

Cain & Able

Study 7 – Genesis 4:1-17

1. According to the Bible, what impact do Cain and Able's direct relationship to Adam and Eve have upon their thoughts, character, and actions? What impact, if any, does your connection to Adam and Eve have upon your thoughts, character, and actions?
2. Finish the following statements. Cain and Abel are the world's first _____. They are also the first _____.
3. In your opinion, why was Cain so angry? In other words, what specifically was or were the reason (s) for Cain's anger? With whom specifically was Cain angry? Why? What, if anything, do Cain's anger and actions say to you about Cain? What, if anything, do Cain's anger and actions say to you about you?
4. Why do you think that God had regard for Able and his offering, yet for Cain and his offering, God had no regard? Is this fair? Why or why not? What, if anything, does this say to you about God?
5. On a scale of 1 – 10, how wicked was Cain's murder of Able? In your opinion, why was Cain so messed up? What specifically motivated Cain to murder his younger brother?
6. What exactly is sin? In your opinion, what is sin's origin? What do you think God meant when He warned Cain, "*Sin is crouching at your door. Its desire is for you.*"?
7. Could you ever do something as bad as Cain? Why or why not? Think of the 5 – 10 worst things you have ever done. How regretful are they? Why did you do them? Who or what is primarily to blame for these sins that you committed?
8. In your opinion, what are the primary consequences of sin? What, if anything, is God's solution for a person's sin? Can you provide any Scripture to support your answer?

Bonus: If Cain's mother, Eve, is the "*mother of all living*," and Cain's father is 'the father of all mankind' (Acts 17:26), who then did Cain marry (v. 17)? Suggested Reading: *Genesis 5:1-5*