

GEN. 4:3-16 2025 DIALOGUE BETWEEN GOD & CAIN

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BIBLICAL CONTEXT- Here in Genesis, chapter 4, we have the second dialogue, this one is between God and Cain. Offerings had been made by Cain and his brother Abel. Abel's offering pleased God and Cain's did not. This resulted in prideful Cain entering into jealousy, anger, hatred and eventually murdering his brother Abel.

Gen 4:3-4 *And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain, brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. [4] Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering,*

- **Abel offered in faith, and Cain did not, (Heb 11:4)** *"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."*
- **Also we see that Jesus called Abel a prophet** (the first prophet), long before Moses and the Levitical ordinances were codified. (Luk 11:50-51) Abel, as a prophet, is not simply bringing a lamb from his flock, but is fulfilling the procedural requirements of offering a blood sacrifice!

Gen 4:5 *but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.*

- **Cain's proud rage and enmity** against the accepted worshipper of God, led to the awful effects the same principles have produced in every age, the cruel persecution, and even murder of believers.
- **Back of premeditated murder there always is anger!** Our Lord said that, if you are angry with your brother without a cause, you are guilty of murder. Back of anger is jealousy, and back of jealousy is pride. (Jas 1:15) *"Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death."*

Gen 4:6 *So the LORD said to Cain "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?*

- **THE CHOICE:** - Notice the universal choice that follows here – may we consider this every time we blow it!:
- **If you choose to do well, your countenance will be lifted up**, as it was previously, you first born!
- **Cain was seeking to come to God on his own terms, rather than God's!** You do not come to God on your terms. *Abel* came to God on God's terms, and God accepted *Abel's* offering of a lamb, sacrificing it according to God's terms, consisting of bringing a lamb as an offering. So, the awareness of the necessity of this kind of offering was there very early in the history. *Abel complied! God accepted it! Cain did not comply!* He sought to come to God on his own terms, and it was rejected by God! Rather than just acknowledging, "I'm wrong," *Cain* became angry with God. And God said, *"Why are you angry? Why has your countenance fallen?"*
- **People today are angry with God because God will not accept them on their terms.** Many today do not want to come by the sacrificial Lamb that God has given to us in *Jesus Christ*. But that is impossible! *Jesus* said, (John 14:6) *I am the way, the truth, and*

the life; and no man comes to the Father, but by Me. Cain was angry because God would not accept him on his terms. Man is in no position to dictate terms to God.

- **Who am I to tell God how and under what conditions I will come to Him?** I have to come by God's way, the only way! The way of sacrifice of *Jesus Christ* for me. If I want to come to God, I am limited to that, and I cannot change the terms by which I come to God. No one can be accepted by God unless you come by His terms. *Cain* did not, and God rejected him! But thank God there is a way

Gen 4:7a *If you do well* (come on God's terms), *will you not be accepted?*

- **God is still giving Cain the chance to come to Him the right way!** If you come by My terms, I will accept you.
- **Choose to put on (Isa 61:3) the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness!**
- **(1Th 5:16-18a)** *Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks!*
- **(Php. 4:8)** *Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.*

Gen 4:7b OR: *And if you do not do well* (come on your terms), *sin lies* (crouches) *at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."*

- **Sin's desire is for you, but you should rule over it."** Cain, sin crouches at the door like a lion ready to attack. You will either be lifted up or you will be attacked. It is your choice- get mad, sulk, be bitter, let the root of bitterness and hatred grow! Do not treat jealousy or resentment lightly because it is not a light thing. Let it fester and soon you will find yourself in the grip of a power greater than you can handle, and you will do things that you didn't ever think you would do."
- **The word translated *lies* in the Hebrew is "crouching like a lion to pounce on you."** It is crouching, waiting to pounce on you. **(Heb 12:1b)** *let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.* Sin is crouching at your door ready to pounce. Where there is contention, there is pride! **(Pro 13:10)** *By pride comes nothing but strife, But with the well-advised is wisdom.*
- **Its desire is for you. It wants to rule over you, but you should rule over it!** You can only rule over sin through the power of God's Holy Spirit within your life. **(1Jn 4:4 c)** *You are of God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world.* But **without the power of the Holy Spirit, there is no way I can rule over sin.** Desire is not enough. Having resolve is not enough. "Oh, I promise I will not do it again. I promise!" How many times have you promised? And yet, you do it again. Why? Because your resolve is not enough. **Only the power of Jesus Christ in your life is sufficient to break the chain of sin that is binding you!** Through His power you can have victory over that sin that has been destroying you!

