultivate the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you; *"When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you"* **Genesis 4:2**

you will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth." Literally "A restless wanderer you shall be." *Life marked by searching, wandering, visions of dread (whoever finds me will kill me), life of anxiety.*

Cain's Human Relationships Were Now Broken: Cain was cut off from all

2. Verses 13-14 Cain's Self-Pity:

Genesis 4:13 And Cain said to the LORD, Cain has access to the God of creation. God is reaching out to Cain, questioning him, giving Cain opportunity after opportunity.

Cain's Self-Pity In Response To God's Gracious Discipline: Notice what Cain said, **"My punishment is too great to bear!** Not my sin, or my wrong, or guilt, but the consequences of my sin. **Where is Cain's sense of guilt?**

The 1st Lament In Scripture: The *"expressing sorrow, pain, a passionate expression of grief"*

Cain is expressing sorrow and pain which is the result of Cain getting caught (self-pity) and the difficulty of being punished, resentment.

The Fruit of False Religion Is Guilt! The Evidence of A Genuine Relationship With God "Is Sorrow Without Regret"

2 Corinthians 7:8-10

(Sorrow over my sin against God, remorse, my guilt; the pain I caused my family, leads to salvation)

N.L.T 2 Corinthians 7:10 For God can use sorrow in our lives to help us turn away from sin and seek salvation. We will never regret that kind of sorrow. But sorrow without repentance is the kind that results in death.

Proverbs 13:15 The way of transgressors is hard.

Our Society Awards And Celebrates Victims And Victimhood.

The Opposite Of Victimhood Is Accountability.

The Victim Mentality Distorts Our View of Reality.

The Greatness Of The Thief On The Cross: Luke 23:39-43

Genesis 4:14 and from Your face I will be hidden, Its God's fault that Cain is being separated from God's face, presence of the earth! Abraham said, **Genesis 18:25**

I will be a vagrant – "to make unstable, to roam about"

and a wanderer on the earth, "aimless and homeless"

and whoever finds me will kill me." Fear of other brothers and relatives that would avenge the blood of Abel.

Genesis 5:1-5 There can be a period of 130 years from the time God created Adam and Eve and the time that Can killed Abel. Adam and Eve had many children; sons and daughters during this time. **Genesis 5:4**

3. Verses 15-16 Divine Protection:

Genesis 4:15 The Grace of God: So the LORD said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold."

And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, What was this mark?

Genesis 9:6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed,

Numbers 35:16-18; Psalm 9:12; Ezekiel 3:18

**Why did God protect the first murderer and permit Cain to live?
Why did God permit David to live after his adultery and murder?
2 Samuel 12:13 (God's Grace is Boundless)**

so that no one finding him would slay him. gracious of God to not take Cains life.

It was well known that God had placed a mark **Genesis 4:24**

Genesis 4:16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD
He left God, in his loneliness and unforgiveness and ran away.

**There Is No Word Of Repentance From Cain! Matthew 23:35;
1 John 3:12**

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

**No Person Is Beyond The Blood/ Grace of Jesus Christ!
Romans 5:6-10**

**The Way Of Cain Leads To The Land Of Restlessness: and settled in
the land of Nod, east of Eden.** The name **Nod** – "*Wandering*" or
"homelessness"

Application:

- 1.** When We Hear God's Word, We Like Cain, Find Ourselves In Great Danger If We Fail To See That God's Word Applies To Us (Me). God Wants Our Confession And Repentance.
- 2.** The Fruit of False Religion Is Guilt. The Evidence Of A Genuine Relationship With God "Is Sorrow Without Regret."
- 3.** No Person Is Beyond God's Forgiveness And God's Imputed Righteousness. God's Grace Is Experienced By Faith In Jesus Christ.