



**The First Murder in Human History!**

**Genesis 4:1-16**

God made man in His image! **There was never supposed to be murder!** Yet, the curse of sin unleashed every type of evil in the human heart! Ever since Cain's parents sinned...sin began to do horrific things.

**1. Cain was the older brother of Abel!**

- **Genesis 4:1-2** (Eve thought that "this man" could be the prophecy in 3:15)
- Cain was to be the leader for his older brother! He was supposed to make amazing memories growing up together with him! Yet, at some point Cain's heart turned evil!
- **Verse 3-5** – take a look at the breakdown here.
- From the very beginning, God set up that mankind offers and returns the **FIRST FRUIT** back to Him...the best! **First Fruit = 10%...this is the starting point of giving back to God!**

**#1.** It's an obedience issue!

**#2.** It's a trust issue!

- Abel became a shepherd and Cain grew crops.
- Did God love flocks more than fruits and veggies? **No!** He accepted anything that comes from the heart back to Him as He instructed!
- **The issue? Cain's heart!** Cain's heart was not for God!

**A. What was it that Cain allowed to happen in his heart?**

- **Proverbs 4:23** – Cain did not guard his heart! Jealousy became hatred, and that hatred became murder!
- When you do not guard your heart...your heart is capable of anything! **Matthew 5:21-22 / Matthew 5:19**
- When selfishness goes unchecked...self takes over and a person ignores God's commands! He allowed anger to take root and get out of control!
- **Genesis 4:3** – Cain did not offer his best! Abel did!
- **Genesis 4:7** – God tells Cain that **IF** you do what is right you will be accepted! **IF** you do not do what is right...**SIN IS KNOCKING AT THE DOOR!** **But, YOU must master it!**

- What does that mean? That you have the choice to do what is right or wrong...you open the door to sin or not! **Don't become Isaiah 5:20!!!**
- **Verse 5 – "This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected."**
- Yet, **verse 7** comes after **verse 5!** What is the deal? God gave Cain a choice to live and stay in his anger or give it to God by repenting and doing what was right!
- **Matthew 5:21-22!** \*\***Verse 8** is very scary! A pre-meditated murder!!!\*\*

### B. When we give our First Fruits back to God...it Is a GIFT to Him!

- **Verse 4 – "Abel also brought a GIFT...the BEST portions of the Firstborn lambs of his flocks."**
- **The First Fruit Principle is still here today!** This has never ceased in God's set up! To give God back your best...FIRST portions of what you receive!
- We see this all throughout the Bible! **Exodus 23:19, Deuteronomy 18:4, Proverbs 3:9-10.**
- You see Abraham give 10% to the High Priest Melchizedek in Genesis **BEFORE** the Law was ever put into place in **Genesis 14:18-20**
- We see that Jesus is our High Priest in Hebrews, and that **Jesus is also the FIRST FRUIT Himself!** **I Corinthians 15:20 & Romans 8:23!** James 1:18 talks of **us being a First Fruits!**
- **Point? God is a God of FIRSTS!** Just look at **Mark 12:30!** Keep Jesus FIRST!
- **The First Fruit is the Starting Point of our giving back to God!**
- How do we know what to purpose in our hearts on what to give as Paul instructed us in **2 Corinthians 9:7? Well, you have to KNOW what the Bible says and then decide! The entirety of Scripture is the basis of our giving.**
- **Key** - I purpose in my heart what to give when I KNOW what God has said to do!

### C. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

- **Genesis 4:9**
- The disregard for God, and then Abel's life shows us the result of giving into sin!
- **First of all he lied! Second, he had no regard for bloodshed!**
- **Verses 10-11** – the blood cried out for justice! Cain ends up banished and cursed!
- **The worst thing that can happen to a person? Being banished from God's Presence!**  
**Verse 13-14** take a look!
- **Verse 15** – God put a mark on Cain. Why? There is no scriptural evidence that Cain ever repented.
- **Verse 16** – When you leave the Presence of God...you just settle in life! How sad!
- **I John 3:12** shows us that Cain remained having an evil heart! He never got back in right fellowship with God.
- Back to **Genesis 4:7**...God had warned Cain that sin would overtake him! That it would destroy him! Cain's life shows that when you ignore God you will pay the ultimate price.

**Closing: Be sure to look at the Bible's warning and take the opportunity to change!**

\*\*Do it before the sin. If you do have sin, have a heart of repentance quickly!

- **Jude 1:11 / I John 3:15 / I Timothy 5:8 / John 14:15 / I John 1:9**