Gen 4:8 *Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.*

- **Cain talked with Abel.** Abel was a prophet and no doubt urged Cain to repent and believe God's Word, but this only angered Cain further. The Serpent was quickly striking at the Seed of the woman, corrupting her first son and slaying her second, trying to prevent the fulfillment of the (Gen 3:15) promise.

- **This jealousy turned into hatred for his brother**, because God had accepted his brother and rejected him. Rather than repenting and coming God's way, he just began to hate his brother. The hatred of the evil against the good. Today it is the same.
- **It was there in Cain. He began to hate Abel because God had accepted him.** *Cain* rose up against *Abel* his brother and killed him. Note what anger, bitterness and hatred can lead to!
- **The deed is done that cannot be recalled.** The motives to it were various. Selfishness, wounded pride, jealousy, and a guilty conscience were all at work (**1Joh 3:12**) – “*not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.*” Here, then, is sin following upon sin, proving the truth of the warning given in the merciful forbearance of God

Gen 4:9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

- **I do not know!** *Cain* thus added blatant lying to his sins of self-righteous pride and murder.
- **Sin says, “I do not care about him or her!** He hurt me. He offended me. He wronged me! If there is anyone in your life or mine that we would just as soon have disappeared
- **BE CAREFUL!—otherwise we walk the way of Cain**, letting our hostility and bitterness alter the course of our life just like Cain!

Gen 4:10 And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. [11] So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. [12] When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth." [13] And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear!

- **What have you done?** God knew, giving him a chance to confess. The Bible said, “He who seeks to cover his sin will not prosper.” He was trying to cover his sin with a lie.
- **The earth had been cursed because of Adam’s sin; now the earth itself had been defiled by Cain’s sin.** God’s curse was *on* the earth; *Cain’s* curse was *from* the earth. His boastful pride in the fruits he had been able to grow had been the occasion of his sin, but now he would no longer be able to till the ground even for his own food!
- **Notice Cain did not say, LORD, forgive me, but my punishment is not fair!** He remains in his cursed condition because he chose to be mad rather than to ask for mercy! **How about us?**

Gen 4:14 Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me." [15] And the LORD said to him, "**Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.**" And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

- **Notice how the LORD looks on this unrepentant man**, who continues to be so wrong and says not to let anyone bother or kill him—Oh, the grace and mercy and goodness of our LORD!!!
- **Punishment**, often translated “iniquity,” and its use by *Cain* may indicate that, for the first time, *Cain* acknowledged his sin and guilt to the Lord. This may partially explain the degree of mercy shown by God in sparing his life after *Abel’s* murder.

Gen 4:16 *Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.*

- **Cain thus becomes the type of those in (2Th 1:8-9)** *In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: [9] Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power.*

SUMMARY:

- **Pride is always a problem of the flesh.** We need to be careful of anger, which leads to jealousy, leading to hatred, leading even to murder.
- **Sin's desire is for you, but you should rule over it."** Sin crouches at the door like a lion ready to attack. You will either be lifted up or you will be attacked.
- **It is your choice- God always give us the choice**, which we may well consider, every time we blow it!:
- **If you choose to do well**, your countenance will be lifted up.
- **If you bring the accepted offering**, trading some of your grain for one of his lambs and bringing that lamb, whose blood is to be shed for the remission of sins, indicating that you understand something of the problem that sin proposes, then, because of God's grace, you too will be accepted. It is not too late. I am not going to judge you now.
- **You can go back and repent, you can change**, and, if you so do, well, you will be accepted, just like Abel, for I am no respecter of persons.
- **OR: And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door.** And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

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Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord – *Maranatha Music (2:38)*

*Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord; Humble Thyself In the Sight of the Lord;
And He shall Lift You Up, Higher and Higher And He shall Lift You Up (3x)
Up into Heaven And He shall Lift You Up; And He shall Lift You Up, Higher and Higher
And He shall Lift You Up, Up into Heaven And He shall Lift You Up
And He shall Lift You Up (6X)*