

Open It!

Which human emotion is the hardest to manage and why?

Discuss It!

What was the stated difference between the gifts offered God by Abel and Cain (4:3-4)?

Observe that the LORD's regard was for the person and the offering (4:4-5). What do offerings reveal about our love and devotion to God?

Observe the LORD's actions and Cain's response. How did the Cain respond to the LORD?

4:5

4:7-8

4:9

4:13-14

4:16-17

How did the LORD respond to Cain?

4:5

4:6-7

4:10-12

4:15

Live It!

Adore Him! Listen and Sing "Living Sacrifice" by Brandon Lake
Confess! Acknowledge as sin the offering the members of your body for sin (Romans 6:12-14).

Give Thanks! God forgives, cleanses, and accepts you as His own (Psalm 103:8-13; 1 John 1:6-9).

Understanding Our Story from the Beginning

The Ways of Cain

Genesis 4:1-26

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Sermon Point

Warning! Don't Go Your Own Way.

A Hopeful Beginning

Genesis 4:1-4

A Family Following God's Ways

Obedience (4:1-2)

Work (4:2)

Worship (4:3-4)

Action Step! Offer Acceptable Sacrifices to the Lord
Romans 12:1 and Hebrews 13:15-16

A Horrible Decision

Genesis 4:5-24

The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? 7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you, and you must rule over it."

Genesis 4:6-7 (ESV)

Cain goes his own way, the way of...

Anger (4:5)

Disobedience (4:6-7)

Murder (4:8)

The Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?"

Genesis 4:9 (ESV)

Cain goes his own way, the way of...

Lying (4:9)

And the Lord said, "What have you done?"

Genesis 4:10 (ESV)

Cain goes his own way, the way of...

Avoiding Responsibility (4:13-14)

Then the Lord said to him, "Not So!"

Genesis 4:15 (ESV)

Cain goes his own way, the way of...

Rejection (4:16)

Reproducing (4:17-24)

Question. To whom do you belong? Who is your master?

1 John 3:12

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

Action Step! Repent! Acknowledge as sin the offering of the members of your body for sin (Romans 6:12-14).

A Hope-filled Conclusion

Genesis 4:25-26

And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, "God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him." 26 To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the Lord.

Genesis 4:25-26 (ESV)