

Bible Class Notes – Cain and Abel - Lesson 9

Living Away From God.

This week we learn from Genesis the consequences of sin where pride, jealousy, anger, and hatred led to murder and to the awful judgement of God.

For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. Romans 3 v23

Bible Readings for this week

(Choose a regular time each day to read the bible and pray whether it be when you first wake up or just before you go to sleep)

Day	Bible Reading	Tick When Read
Sunday	Genesis 4v1-16 (Cain murders his brother, Abel)	
Monday	Hebrews 11v1-10 (Abel credited with saving faith)	
Tuesday	1 John 3v1-12 (Cain slew Abel – his works were evil)	
Wednesday	1 John 3v13-24 (Hatred is likened to murder)	
Thursday	Romans 3v1-18 (Let God be true and every man a liar)	
Friday	Romans 3v19-31 (All have sinned in God's sight)	
Saturday	Isaiah 55 (Seek the Lord, while He may be found)	

Important Lesson for us today: *There are always consequences for our sin, affecting us, and others, in this life. But our sin also has eternal consequences for our souls. There is no such thing as a 'little' sin, as all sin, (whether by thought, by word or by act,) is abhorrent to God. One sin always leads to another, and it is so easy to become unconcerned about our sin that we soon grow into habitual, hardened sinners. To understand the awfulness of sin, consider what it cost The Saviour, The Lord Jesus Christ, to die on Calvary as our substitute, bearing the wrath of The Father for the guilt of our sins, so that we might be forgiven, receive His righteousness, and be accepted by God into Eternal Heaven more fully. Does this move your soul? Did Christ die to save you?*

Hymn 391 – Salvation is only by the Saviour's shed blood on the cross of Calvary.

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| 1. Not what these hands have done
Can save this guilty soul;
Not what this toiling flesh has borne
Can make my spirit whole | 3. Thy work alone, O Christ,
Can ease this weight of sin;
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God,
Can give me peace within. |
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EDT Bible/College Class Take Home Sheet.

This sheet is given to remind you of the lesson and to encourage you to read your Bible.

The Terrible Consequences of Sin - Now and For Eternity.

- **The Situation After Adam and Eve Sinned: -**
 - They lost their Eternal Peace & Fellowship with their Creator God.
 - **The World** has since groaned in sin under God's curse.
 - **We have inherited Adam's fallen nature of rebellion and unbelief.**
 - **God placed His Law into their consciences** – showing them the need for animal sacrifices as a reminder that God would send a Saviour in due time.
- **Cain's Gift and Offering – Rejected by God: -**
 - Cain **did not follow** God's instructions – He invented his own offering.
 - He gave it with pride - in the wrong spirit – To impress, to show off.
 - **Without Repentance** – he offered his own work to earn God's favour.
 - **Expecting to qualify for a reward** he was enraged when God rejected him.
- **Abel's Gift and Offering – Accepted by God: -**
 - Abel **followed** God's instructions – an animal sacrifice was required.
 - He came humbly, obediently, repentant - knowing sin deserves death.
 - Looking in faith to God's future provision of a Saviour – The Lord Jesus.
 - Abel's faith was accounted to him for righteousness. Hebrews 11v4.
- **Cain's sinful reaction** – See how one sin so quickly led to another: -
 - Pride led Cain to Jealousy, to Anger, to Hatred, and then to Murder.
 - Cain even rejected God's kind words of corrective advice. No repentance.
- **We must ask ourselves – “Who am I like? Cain or Abel?”**
 - Does sinful Pride lead us to Jealousy, to Anger, and to Hatred?
Are we content to continue living in our sin, away from God?

OR

- Do we recognise our sinfulness? Do we come humbly, God's way, with heartfelt repentance? - Looking for and finding His forgiveness.
- **God has graciously provided the Remedy for Sin: -**
 - Planned in eternity, He has sent His Son, The Lord Jesus Christ – The 'Lamb of God' to die as our substitute on Calvary, taking the full punishment for the guilt of all our sin, and to give us His Righteousness.
 - The Lord Jesus Christ is God's Acceptable and Complete Sacrifice for Sin - Once, and for All Time. **There is no other way. Did He die to save you?**
 - We must look to the Saviour in faith as we cannot save ourselves.

The Apostle Paul wrote, *“For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord”.* Romans 6v23