

Genesis Study Ch. 4

I. Cain & Able

A. Their Birth

1. Cain: *Acquired of the Lord*, Eve thought this was the promised seed, but the promise was the seed of woman not man.
2. Able: *Vanity of Empty*

B. Their Profession

1. Cain: Tiller of the ground - work of his hands
2. Able: Keeper of sheep - watched after the work of another

C. Their Worship

1. Cain
 - a) Acknowledged God as the source of good, but not his own sinfulness.
 - b) Rejected the blood & brought a bloodless sacrifice, the work of his self-efforts
 - c) Sacrifice rejected because it was in self-will and works.
2. Able
 - a) Obeyed the God's command in 3:21, acknowledged his sin
 - b) Understood a blood sacrifice (Heb. 9:22), Came by Faith (11:4)
 - c) Sacrifice received because it was in obedience & faith

II. Mastering Sin

*"If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, **sin** lieth at the door. And unto thee [shall be] his desire, and thou shalt rule over him."* Gen 4:7

chatta'ah (khat-tā-ā')

- 1) sin, sinful
- 2) sin, sin offering
 - a) sin
 - b) condition of sin, guilt of sin
 - c) punishment for sin
 - d) sin-offering
 - e) purification from sins of ceremonial uncleanness

III. The Self Race is born: those that call upon themselves

A. First Lie, First Murder: Jesus said the devil was the father of lies, and a murderer from the beginning.

B. "my punishment is greater than I can bear"

1. Not please forgive me, instead it's not fair

C. The spirit of self-preservation prevalent in vs 14

D. The land of wondering produced a city not unto God but man

1. **A new type of habitation:** Man starts to name cities after himself trying to build his own legacy and so the race begins
 - a) Irad: fugitive or wild ass
 - b) Mehujael: bot out that Yah is El or wipe out the name of God.
 - c) Methusael: They are dead who believe in God
 - d) Lamech: poor and lowly
2. **A new type of relation** The first polygamous relationship
 - a) Adah: Ornament
 - b) Zillah: shabbiness or seductress
 - (1) an affair will always result in one becoming esteemed to the eye and the other disdained.
 - (2) You can not serve two masters. Man does not have the ability to divide his heart.
3. **A new occupation:**
 - a) Jabal: independent production, no longer relying on community but becoming self sustained
 - b) Jubal: entrepreneurialism, where things that were for God now used to make a living
 - c) Tubal-cain: warfare
 - d) Arms & music, independent & entrepreneur spirit, things the world esteems so high found their root in Cain.
4. A new communication:
 - a) One of vengeance not forgiveness
 - (1) Lamech said I'll be avenged seventy times seven
 - (2) Jesus said if your brother offend you forgive seventy times seven (Matt 18:22)

IV. The Godly race is born: Those that call upon the name of the Lord

A. Whose identity is not in what we do, but who we believe in. God the one who loves us.

B. That is the fundamental difference in the believer and the unbeliever.