

Week of June 9, 2019

Family

DEVOTIONAL SHEET



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Cain Kills Abel

Lesson Summary

Last week we discussed the Fall and how it has affected everything. We also saw that God has a plan to redeem His creation, and one day He will create a new heaven and new earth where “death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away” (Revelation 21:4).

This week we see one of the effects of sin — the very first murder. Two brothers, Cain and Abel, both made offerings to God. One offering was an animal, the other the fruit of the ground. One sacrifice was accepted; one was not. One brother loved the Lord, was obedient to Him, and wanted to honor God with his sacrifice. The other brother was wicked, and his works were evil. Even though he made the sacrifice, it was not acceptable to God.

Abel’s sacrifice was accepted because his heart was right with God. Cain’s sacrifice was not accepted because God

knew his heart—that it was not set on true worship of the holy God.

After killing his brother, Cain deserved punishment, and he received it—this revealed God’s justice. But God showed Cain mercy by sparing his life and protecting him from being killed by those who were angered by the murder of Abel.

Monday — Read Genesis 4:1-8

1. What was Abel’s vocation?

2. What was Cain’s vocation?

3. What seems to be the reason God looked with favor on Abel’s sacrifice and not Cain’s?

Tuesday — Read 1 John 3:11-16

1. What is God’s command concerning brothers (see also 1 John 4:21)?

2. Is this just talking about family relationships?

3. Why did Cain murder his brother?

4. What does John say about hatred in this passage?

Wednesday — Read Matthew 5:21-26

1. What does Jesus say about being angry with our brother?

2. What should we do if our brother has something against us?

Thursday — Read 1 John 4:7-11

1. According to this passage, how can we know that we have come to know God?

2. How did God show His love for us? What did Jesus do for us?

(question 3 on back)

3. If we were to love others in the same way, what might that look like?

Friday — Read 1 John 4:20-21

1. Can we both love God and hate our bothers? Why or why not?

Memory Verse

Review the memory verse with your family each night.

Genesis 6:5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Prayer - Thank Jesus for His obedience to the Father—that He went to the Cross and took sin's punishment upon Himself. Take time to confess any hatred or lack of love, and ask God to help you love others as He loves you.

Family Prayer Requests: