

Blessings friends... Can I talk with you for a minute about a little issue we discussed at the Chapel last night? I appreciate your time and ear and I don't take that lightly so I pray these words speak to you and help you right where you are.

We looked at Cain, in light of the Older and Newer Testaments and gleaned a few thoughts about life and love. Cain was a man of great passion and love. He loved who and what he loved but his life and love were fundamentally flawed. What seemed and felt RIGHT, was wrong and what was WRONG seemed and felt right. Why? Here's the thing. Man's greater issue is not WHAT he believes but WHO he believes. Cain believed Cain and not God, therefore it affected what he believed. The way of Cain, like the way of all who line up on the wrong side with God, is a WAY that rejects and replaces God's way for their own. And that's where his troubles began. Who you believe will directly and indirectly dictate what you believe. And if you're believing the wrong one then what you're believing to be right will be off, too.

Consider Cain... as a representative of all those who

live and die going his own way. Every person that leaves "their mark" upon history for the sake of man — will lose that mark when all is said and done. They will be everything God says not to be! But for anyone that leaves God's mark upon man — for God's sake and the good of man will have an everlasting reward.

For example, as it applies to Cain. The description is called "the way of Cain" and we are told that we should not love as Cain in (1 John 3:11-12. John says, "love not as Cain, who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. Cain's works, which he (Cain) loved, that he would risk his life and kill for, he loved more than God's way. That's why his way and doings are called evil. Evil means bad. And they are bad because they have NO eternal value to them. They were good for nothing eternally. But don't miss this. Cain loved what he loved. But what he loved wasn't God nor his brother that God loved and accepted. Cain loved deeply. And it's obvious that Cain hated the fact that God didn't accept, appreciate and value what he loved, so he took it out on who God loved, his own brother. Cain loved his way more than God's way. And that my friend is the dilemma and WAY of every

wicked person in this world today — that doesn't trust Jesus, therefore, they do not line up on the right side of God's way, truth and life. They go their way like Cain went his way... and that is called wickedness and lawlessness. And Jesus hates lawlessness so much He died on our behalf to do what we couldn't and destroy it in our lives.

**"Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You love righteousness and hate wickedness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions." Psalm 45:6-7**

(And this message is highlighted again in the Newer Testament so we'd know exactly who He is speaking of.)

**"But to the His Son He says: "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever;
A scepter of righteousness is the scepter of Your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated**

lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions." And (about His Son): "You, Lord, in the beginning laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Your hands. They will perish, but You remain; And they will all grow old like a garment; Like a cloak You will fold them up, and they will be changed. But You are the same, And Your years will not fail." Hebrews 1:8-12

Blessings, Lord willing, some time today I'll revisit this way of Cain again in another post, but for now this should get the wheels of our thinkers rolling on the two WAYS humanity LIVES and LOVES. In the meantime take a peek in 1 John 3 and get familiar with it. And be looking for a future post about the Two Uncompromising Springs that guide and govern the flow, thinking and actions of the people that we love and care deeply for. Until then... don't go the way of Cain.

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#Jude #1john3 #thebookofbeginnings #pride
#lovelikeJesusnotlikeCain #donotlovelikeCain**

**#thewayofCain #cainandable #acceptable
#genesis4and4thru6 #grit #grace #favor #failure
#failures #quitting #quitters
#prideshowsnopartiality #acceptabletoGod #Cain
#hedidnotlaydownhispride #Able
#upfromtheashesoffaliure #getupandlookup**