



“Commentators have not been reluctant to fill up this silence with a number of interesting and imaginary possibilities.” — Victor Hamilton

**“Cain endeavors to cover a deliberate murder with a deliberate lie: “I know not.” He knew well enough what had become of Abel, and yet had the impudence to deny it. Thus, in Cain the devil was both a murderer and a liar from the beginning. See how sinners’ minds are blinded, and their hearts hardened by the deceitfulness of sin; those are strangely blind that think it possible to conceal their sins from a God that sees all, and those are strangely hard that think it desirable to conceal them from a God who pardons those only that confess.”
— Matthew Henry**

“God's concern for the innocent (verse 10) is matched only by His care for the sinner. Even the querulous prayer of Cain had contained a germ of entreaty; God's answering pledge, together with His mark or sign—not a stigma but a safe-conduct—is almost a covenant, making Him virtually Cain's protector. It is the utmost that mercy can do for the unrepentant.” — Derek Kidner

“God too has a name. But unlike all the other names, it is not something that is bequeathed to him. It is the one name in Genesis to which all other names become subservient. On that one name alone may a person call, in worship and adoration.” — Victor Hamilton