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“THE CORRUPTION OF
MAN: THE FALL”

Genesis 4:1-17

STUDY OUTLINE

A Comprehensive (Part 2) “Post Meeting” Study Outline for Week 14

Passage: Genesis 4:1-17

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Principle: Salvation is available to all mankind, but salvation is on God’s terms!

Introduction and Theme: Genesis Chapter 4 places the spotlight on Cain. He is mentioned thirteen times and seven times Abel is identified as “his [Cain’s] brother.” As we consider Cain’s life and some of the roles he played, we will better understand how important it is for us to know God and do His will.

Words to define:

angry(2734): *charah*; a verb meaning to burn, to be kindled, to glow, to grow warm. Figuratively, it means to get angry or to become vexed.

master(4910): *mashal*; a verb denoting to rule, to reign, or to have dominion over.

well(3190): *yatab*; a verb meaning to be good, to be well, to be pleasing.

I. Child One: Cain. Genesis 4:1.

a. Cain was the first addition to the first family. The man had relations with his wife Eve and she conceived(v.1 a).

b. Eve was elated over this first child and she thought he was the “promised seed.” “I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD(v.1b).

II. Child Two: Abel. Genesis 4:2.

a. Eve was not elated over this child(v. 2a).

b. Both children grew to be men. Abel a shepherd and Cain a farmer(v.2b).

III. Cain’s Offering. Genesis 4:3.

a. After a definite period of time Cain brought ***an offering*** to the LORD of the fruit of the ground(v.3).

IV. Abel’s Offering. Genesis 4:4.

a. Abel brought of the ***firstlings of his flock*** and of their fat portions(v.4a).

b. The LORD’s response: regard for Abel and his offering(v. 4b).

V. God and Cain’s Response. Genesis 4:5.

a. But for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell(v.5).

Summary: There was evidently an unrecorded yet prescribed manner for offerings that Abel obeyed but Cain didn’t (Gen. 4:3-4).

See Hebrews 11:4.

A. It involved the right timing. A pattern was set when the animals were first sacrificed (Gen.3:21).

B. It involved the right attitude. Cain offered out of duty, Abel from thanksgiving.

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C. It involved the right offering. Abel brought several of the best portions, indicative of generosity(Gen. 4:4)

VI. The LORD Confronts Cain. Genesis 4:6-7.

a. Does Cain expect that he can disobey the LORD and have joy and peace?

b. Cain is given the solution to his problems(v.7a).

1. It requires change from his sinful ways of selfishness and self-determination. With change comes the opportunity for a “face lift.”

c. If he refuses the solution he will continue to face a losing battle with his dominating sin nature pictured by the sin offering(v.7b).

Conclusion and application: The Lord warned Cain that temptation was like a fierce beast crouching at the door of his life, and he had better not open the door. It is dangerous to carry grudges and harbor bitter feelings in our hearts because all of this can be used by Satan to lead us into temptation and sin. This is what Paul meant when he wrote “neither give place for the devil (Eph. 4:27). If we aren’t careful, we can tempt ourselves and bring about our own ruin.



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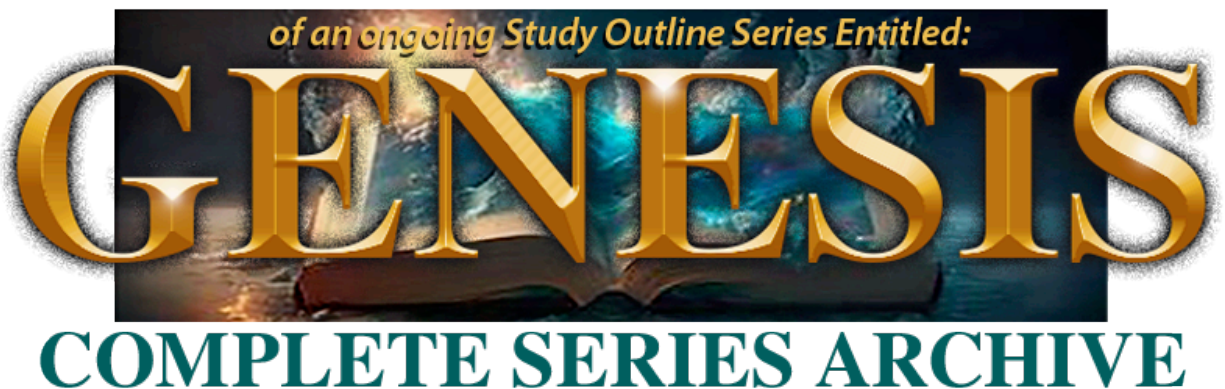
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