

GOD IN THE LIFE OF MAN - LESSONS FROM GENESIS

God in the Life of Adam

Part 7: The Worthy God

Genesis 4:1-26

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1 - God is Worthy of Full Devotion

Gen. 4:1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." **2** And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. **3** In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, **4** and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, **5** but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

Heb. 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

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Robert Gonzales:

“So Abel brought the Lord his very best, and he did so with personal interest. Cain’s lack of devotion to Yahweh is the first indication that sin has spread from the primordial parents to their offspring.” (Robert Gonzales, Where Sin Abounds, p59)

Matt. 23:33 You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? **34** Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, **35** so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar.

2 – Sinful Man is Devoted to Himself

1John 3:12 We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother’s righteous.

Gen. 4:5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. **6** The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? **7** If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

Rom. 6:1 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?

Rom. 6:12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. **13** Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as

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instruments for righteousness. **14** For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Gen. 4:8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

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More troubling, however, is Cain's response to Yahweh's disapproval and admonition. Like his parents, Cain fails to render to Yahweh supreme love and loyalty. (Gonzales, *Where Sin Abounds*, p60)

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?" **10** And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. **11** And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. **12** When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." **13** Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. **14** Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." **15** Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

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Gen. 4:16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

3 – God’s People are Devoted to Him

Gen. 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son and called his name Seth, for she said, “God has appointed for me another offspring instead of Abel, for Cain killed him.” **26** To Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time people began to call upon the name of the LORD.

Gen. 5:3 When Adam had lived 130 years, he fathered a son in his own likeness, after his image, and named him Seth. **4** The days of Adam after he fathered Seth were 800 years; and he had other sons and daughters.

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Adam & Eve’s Son is Resurrected