



# The Book of GENESIS

## Chapter 4

### “Cain & Abel—Sin & Salvation”

*Go for God!*

**Intro:** In Genesis chapter 3 we saw the root of sin, in chapter 4 we experience the fruit of sin!

~ Observe four realities of sin and salvation:

#### > REALITY #1 – (v1-2) THE FLESH VS. THE SPIRIT! (Cain and Abel)

- What’s in a name?

**CAIN**- in Hebrew means, *“gotten or possessed, also spear.”*

**ABEL** – in Hebrew means *“vapor or breath.”*

*(From the beginning we see sin and salvation, it was a spear that was plunged into the side of Jesus at the cross of our savior (John 19:34), and we are regenerated by the Holy Spirit; Jesus breathed on them and they received the Holy Spirit (John 20:22).)*

> **Flesh vs. Spirit! – Galatians 5:16-26**

#### > REALITY #2 – (v3-5) RELIGIOUS WORKS VS. SPIRITUAL WORSHIP !

- Cain’s offering was **RELIGIOUS WORKS** – Cain did NOT *“love God with all his heart, with all his mind, with all his soul and with all his strength!”* Cain did NOT *“love his neighbor as himself!”* Cain didn’t even love his own brother!

- Abel’s offering was of **SPIRITUAL WORSHIP** - Abel is found in the heroes of faith of Hebrews chapter 11; **Abel is found in Hebrews 11:4** – *By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.*

- What is ABEL’s TESTIMONY?

**A** – Abel followed God’s example of **“BLOOD ATONEMENT”** (Gen. 3:21)

**B** – Abel **BELIEVED** in God’s salvation for **RIGHTEOUSNESS!**

**E** – Abel was a man of **EXCELLENCE!**

**L** – Abel **LOVED GOD!**

#### > REALITY #3 – (v6-15) CAIN – THE SIN WAY!

**C** – Cain was a **CARNEL** man!

**A** – Cain was an **ANGRY** man!

**I** – Cain was an **“I”** man!

**N** – Cain was a **“NOBODY TELLS ME WHAT TO DO”** man!

– Cain’s sinfulness is further understood in 1 John 3:4-15; Jude 1-11.

- Cain was filled with **ENVY** - Envy is defined as a feeling of resentment and jealousy toward another person because of his possessions or good qualities. **It was for envy that the Pharisees killed Jesus - Matthew 27:17-18** - *Therefore, when they had gathered together, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release to you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ?” For he knew that they had handed Him over because of envy.*

- **Jesus had warned the Jewish religious leaders about their past, present and future sin of envy in Matthew 23:29-36** - *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets and adorn the monuments of the righteous, and say, ‘If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.’” Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers’ guilt. Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell? Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets, wise men, and scribes: some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city, that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah, son of Berechiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar. Assuredly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.*

- **Christians are warned to guard against the sin of envy in Romans 13:13-14** - *Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. (how to overcome) But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.*

- **1 Peter 2:1-3** -*Therefore, laying aside all malice, all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and all evil speaking, (how to overcome) as newborn babes, desire the pure milk of the word, that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.*

- **Observe verses 13-14 – Cain the perpetrator says he’s a victim, there’s no repentance!**

#### **> REALITY #4 – (v16-26) THE WAY OF SALVATION!**

**(v16-24) Here we see the Cainite civilization – C.I. Scofield writes,** “This early civilization, which perished in the judgment of the flood, was Cainitic in origin, character, and destiny. Many elements of material civilization are mentioned in verses 16-22; but they deliberately excluded God from their thoughts.” **Read Romans 1:18-23 in regards to their sinfulness!**

**(v25-26) Eve bore another son named Seth (appoint, compensate) - the third son of Adam and Eve, an ancestor of Jesus Christ (Luke 3:38), Seth died at the age of 912.**

- **The son of Seth is Enosh, which means man or mankind, some have said mortal. The great spiritual quality of Enosh is in the verse 26, “Then men began to call on the name of the LORD.”**

- **Let’s embrace salvation according to Romans 10:8-13** - *“The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. For the Scripture says, “Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”*