

## Great Stories of the Bible — 2/16/22

### Cain and Able

**TEXT** —Genesis 4:1-12 *And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.*

**INTRO** — God created man from the dust of the earth and he created Eve from the rib of Adam. Eve sinned by taking the forbidden fruit and Adam took of it also. Judgment came as a result of their sin and in addition grace is shown to them by the coats of skin.

A promise is given to Eve that her seed would bruise the head of the serpent and the serpent would bruise the heel of her seed.

It seems she had hoped with the birth of Cain he would destroy the works of Satan. Instead he became the first murderer.

- Cain is a man of the earth. His religion was destitute of any adequate sense of sin, or need of atonement. 2 Peter 2:1ff

Seven things are said about him:

1. He worships in self-will
2. He is angry with God
3. He refuses to bring a sin-offering
4. He murders his brother
5. He lies to God
6. He becomes a vagabond
7. He is the object of solicitude by God

Cain destroyed the godly line by killing Able but another child is born later called Seth. We read after time his sons (The Sethites) married to the daughters of Cain (The Cainites) and eventually the world became corrupt until God destroyed everything except the family of Noah.

There is a contrast between Cain and Able illustrating the differences.

There have always been these two seeds at enmity:

**1. The godly seed**

**Heb 11:4** *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.*

**1 Jn 3:10-12** *In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother. For this is the message that ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous.*

**2. The corrupt seed.**

**Jude 1:11** *Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core.*

**Luke 11:45-52** *Then answered one of the lawyers, and said unto him Master thus saying thou reproachest us also. 46 And he said, **Woe unto you also,***

- **God must have taught Adam and his family how to approach Him Gen 3:21** *Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.*
- **Gen 3:21** indicates that sacrifice of blood was involved.
- **Heb 9:22** states that there must be the shedding of blood before there can be the remission of sin, but Cain brought a bloodless offering from the cursed earth. His offering may have been sincere, but it was not accepted
- “the way of Cain,” is the way of religion without blood, religion based on religious good works and self-righteousness.

There are only two religions in the world today:

(1) That of Abel that depends on the blood of Christ and His finished work on the cross; and

(2) That of Cain that depends on good works and man-pleasing religion. One leads to heaven, the other to hell!

**Heb 9:22** *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*

Cain did not repent of his sin; instead, he showed remorse and despair. Like his parents, he blamed God. “You have driven me out!” **Gen 4:14** He was rejected by heaven and refused by earth!

Cain’s fear and hopelessness: “Anyone who finds me will kill me!”

In grace, God promised to protect Cain and gave him a sign (mark) to verify His promise.

Cain is a picture of humankind today: restless, hopeless, wandering defeated!

Evaluated from a human point of view, Cain’s descendants are admirable.

- **Jabal (“wanderer”)** founded the science of agriculture (**Gen 4:20**)
- **Jubal** founded “culture” — music;
- **Tubal-Cain** founded the metal industries.

In outward appearances, Cain’s “city” was a great success, but God made it clear that He had rejected the whole thing.

**Gen 4:25, God gave Adam and Eve another seed — Seth — the substitute (taking Abel's place).**

**God did not try to reform the Cainites. He rejected them and ultimately would condemn them in the flood.**

Civilization today is Cainite in origin.

It has such elements as agriculture, industry, arts, great cities, and religion without faith in the blood of Christ.

Also, like Cain's civilization of old, it will be destroyed.

We still have boasting murderers like Lamech, and we still have people (like Lamech) who violate the sacred vows of marriage.

“As the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of man be”  
(**Mat 24:37 4**).

**Men still reject divine revelation and depend on their own human resources.**

**CONCL –**

- ✚ **The only way to God is still through the blood of Christ.**
- ✚ **The true Christian does not belong to this “world system” that is passing away**

**1 Jn 2:15-17** *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.*

**2 Co 6:14-17** *Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? 16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*