

The Destructive Nature of Sin

Genesis 4:1-17

Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.” Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Genesis 4:1-2a

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. **Genesis 4:2-4a**

The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. **Genesis 4:4-5a**

So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. **Genesis 4:5b**

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.” **Genesis 4:6-7**

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. **Genesis 4:8**

*Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”
“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”* **Genesis 4:9**

The Lord said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.” **Genesis 4:10-12**

Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” **Genesis 4:13-14**

*But the Lord said to him, “Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over.”
Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. So Cain went out from the Lord’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.* **Genesis 4:15-16**

Cain lay with his wife, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Enoch. Cain was then building a city, and he named it after his son Enoch. **Genesis 4:17**

Be self-controlled and alert. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. **1 Peter 5:8**

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And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel.” **Genesis 3:15**

1. Cain's problem began with i_____ worship.

By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead. **Hebrews 11:4**

but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. **Genesis 4:5**

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But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.” **Genesis 4:7b**

he lured Abel into the field, and when they were alone, he killed him. (Septuagint) **Genesis 4:8**

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Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. The one who sows to please his sinful nature, from that nature will reap destruction; the one who sows to please the Spirit, from the Spirit will reap eternal life. **Galatians 6:7-8**

2. God's two-fold p_____ on Cain.

“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.” **Genesis 9:6**

When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. **Genesis 4:12a**

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2. God removed Cain's H_____

*In the end it bites like a snake and poisons like a viper. **Proverbs 23:32***

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3. God promised Cain a mark of p_____.

*Cain's real issue was more than his a_____ ,
Cain's real issue was his attitude.*

The battle for the soul begins in the battle for the m_____.

*"As a man thinks in his heart, so is he." **Proverbs 23:7 (KJV)***

*"Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. **Matthew 5:17***

*"You have heard that it was said, 'Do not commit adultery.' But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart. **Matthew 5:27-28***

*"You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, 'Do not murder, and anyone who murders will be subject to judgment.' **Matthew 5:21***

*But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell. **Matthew 5:22***

*Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." **1 Corinthians 15:33***

*I lift up my eyes to the hills— where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. **Psalm 121:1-2***

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. **Romans 12:1-2***

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