



# SCRIPTURE READING

GENESIS 4:1-7

"Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, 'I have acquired a man from the LORD.' Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. So the LORD said to Cain, 'Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it.'"



WHEN WE FALL  
INTO SIN

# ENCOUNTER GOD

A CALL TO  
REPENTANCE  
INSTEAD OF  
REBELLION

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# WHEN WE FALL INTO SIN

## THEIR STORY: THE SIN CYCLE

Temptation → Sin → Confrontation → Consequence → Exile

### TEMPTATION

Adam's Test → A Tree (Gen. 3:5)

Cain's Test → An Offering (Gen. 4:5-6)

### TRANSGRESSION (SIN)

Adam ignored God's command (Gen. 2:16-17)

Cain ignored God's warning (Gen. 4:6-7)

### CONFRONTATION

Adam hid in shame (Gen. 3:8-9)

Cain lied and deflected responsibility (Gen. 4:9)

### SEPARATION

Adam was expelled from the Garden (Gen. 3:24)

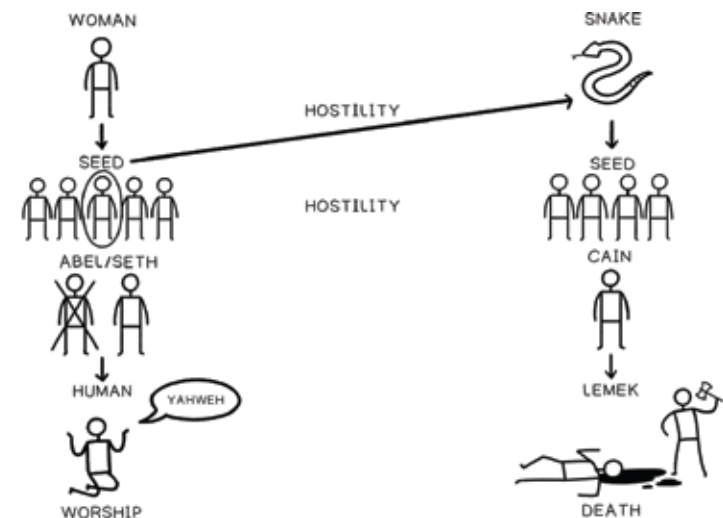
Cain was exiled from Eden (Gen. 4:16)

## OUR STORY: WHAT WE LEARN FROM CAIN

- **How we approach God matters.** Abel approached God from a pure heart and Cain from an \_\_\_\_\_ heart (1 Jn. 3:12; Ps. 51:17; Lk. 18:9-14).
- **Sin is out to get us.** Cain chose to be dominated by sin instead of \_\_\_\_\_ over it (Gen. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-9).
- **Failing to show remorse for sin ends badly.** Instead of confessing wrongdoing, Cain \_\_\_\_\_ about his punishment (Gen. 4:13-14; Prov. 28:13).
- **There is a broad way and a narrow way.** Abel and Seth walked in faith and obedience to God; Cain rejected God's way and followed his \_\_\_\_\_ path (Gen. 4:1-2, 25-26; cp. 4:8, 23-24).

## GOD'S STORY: WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT GOD

- God is \_\_\_\_\_. He will do what is right (Gen. 3:16-19; 4:11-12)
- God is \_\_\_\_\_. He provides protection (Gen. 3:21; 4:15)
- God is \_\_\_\_\_. He wants us to do right (Gen. 3:9-13; 4:6-7)
- God has a \_\_\_\_\_. He wants to mend brokenness (Gen. 3:15; 4:25-26; 50:20)



## MY STORY: WHAT SIDE AM I ON

- Is God Putting Me Through A Test? (1 Cor. 10:13)
- What Did I Bring Before God Today? (Lk. 18:9-14)
- Is God More Gracious Than I Deserve? (Ex. 34:6-7)
- Am I Faltering Between Two Opinions? (Jos. 24:15; 1 Kg. 18:21; Mt. 6:24; 7:13-14; Rev. 3:16)