



February 21, 2021 – Genesis 4:1-8

Genesis, Chapters Three...#12
Cain Murders His Brother Abel

- A. God came to Cain before he killed Abel and urged him to do what was right
- God told Cain that he needed to get his emotions under control
 - God ratcheted up His appeal by warning Cain that he was about to be devoured by sin
- B. The longer sin is around, the greater the impact it has on the human race
- Eve had to be talked into sinning
 - Cain could not be talked out of sinning
 - The war between God's children and Satan's children started with Cain killing Abel
- C. God confronted Cain with what he had done
- Cain denied knowing anything about Abel and added that he was not his brother's keeper
 - God has declared that we are our brothers' keepers
 - Moses wrote that the shedding of innocent blood pollutes the land
- D. God began the process of executing justice by cursing Cain
- God cursed Cain by cursing the ground he worked to earn his living
 - God cursed Cain by making him a restless wanderer on the earth
- E. Cain was only concerned about himself
- Cain thought that the punishment was more than he could bear
 - Cain showed no remorse or sorrow or grief
 - God was merciful to Cain by putting a mark on him to protect him

Scripture

Genesis 4:1-8 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."² Later she gave birth to his brother **Abel**.

Now **Abel kept flocks**, and **Cain worked the soil**.³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the **fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD**.⁴ But **Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock**. The **LORD looked with favor on Abel** and his offering,⁵ but on **Cain and his offering he did not look with favor**. So **Cain was very angry**, and his **face was downcast**.

⁶Then 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.**"

⁸Now 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 4:9-16 ⁹Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

¹⁰The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.

¹¹Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹²When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

¹³Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can bear. ¹⁴Today 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."

¹⁵But 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. ¹⁶So Cain went out from the LORD'S presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.