

Series: Chaos to Order

Title: Cain, Abel and the Continuing Fall

Genesis 4:1-26

Introduction

The lesson of Genesis Chapter 4 begins with the birth of Cain.

1. This is the first specific mention of _____ in the Bible.
2. The Bible sees sex as a means of _____ one another in a deeply committed relationship.
3. The name _____ meant, "I've got him, or Here he is."
4. Adam and Eve expected Cain to be the _____ God promised.

I. Making an Acceptable Offering

5. Abel was a _____, and Cain was a farmer.
6. The LORD respected Abel and his _____, but He did not respect Cain and his _____.
A grain offering couldn't be offered as an _____ for sin.
7. Cain's offering was _____.
8. Abel's offering was made in faith, in a desire to _____ God.
9. Here, it was one lamb for one man - finally, with Jesus, one Lamb took away the _____ of the whole world.

10. When his offering was rejected, Cain was very _____, and his countenance fell.
11. Cain now committed the more sophisticated sins of spiritual pride and _____.

II. God Warns About Anger and Sin

13. God makes it clear that Cain would be _____ *if* he did well.
14. God warned Cain about the _____ nature of sin.
15. We prevent sin from ruling over us by letting God be our _____.
16. Without God as our master, we will become _____ to sin.

III. Cain Rejects God and Murders Abel

17. Cain planned to catch Abel by surprise, lulling him with pleasant _____.
18. No human had ever died or been _____ before.
19. Sin progressed _____ through the young human race.
20. Once _____, sin could not be contained.
21. Cain *was* supposed to be his brother's _____, but instead, he became his brother's murderer.
22. There is no greater _____ on the earth than empty, vain religion.

23. The curse upon Cain was that Adam's curse would be _____ in him.
24. Cain complains of the _____ of God's judgment.
25. Cain didn't feel bad about his sin, only about his _____.
26. One of the consequences of sin is that it makes the sinner pity _____ instead of causing him to turn to God.
27. God set an identifying and protective _____ upon Cain.

Conclusion

28. At this point, the gene pool of humanity was _____ enough to allow close marriage without the harm of inbreeding.
29. Marrying a brother or sister was not forbidden until God _____ it (during the time of Moses).
30. Urbanization is a man-centered _____.
31. Succeeding generations quickly _____ as home builders, in music and the arts, and metalworking.
32. Lamech was the first _____ in history, defying God's plan for one man and one woman to become one flesh.
33. Just when you think all is lost, _____ is born to Adam and Eve.
34. There's always _____ when you trust in the Lord!

If you're overwhelmed by your life situations and the chaos all around you, call out to God and ask Him to bring order

to your chaos. Don't follow the path of Satan and Cain; choose the path of God and, like Seth, call upon the name of the Lord.

Answers

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| 1. sex | 13. accepted | 25. punishment |
| 2. knowing | 14. destructive | 26. himself |
| 3. Cain | 15. master | 27. mark |
| 4. Messiah | 16. slaves | 28. pure |
| 5. shepherd | 17. conversation | 29. forbade |
| 6. offering | 18. killed | 30. endeavor |
| 7. atonement | 19. quickly | 31. progressed |
| 8. heartless | 20. unleashed | 32. bigamist |
| 9. worship | 21. keeper | 33. Seth |
| 10. sin | 22. curse | 34. hope |
| 11. angry | 23. amplified | |
| 12. hypocrisy | 24. severity | |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Have you ever done something for someone "half-hearted"? How did it work out? Has anyone ever done anything for you "half-hearted"?
2. Do you or anyone you know have a problem with controlling anger? How has this lack of control affected things? What can be done to help control it better?
3. Have you ever experienced a "progression" of sin where one sin leads to a bigger sin which leads to a bigger sin? What started the progression and how far did it progress? What can you do to help turn to God and repent sooner in the progression in the future?