



## Reflection Questions

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First Blood

Genesis 3:20-4:12

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This week, we examine one of the most sobering yet hope-filled passages in Scripture—the account of the first sacrifice and the first murder. These events reveal profound truths about sin's devastation and God's unwavering commitment to redemption.

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### Reflection Questions:

1. How does the account of God clothing Adam and Eve with animal skins challenge or deepen your understanding of substitutionary atonement and the necessity of bloodshed for forgiveness?
2. In what ways do we attempt to fashion our own 'fig leaf coverings' to hide our sin or justify ourselves before God, and why are these efforts ultimately inadequate?
3. What does Cain's response to God's rejection of his offering reveal about his heart condition, and how might we similarly harbor resentment when God does not accept our terms of worship?
4. How does the contrast between Abel's detailed offering of the firstborn and fat portions versus Cain's generic offering of fruit illustrate the importance of the heart behind our worship?
5. Why is it significant that God drove Adam and Eve eastward from Eden, and how does this directional symbolism of increasing separation from God appear throughout Scripture?
6. What dangers arise when we begin to view ourselves as more righteous or compassionate than God, particularly when we question His judgments or reinterpret His Word to fit our sensibilities?
7. How does the pattern of questioning God's Word that began with the serpent in Genesis 3 continue to manifest in contemporary theological movements and progressive reinterpretations of Scripture?
8. In what ways does the story of Cain and Abel demonstrate the reality of two kingdoms at war, and how do we see this spiritual warfare playing out in our world today?