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Sin is at the door!

Gen 4








“I found that the noise was not
within my ears.”


Edgar Allen Poe
The Tell-tale Heart





1 Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, “I have gotten a man child with the help of the LORD.”





2 Again, she gave birth to his brother
Abel. And Abel was a keeper of
flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the
ground.



Cain and Abel 1,2


- Great disappointment
- Great loss – Eden
- Great effort – curse of sin on ground
- Hope springs again! Cain = “I have gotten!”
- Hope springs again – Abel -
- Better parents? Knew God and judgment






"This day, my God, I hate sin not because it damns me, but because it has done You wrong. To have grieved my God is the worst grief to me." Charles Spurgeon






3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.





4 Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;





5 but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.



Chose to offer vainly 3-5

- Worship – offering to the LORD
- Regular and routine – unpublished!
- Were there instructions? Examples?
- Animal vs. Fruit? Sin of Attitude?
- Was he told and disregarded?
- Resented Obedience?





“By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous.”

Hebrews 11:4






"A sin...consists in doing, saying, thinking, or imagining anything that is not in perfect conformity with the mind and law of God" J. C. Ryle






6 Then the LORD said to Cain,
“Why are you angry? And why has
your countenance fallen?”





7 If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it.”





8 Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.



Chose to increase his sinfulness

5-8

- Why are you angry? Envy
- Why has your countenance fallen? Pride
- Still time to restore! Repent!
- Sin is at the door! Beware
- You must master it!
- Mark 7:20-23 - “What comes out...defiles him”






"He that avoids not small faults,
by little and little falls into greater."

Thomas a Kempis





9 Then the LORD said to Cain,
“Where is Abel your brother?” And
he said, “I do not know. Am I my
brother’s keeper?”



Chose to lie to God 9

- Men try to lie to God
- All lies are two – we first believe it will work
- Irony – Peter present with Ananias & Sapphira
- We lie when we say we love God but not others
- We lie when we say we will but we don't
- We lie when claim to be but we know we are not





“A fault, once denied,
is twice committed.”


Thomas Fuller





10 He said, “What have you done?
The voice of your brother’s blood is
crying to Me from the ground.





11 Now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.






12 When you cultivate the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you; you will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth.”






13 Cain said to the LORD, “My
punishment is too great to bear!






14 Behold, You have driven me this day
from the face of the ground; and from
Your face I will be hidden, and I will be a
vagrant and a wanderer on the earth,
and whoever finds me will kill me.”





15 So the LORD said to him, “Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.





16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.



Chose to leave God 10-16

- What have you done? God knew!
- When you chose a path you chose destination!
- Blood from ground cries out!
- Punishment too great – banishment
- Hard work now harder!
- Mark of Cain – mark of protection – spared!





"One great power of sin is that it blinds men so that they do not recognize its true character."

Andrew Murray





Don't answer the door!

- Offer well – what God asks! Start with yourself
- Stop early – don't wait until it is too late! STOP IT!
- Be honest – first with yourself and with God
- Learn hard lessons quickly and be softened

Nothing breeds mercy like mistakes!





"The solution to sin is not to
impose an ever-stricter code of
behavior. It is to know God."

Phillips Brooks



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