

GENESIS

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Message Reflections

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“Sin is immensely powerful in human experience –like gravity pulling us down. It comes with all its power and its desire and shakes you from within and pushes you in a sinful direction. It is enslaving and addictive.” - Dr. Daniel Rouhead

Read Genesis 4.

Actions have consequences. Genesis 4 records the spread of sin in the world. Adam and Eve saw the separation sin brought to their relationships. Now the consequences of separation from God quickly become evident in the interaction between their sons, Cain & Abel.

- Look at each of the times that the Lord speaks to Cain (vv. 6-7; 10-12; 15). What kind of “tone” is in the Lord’s words? Why do you think the Lord speaks with this tone toward Cain who is in outright rebellion to Him?
- Cain felt jealous and bitter toward Abel, with disastrous results. What is the danger of carrying grudges?
- As you prayerfully look at your own life, are there any places where you are following in the ways of the world and not the way of the Lord? What would it look like for you to follow the way of Abel?

God is worthy of the very best we have to offer Him, so we should strive to give Him our best in worship. If we treat the Lord as an afterthought, we run the real risk of falling into worship that does not please Him. We must continually search our hearts, asking the Lord to give us the willingness to worship Him with our whole being and to repent when we fall short.

Consider your attitude toward worship. Is the praise of God your greatest priority? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you become more fully-devoted to the Lord.