

## Genesis: The Battle for Beginnings Week Six

### A Look at Cain and Abel

Genesis 4:1-8

Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man."<sup>2</sup> Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.<sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD.<sup>4</sup> But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering,<sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.<sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?<sup>7</sup> If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."<sup>8</sup> Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

*Laying the groundwork...*

True worship/salvation revolves around the following three focal points: the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ, and the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Spirit.

Jesus isn't the \_\_\_\_\_ way to heaven; he is the \_\_\_\_\_ way.

John 14:6

*Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."*

Acts 4:12

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved."*

#### A. The Insufficiency of Cain's Worship

1. Cain's work was farming; his worship was by \_\_\_\_\_.
2. Cain's worship represented his best \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Cain's worship neglected the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

- We can only approach God on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_.

Hebrews 9:22

*In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.*

4. Cain's offering represented a salvation of \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A major division among religions is the issue of salvation by \_\_\_\_\_ or by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Religion is about what man does to try to get to \_\_\_\_\_; salvation is about what God has done in order to get to \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Cain's religion started in his \_\_\_\_\_ instead of God's \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Cain's religion was \_\_\_\_\_ but not \_\_\_\_\_.

- The way of Cain is \_\_\_\_\_.
- If we were saved by the works of our \_\_\_\_\_, we would nullify the work of the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. The Excellence of Abel's Offering

1. Abel's offering gives us a shadow of the \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 11:4)
2. Abel understood \_\_\_\_\_. (Hebrews 9:22)
  - The blood atonement was a \_\_\_\_\_ doctrine. (Revelation 13:8)

Romans 10:17
3. Abel is the first Old Testament \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 11:49-51)
4. Abel was the first martyred \_\_\_\_\_.
  - All prophets had a united \_\_\_\_\_. (Acts 10:43)

II. The Consequences of Their Worship

A. Cain and the Issue of Righteousness

1. The difference between the two offerings is the difference between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
- God's \_\_\_\_\_ would not allow Cain's offering.

Romans 3:23-26

2. Jesus' death was first and foremost to satisfy God's righteous \_\_\_\_\_.
- When a guilty man is \_\_\_\_\_, the judge is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Cain and the Cross

1. The cross is God's way of being the just \_\_\_\_\_.
2. There are just two ways - the way of \_\_\_\_\_ and the way of the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. In heaven the only thing we will have to boast in is the work of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. In death we leave behind all that we \_\_\_\_\_ and take with us all we \_\_\_\_\_.

III. The Conflict of Their Worship

1. False religion is the most \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ thing on the face of the earth.
2. False religion is marked by \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Religion marked by \_\_\_\_\_ is of Cain, not Able.