

Begin Again!

“Sin in the First Degree”

A Study of the Book of Genesis – Part 8

Genesis 4:1-16 (NKJV)

1. Cain's Spiritual Carnality

(vs. 3-4)

- True worship always includes three key ingredients.
You must worship the right God, in the right way, with the right heart.

Proverbs 21:27 (NKJV)

27 The sacrifice of the wicked *is* an abomination; How much more *when* he brings it with wicked intent!

A. The Worship God Rejected

(vs. 3 and 5)

3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. . . . 5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

Genesis 3:17 (NKJV) 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it': "Cursed *is* the ground for your sake; In toil you shall eat *of* it All the days of your life.

Hebrews 9:22 (NKJV) 22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

Jude 1:11 (NKJV) 11 Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, . . .

B. The Worship God Expected

(vs. 4)

4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering,

Hebrews 11:4 (NKJV) 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.

Rom. 10:17 (NKJV) So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Genesis 3:21 (NKJV)

21 Also for Adam and his wife the Lord God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.

2. Cain's Savage Crime

(vs. 5-8)

3. Cain's Sorrowful Curse

(vs. 9-16)

Hebrews 4:13 (NKJV) 13 And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things *are* naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we *must give* account.

- Are you going the way of Cain, or the way of the Cross?