

## 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.