



The Way of Cain

Genesis 4:1-26

God's unique plan is put into action as Adam & Eve begin to populate the earth. Genesis 4:1-2

- Never in history has there been more hope placed in the birth of any earthly child.

Sincere religious activity doesn't automatically meet God's approval. Genesis 4:3-5

- Cain's seemingly worthy offering fell short of God's expectations. Genesis 3:21
- By faith Abel offered a better sacrifice than Cain. Hebrews 11:4; Genesis 3:21
- Instead of coming with his own agenda, Abel met God's terms so He could bless him.

Cain faced a critical fork in the road when God confronted him with his sin. Genesis 4:6-8

- *"sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you"* 4:7
- Will you choose today to forsake your sin and obey God? - He promises to lift you up.
- The sin that crouched at Cain's door mastered him, and life would never be the same.

Cain was angered toward his brother but ultimately his sin was directed at God. 1 John 3:12

- When we question God's good intentions, we are prone to deviate from His truth.
- When we suffer the consequences of our sin, we often look for ways to compensate.

To be alone on this earth without God is the worst disaster we can experience. Gen. 4:14,15

- Civilization without God can experience advancements but evil prospers and destroys.
- God always provides a *"seed"* that will *"call upon the name of the LORD."* 4:25,26

Further Study and Pondering:

1. Imagine Adam and Eve's thoughts as they get pregnant and have world's first baby.
2. Give examples of modern day religious activity that might not be acceptable to God.
3. What did Pastor Ken mean by the statement - "We create our own religion so we can hang onto our sin and keep God too." Evaluate: Are you guilty of this in any way?
4. Why does our response to God's correction carry greater consequences than initial sin?
5. Further study on how to deal with the sin that crouches at our door: (Psalm 32:1-11; 51:1-13; Romans 6:1-14; 13:13-14; 1 Corinthians 10:13; Galatians 5:16-26; 2 Timothy 2:22; 1 John 1:6-10)
6. Spend time in prayer: Don't settle for your man-made religion. Turn from your sin and call upon the name of the LORD. He's your only hope. He will lift you up & restore you.

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"Call Upon the Name of the LORD"

Genesis 4:26