

THE SINS OF CAIN
Text: Genesis 4:3-9

INTRO: If I should ask you, "What was the sin of Cain?" you would likely answer: "Murder." But is the answer that simple? Actually, the Scriptural record indicates a series of sins of which Cain was guilty. To show how one sin leads to another, we will examine the sins of Cain. To trace his final rebellion to its source we will examine Cain's sins in their reverse order.

I. THE SINS OF CAIN.

A. Lying, vs. 9.

These 6 things the Lord hates, yes, 7 are an abomination to Him: a proud look, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood. (Prov. 6:16-19)

The cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, & all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire & brimstone, which is the 2nd death. (Rev 21:8).

B. Murder, vs. 8.

Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed; for in the image of God He made man. (Gen 9:6)

C. Hating without [just] cause, vs. 9.

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D. Envy, vs. 4-5.

Envy is rottenness to the bones.
(Prov 14:30).

Where envy & self-seeking exist, confusion & every evil thing will be there. (James 3:16).

NOTE: Cain envied Abel because God accepted Abel's offering & rejected Cain's. But WHY was there a difference in the 2 sacrifices? Herein lies the root cause of all Cain's other sins.

E. Unbelief, vs. 3-4, 7; Heb 11:4; Rom 10:17

1. Cain believed there was a God.
2. He believed he should worship God.
3. But he didn't believe it had to be God's way.
4. Summarized by Jude 8, 11. He rejected authority.

II. THE RESULT OF CAIN'S SINS, vs. 16.

A. He accused God of driving him out, vs 14, but that was not so.

1. God had tried to reason with him from the start when he offered an unacceptable sacrifice, vs 7
2. After the murder of Abel, God again gave Cain opportunity to repent, but Cain chose to continue his rebellion, vs. 9.
3. Even the chastisement that followed the sin of lying to God could have served to bring Cain to repentance but it only led him to more bitterness. Vs 10-15.

B. Cain went out, vs. 16.

1. Out of the presence of the Lord, Cain brot forth his son Enoch, vs 16-17.

2. Out of God's presence Cain became the founder of a city & what a pitiful place it must have been.
3. The Bible records 6 generations of Cain's descendents & seems to imply that none of them ever called upon the name of the Lord, vs 25-26.
4. It was by Cain's great great grandson, Lamech, that the 2nd recorded human slaying took place. It was also Lamech who introduced polygamy, a violation of Gen 2:24. 4:19, 23
5. It appears that the generation following Lamech was the last as far as Cain's descendants were concerned. It was about that time that God brot the great flood of Gen 6 & with it swept away the wicked descendants of Cain, the man who went out of the presence of God.

CONCLUSION: The wages of sin is death, Rom. 6:23. We all realize, perhaps, to some extent, the serious effects our sins have on ourselves, but have we ever considered the effect our sins may have on generations yet unborn? All God's warnings & threats are uttered for our good. Let us turn from our sins in obedience to the Lord before it is everlastingly too late.

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