

## FAVORITE BIBLE CHAPTERS Lesson 11

### Genesis 4

Here is the great chapter about Cain killing Abel. It is one of the great chapters in all the Bible concerning the way of salvation. Let us notice its truths.

#### CAIN'S BIRTH. Genesis 4:1.

1. The word "Cain" means "\_\_\_\_\_." He is a type of selfishness. Obviously, Cain was a selfish man.
2. Eve thought that he was the \_\_\_\_\_. Notice the words, "I have gotten a man from the LORD." The words, "a man," could be worded, "the God-man."
3. Bear in mind, God had promised that the \_\_\_\_\_ of Eve would bruise the head of the serpent. Genesis 3:15.
4. This was a \_\_\_\_\_ of the coming Messiah. The "seed of woman" was to be the Messiah and was fulfilled in Jesus Christ.
5. The "bruising of the head of the serpent" was \_\_\_\_\_, but it goes on to say in Genesis 3:15 that the serpent would bruise the heel of the seed of woman.
6. This is \_\_\_\_\_ being crucified and bruised on the cross.

Now Eve had been promised that her seed would bring forth the Messiah. She felt like the first son she had would be this Messiah. No doubt God had talked to them about this matter, so she thought that Cain was the promised Messiah.

#### ABEL'S BIRTH. Genesis 4:2

1. The word "Abel" means "\_\_\_\_\_ " or "that which ascends."
2. Abel was a \_\_\_\_\_ man who walked with God, talked with God, and met God's conditions.

#### CAIN'S OFFERING. Genesis 4:3.

1. The words, "process of time," mean "end of days," which would mean \_\_\_\_\_, or the \_\_\_\_\_.

No doubt God had instructed Adam, Eve, Cain, and Abel concerning the Sabbath and also concerning the blood sacrifice.

So it is the Sabbath and that time to bring the offering. Cain refuses to bring a blood sacrifice and brings a bloodless offering to the Lord. Notice the words, "fruit of the ground."

2. Cain is a type of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the earth. He worships in self-will.

He becomes angry with God, he refuses to bring a blood offering, he murders his brother, he lies to God, and he is banished from God.

#### ABEL'S OFFERING. Genesis 4:4.

1. Abel brings an \_\_\_\_\_ of his flock. This was according to God's plan.
2. There are several things Abel \_\_\_\_\_ here in this offering.

First, he realized that he was a \_\_\_\_\_.

Secondly, he realized that he was under the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

Thirdly, he realized that he must have a \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice to pay the penalty for his sins. He brought the sacrifice, and God accepted it.

3. Hence, the lamb, or offering, that Abel brought was a \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ, "...the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world," John 1:29.

4. A lamb symbolizes the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, the fact that He did not resist, and the fact that He was the harmless Lord Jesus. Isaiah 53:7; Matthew 26:53, 54; Luke 23:9.

5. This is in \_\_\_\_\_ with Cain's bloodless sacrifice, for he offered fruit of his own work.

GOD'S ATTITUDE TOWARD THE SACRIFICE. Genesis 4:4, 5.

1. Perhaps God in those days showed His \_\_\_\_\_ in an offering by \_\_\_\_\_ it with fire.

2. Perhaps He \_\_\_\_\_ Abel's offering and did not \_\_\_\_\_ Cain's.

3. At any rate, God \_\_\_\_\_ only a blood sacrifice.

This is why a person cannot be saved by joining the church, doing good deeds, being baptized, taking communion, or observing the sacraments.

The only way a person can be saved is by faith in the Lamb of God Who shed His blood for our sins on the cross.

GOD'S PATIENCE. Genesis 4:6, 7.

1. Cain was \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The Lord's \_\_\_\_\_ was still available, however, as God gave him another chance.

3. In other words, a \_\_\_\_\_ offering was at the door. The word "lieth" means "croucheth."

4. There was \_\_\_\_\_ at the door, no doubt, a lamb or some offering that God would accept.

God was still giving Cain another chance. Ah, praise the Lord for His longsuffering and patience to us and with us!

CAIN'S MURDERING OF ABEL. Genesis 4:8, 9.

1. The first murder in history was by a \_\_\_\_\_ man.

CAIN'S CIVILIZATION. Genesis 4:16, 17.

1. Cain was \_\_\_\_\_ from the Lord.

2. He built a city which he named after his son, \_\_\_\_\_.

This was a most unusual city. It was educated and cultured, as the world counts culture. It abounded in pleasure, power, and so-called human refinement. This, however, was the civilization which was destroyed by the flood in Genesis 6, 7.

First, salvation is by the blood. Second, blood-bought, redeemed people make better societies than do the religionists who scoff at the blood of Christ.

Not only are blood-bought, blood-washed people acceptable to God, but they make a better world. In a real sense, they are the "salt of the earth."