

Allen Temple Baptist Church

Sunday School Live 

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Winter Quarter Theme: *Justice, Law, History*
Unit 2: "God: The Source of Justice"

Sunday January 2, 2022

Justice Vengeance and Mercy

Text: Genesis: 4: 1- 13

Background Scripture: Genesis 4

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INTRODUCTION

The account of Cain & Able, the first and second sons of Adam & Eve. Gen 4:1, 2. Cain was a groundskeeper as Adam was. Abel was a shepherd. Two brothers from the same womb. Yet jealousy & anger lead one brother to kill the other.

LESSON BACKGROUND

Genesis Chapters 1-3 Creation of Universe, Land, Sea & all creatures. Creation of Man & Woman Gen 2: 7, 22, Chapter 3: The fall of man, God sends Adam out of the Garden of Eden for disobedience to His command.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

1. Why did God reject Cain's offering?
2. What motivates you to give an offering to The Lord & how does it feel?
3. Looking at the dangers of Jealousy & uncontrolled anger.

EXAMINING THE TEXT

Lesson Outline

Theme 1: A Contrast In Gifts Received

Genesis 4:1-5

Theme 2: A Divine Warning

Genesis 4:6-7

Theme 3: A Punishment With Mercy

1 Cor 3: 10 -16

LESSON TEXT

Genesis 4:1 KJV And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

² And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

LESSON TEXT

Genesis 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.

⁴ 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.

LESSON TEXT

Genesis 4:5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

⁶ And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen.

LESSON TEXT

Genesis 4:7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

QUESTIONS???

- 1. What can we learn from God's response to Cain's Offering?**
- 2. Why do you think Cain was so distraught: (shame or guilt)?**
- 3. What can we learn from Cain's anger?**
- 4. What are some of the consequences of hatred?**

LESSON TEXT

Genesis 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?

LESSON TEXT

Genesis 4:10 And He Said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

LESSON TEXT

Genesis 4:12 When thou tillest the ground. it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

LESSON TEXT

Genesis 4:14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the earth; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth; and it shall come to pass, that every one that findeth me shall slay me.

LESSON TEXT

Genesis 4:15 And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

16 And Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

1) What did Cain do when questioned by God about killing Abel?

2) God knows our hearts, therefore all worship and offerings should be our best.

3) We have a choice to obey God. Remember, God will highlight, correct and punish disobedience.

KEY POINTS TO REMEMBER

- 1) We should never be angry at God for correcting us.**
- 2) Even in correction God is merciful.**
- 3) Uncontrolled / Unreleased anger is dangerous.**
- 4) Obedience is better than sacrifice.**

SUMMARY

GENESIS 4:7 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 rule over it."

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

Ephesians 4:26 Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger.

James 1:20 for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness of God.

Proverbs 28:13 Whoever conceals his transgressions will not prosper, but he who confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

LESSON TEXT

1 CORINTHIANS 3:14- 15

VS. 14) If what he has built survives he will receive his reward, VS.15) If it is burned up He will suffer loss; He himself will be saved, but only as one escaping through flames.

APPLICATION FOR LIFE

- **Who is the only foundation we build on?**
- **What are we planting building?**
- **What materials should I use?**
- **Why should I be building?**
- **How will what I build be tested?**
- **Who Gives the Increase?**

APPLICATION FOR LIFE

- **What type of leaders do we need?**
- **Every man/woman has a PURPOSE in God's plan?**
- **How am I contributing to the kingdom of God?**
- **Where do I need to improve?**
- **How do I respond when I am corrected?**
- **What does my progress report look like?**

SUMMARY

The letters to the church at Corinth speak to the Church today. The applications and instructions we see in the text provide us great tools for daily Christian living, preventing and resolving differences, and how we should help our brothers and sisters in Christ. As we plant, build new temples, new ministries to glorify GOD, we must only build on Christ. Love, Peace, Kindness, Gold, Silver & Precious Stones. God Gives The Increase, Blessings & Rewards