

Lessons From Cain Genesis 4:1-16

Cain's story interesting because deals with first sins after "the fall."
We see God's attitude towards righteousness and sin w/ fallen man.
Tell Cain's story from sacrifice to his leaving the presence of Lord.

"If You Do Well, Will You Not Be Accepted?"

We have the choice to be saved - **Acts 10:34-35; Titus 2:11-14**

God's message to you is that you can do what is right. - **Matthew 11:28-30; John 7:37; Revelation 22:17**

We have the **responsibility** - we can and should do what is right.

Cain wasn't sinful because his father fell, but because he failed

The Calvinist says, "if you are of the elect, you will be accepted no matter what you do."

*If you *are one of the elect*, will you not be accepted? Genesis 4:7???*

*The young man said to Him, "All these things have I kept from my youth up. What lack I yet?" Jesus said to him, "Thou wilt be perfect, *if thou hast been of the elect from eternity past.*" Matthew 19:20-21???*

*And he said to them, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that *is of the elect from before the world will believe and* be saved; but he that *is not elect* shall be damned. Mark 16:15-16???*

*And brought them out & said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" And they said, "*If thou art one of the elect* thou shalt be saved, & thy house" Acts 16:30-31???*

"You Must Rule Over It."

God expects us to control our sinful desires. - **John 5:14; 8:11**

You don't have to sin - **1Corinthians 10:13**

Many say, "You can't help it."

To the teenagers, "you can't control your hormones."

To the criminals, "the problem is your environment."

Some Christians say, "we all sin every day."

Not downplaying forgiveness we have, but emphasizing resisting sin - **1John 2:1; Hebrews 12:4**

Avoiding sin is our ***responsibility***

Grace is no license to sin - **Romans 6:1-2**

The Longsuffering Of God

God was longsuffering to Cain

When he failed to give acceptable sacrifice and attitude was bad

When God kept him alive and protected after he murdered Abel

But Cain did not take advantage of the longsuffering of God

How do we treat the longsuffering of God - **2Peter 3:9,15; Romans 2:4**

We cannot say we did not have a chance

We cannot escape our ***responsibility***

God Lays Our Salvation Upon Our Shoulders.

He has provided the means of our salvation

Jesus sacrificed Himself on the cross to pay the penalty for sin

We can be cleansed of sin by accepting God's terms

Romans 10:17; Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16

We must submit ourselves to the Word for salvation

How long will God wait for you? - **2Peter 3:10**

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