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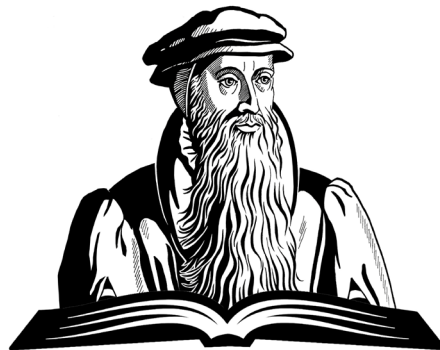
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Lesson 5

Cain and Abel

Genesis, chapter 4

Memory Verse

“And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.”

Genesis 4:4–5

Eve’s Eye of Faith

In the last lesson, we read about the promise of God that the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent (Genesis 3:15). We also saw how Adam and Eve found grace in God’s sight by believing his promise, and God provided a covering for their nakedness. In the opening verses of Genesis 4, we are shown how Eve, as the days passed by, held on to the promise that God had made. In order for God’s promise to be fulfilled, the seed of mankind had to continue. Thus, when Cain was born, she cried out, “I have gotten a man from the LORD” (Genesis 4:1).

How difficult it must have been for Eve when Cain killed Abel. The one son an outcast, the other son dead. What about God’s promise? Perhaps in those times her heart echoed the words of the psalmist: “Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies? Selah (Psalm 77:8–9).

Eve found such thoughts to be foolish. We, like Eve, find that God is ever faithful to his promises. What do we read in Genesis 4:25? He provided another seed—Seth. In Seth, the line of the seed of men would continue. It would continue until Jesus Christ, the seed of the woman, would come into the world and crush the head of the serpent by dying the death of the cross.

The Sacrifices of Cain and Abel

When we look at Cain and Abel, we should not consider one brother to be better than another. No, they were both conceived and born in sin. Abel’s sacrifice was not accepted because he was better than Cain, but because “by faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh” (Hebrews 11:4).

A Better Brood than Abel's

Cain killed Abel. We are told that Abel's blood cries from the ground. What does it cry? It cries for justice. There is, however, a blood that "speaketh better things than that of Abel (Hebrews 12:24). It is the blood of Christ. Jesus Christ's blood satisfied the just demands of God's law. The blood of Christ cries out for mercy and pardon.

Review Questions

1. "And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of _____, but Cain was a tiller of the _____."

2. Draw lines to match the person with their offering, and God's reaction to it.

Abel	the firstling of the flock	had not respect
Cain	The fruit of the ground	had respect

3. "And the LORD said unto _____, Where is _____ thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's _____?"

4. "And now art thou _____ from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's _____ from thy hand."

5. Who built the first city recorded in the Bible? _____

What was the name of the city? _____

6. Lamech was a descendent of Cain. Connect the children of Lamech with their mothers.

Adah	Ju-bal
	Tu-bal-cain
Zillah	Ja-bal

7. Lamech had three sons. For what is each one known?

Ja-bal _____

Ju-bal _____

Tu-bal-cain _____

Discussion Questions

1. Why did God have respect toward Abel's offering, but not the offering of Cain?

2. Explain why the shedding of Jesus' blood on the cross of Calvary speaks better things than the blood of Abel. Is this an encouraging thought? Explain.

3. In Genesis 4:19, we read that Lamech took two wives. Reflecting upon the first marriage, explain why this was a departure from the ordinances of God.

4. We read in the final verse of Genesis 4, “Then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.” Since it is apparent that Abel sacrificed to the LORD, what does this mean?
