

The Offering of Cain and Abel

Genesis 4:1-15



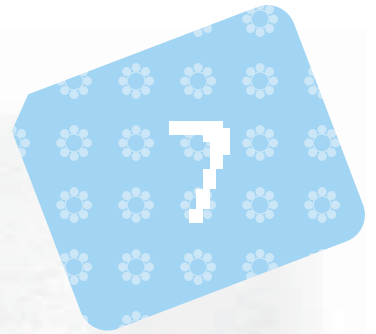
Adam had two sons named Cain and Abel.
Cain and Abel grew up hearing about God from their parents, Adam and Eve.
Among these stories was how Adam and Eve sinned and were kicked out of the Garden of Eden, and about how God made garments of skin to clothe them of their nakedness.
The older brother, Cain, was a farmer, and Abel, the younger brother, was a shepherd.

One day, the two brothers came together to offer sacrifices to God.

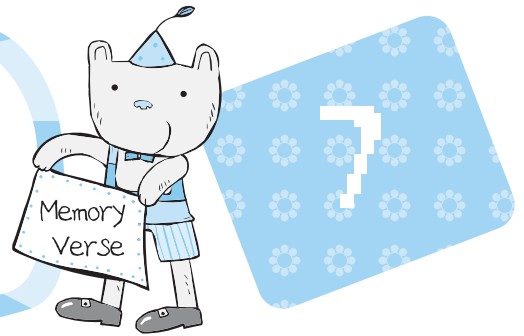
Cain offered God the produce of his hard labor while Abel in faith offered up the firstling of a lamb.

God rejected Cain's offering while receiving Abel's offering. Because of this, hatred grew in Cain's heart towards his brother Abel.

GOD: "Why do you have hatred in your heart? Beware that sin is crouching at the door and do not sin."



In Him we have redemption through
His blood, the forgiveness of sins,
according to the riches of His grace.
Ephesians 1:7



But after some time, while Cain and Abel were out together in the field, Cain rose up against Abel and killed him.

GOD: "Cain, Where is Abel your brother?"

CAIN: "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

GOD: "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. So now you are cursed from the earth and you shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth."

Cain was cursed and punished according to what God said.



Today's Study

Read the text and answer the following questions.

1. What did Cain and Abel offer to God?

2. Whose offering did God gladly receive?

3. Why did God receive Abel's offering? Look at the illustration below and write your answer.

When we disobeyed God's commandment and ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, we were driven out from the Garden of Eden. But then, God killed an animal and made us clothes from its skin and covered our shamefulness.



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That's right! In order to go to God, I need an animal that can die for my sins.

By _____ Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was _____. (Hebrews 11:4)



Today's Lesson

? Which of these two boys would God send to heaven?

John



I need to do a lot of good deeds. If I pray more than an hour a day, then God will send me to heaven. And I will offer a lot of money to church...

Sam



Dear God, I understand that I'm a sinner. And I believe in Jesus, that He shed His blood to cover my sins.

? Why would God choose that boy to go to heaven?

Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ,
(Galatians 2:16)



Let's Find out

Salvation is God's gift

Salvation is free.

There's nothing we did to be saved.

We just received it.

Salvation is a precious gift of God.

Where is boasting then? It is excluded. By what law? Of works? No, but by the law of faith. (Romans 3:27)

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