



Cain and Abel

- Genesis 4:1–16
- Genesis 3:15

The Offerings

- Abel was a shepherd and Cain was a farmer
 - Cain brings some of his crops
 - Abel brings the firstborn of his flock along with fat portions
- Abel made his offering in faith and Cain did not – Hebrews 11:4
- Abel’s offering was a blood offering
- Abel’s offering is made in faith and is acceptable to God because Abel is following God’s requirements for worship
- Cain’s offering was not acceptable to God because Cain decided on the proper way to worship

God’s Response to Cain

- Cain in that he was very angry that God did not accept his offering
- Cain ignores the Lord and kills his brother
- Cain lies, and God then curses Cain and puts a mark on Cain so he will not be killed
- Cain leaves the presence of the Lord.

Cain’s Anger

- Cain’s anger indicates he is an enemy of God
- Luke 18:9–14

Sin is Crouching at the Door

- The root of all sin is an unwillingness for God to be God
- As soon as we walk away from God sin pounces
- The consequence of rejecting God is being dominated by sin

Sin’s Desire

- Sin’s desire is to dominate you, but you must dominate it
- Genesis 3:16
- The Hebrew word translated “desire” is only used in Genesis 3:16, Genesis 4:7, and Song of Solomon 7:10
- In Genesis 4:7 sin desires to be against Cain or desires to have Cain, but Cain must rule over sin instead

Slaves of Sin

Slaves of the Devil

- John 8:31–38



- The Jews were asserting that they were still the children of Abraham and thus were God's people
- The Jews are slaves to sin and will be removed from God's house because they are slaves and not sons
- John 8:39–47
 - The Jews rejection of Jesus proves they have a different father
 - The Jews cannot understand or accept Jesus because their father is the devil, and they want to do the desires of their father
- We demonstrate our union with Son by no longer being dominated by sin – 1 John 3:8–10
- Apart from the Son, we are slaves to sin and the evil one

Slaves of the Flesh

- Romans 6:1–14
 - The death of the old self in Christ means we are no longer enslaved to sin
 - In Christ the dominion of sin is broken
 - The dominion of sin is broken because we are not under law but under grace
- Romans 6:15–23
 - Instead of slaves of sin we are now slaves of righteousness
 - If we are in Christ, it should be evident that Christ is our master
 - The fruit of slavery to sin is death, but the fruit of slavery to God is sanctification
 - The end result is eternal life

Slaves of the World

- Galatians 4:1–11
 - You are Abraham's offspring and heirs if you are in Christ
 - Before Christ, we were children and "were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world"
 - We are enslaved to the basic teaching of the world and the empowerment behind worldly values and teaching comes from the evil realm – Colossians 2:8
 - The Jews wanted to continue in the old covenant, and Gentiles had invented their own gods and religious rituals
- The world also enslaves us by empowering our sinful flesh – 1 John 2:15–17

Conclusion

- Ephesians 2:1–3
- John 8:36
- Ephesians 2:4–10