

## **From the Beginning: “The Spread of Sin”**

**Genesis 4:1-8; 17-24**

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### **I. Sin spreads to the children. (vs 1-8)**

1. Sin is infectious. (vs 1-2)
2. Sin is centered in the heart. (vs. 3-5)  
Genesis 6:5; Hebrews 11:4
3. Sin can harden hearts toward God. (vs. 6-8)  
James 1:5

### **II. Sin spreads to the generations. (vs 17-24)**

1. Be fruitful and multiply. (vs 17-22)
2. The multiplication included sin’s nature. (vs 23-24)

### **III. Sin’s consequence – death – spread to the generations. (Ch 5:3-5)**

1. Genealogies in the Bible are inspired by God. (vs 3-4)
2. Genealogies always have a beginning and an ending. (vs 5)  
Galatians 4:4-5

### **LET’S GO DEEPER:**

1. Why do you think God rejected Cain’s offering and accepted Abel’s?
2. What was the difference between “an offering... of the fruit of the ground” and the “firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions?”
3. What do Cain and Abel teach us about our own service to God?
4. How does Abel’s offering foreshadow Jesus?
5. “Sin’s desire is for you, but you must rule over it.” What does the Bible teach about ruling over sin? See Romans 6:1-14.
6. Where else does the Bible speak of Enoch? What do they teach us about what it means to walk with God?