

The Fruit Of Sin

Genesis 4:1-26

Introduction

I The Sacrifice Of Sin

- A. The sacrifice of brothers
 - 1. Cain brought an offering to the Lord
 - 2. Abel brought an offering to the Lord
- B. The assessment of God - Lev 9:24; 1 Sam 15:22; Heb 11:4
 - 1. The Lord looked with **favor** on Abel and his offering
 - 2. The Lord looked with **disfavor** on Cain and his offering
- C. The response of Cain
 - 1. He was very **angry** - 1 Jn 3:12; Prov 29:11
 - 2. His face was **downcast** - Job 5:2

II The Exhortation To Master Sin

- A. The Lord **questions** Cain
 - 1. Why are you angry? - Jam 1:19-20
 - 2. Why is your face downcast?
- B. The Lord **warns** Cain
 - 1. Do what is **right** and you will be accepted - Micah 6:8
 - 2. But if you do what is wrong:
 - a. Sin is **crouching** at your door
 - b. Sin desires to have you - 1 Pet 5:8
 - c. Sin must be **mastered** - 1 Cor 10:13; 1 Jn 2:14

III The Choice To Sin

- A. Cain's evil **thoughts** - Jam 1:13-15; 1 Jn 3:15; 2 Cor 10:5
- B. Cain's evil invitation - Ps 36:1-4
- C. Cain's evil **deed** - Prov 29:10; 1 Jn 3:10-15

IV The Punishment For Sin

- A. The Lord **questions** Cain
 - 1. Where is your brother? - Prov 28:13
 - 2. What have you done? - Gen 3:13; Ps 51:10-12
- B. The Lord **judges** Cain
 - 1. You are under a **curse**
 - 2. You are driven from the ground

- 3. You will be a **restless** wanderer - Deut 28:65-66

V The Response To Sin's Discipline

- A. Cain **complains** to God - 2 Cor 7:10-11
 - 1. My punishment is more than I can bear - Prov 19:3
 - 2. You have driven me from the land - Prov 14:32
 - 3. I will be **hidden** from your presence - 2 Thess 1:8-10
 - 4. I will be a restless wanderer on the earth
 - 5. I will be **killed**
- B. God answers Cain's complaints
 - 1. The Lord **protected** Cain with a mark
 - 2. The Lord **warned** against killing Cain - 2 Pet 3:9
- C. The consequences of Cain's choice
 - 1. He went out from the Lord's **presence** - 2 Tim 3:1-5
 - 2. He produced 7 generations of **ungodly** offspring

PERSONAL APPLICATION

Take some time this week to consider the following:

- 1. Have you ever been jealous of someone else? What happened?
- 2. God warns Cain that sin desires to master him but that he must master it. How is the Christian to master sin? What sin are you having trouble mastering? What should you do?
- 3. Compare Cain's sin and its consequences to Adam and Eve's. How is it similar? How is it different? What influence do you think Adam and Eve's sin and their response to God's correction had on Cain? What does this teach you?
- 4. Make a list of Cain's sins. What were the consequences? Which consequences do you consider most tragic and why?
- 5. If God were to examine your life today, where would He look on you with favor? Where with disfavor?
- 6. Read Psalm 51. Take a few moments to pray through this Psalm of repentance. Ask God to reveal anything that displeases Him about your life and then confess and renounce these sins.

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