

## **LESSON 13: God Rejected Cain and His Offering, but Accepted Abel and His Offering**

Moral relativism is a philosophy that asserts there is no global, absolute moral law that applies to all people, for all time, and in all places.

Summing up the relative moral philosophy, Friedrich Nietzsche wrote, “You have your way, I have my way. As for the right way, it does not exist.”

**Greg Koukl at “Stand to Reason” ([www.str.org](http://www.str.org)) writes:**

Moral relativism is the view that ideas of right and wrong are more like ice cream than insulin. Saying certain conduct is wrong is like saying vanilla tastes bad. The statement only tells you what individual people like. It says nothing about the action itself. There can be as many moral “truths,” then, as there are people who believe them.

Consequently, moral relativism is a kind of subjectivism. When it comes to moral rules—principles of right and wrong—it’s up to the subject, the individual, to decide because there are no true, universal, ethical obligations or moral principles that apply equally to all people.

**Greg Koukl gives this illustration to drive home the point of moral relativism:**

Let us pretend that you want to play the classic board game, Monopoly. Like every other game, Monopoly has rules. There are standards, a framework of right or wrong of sorts that work within the Monopoly “community.” According to the rules of the game, for example, you cannot have houses and hotels on the same piece of property. That would be wrong. Parker Brothers, the inventors of the game, said so.

Relativism is like Monopoly. In one sense, it’s not the case that “anything goes.” Rather, standards set by the community (Parker Brothers, in this case) govern behavior.

These laws are “true,” though, in an entirely different way than, say, the laws of gravity are true. They are not true because of the way the world is structured, but because of the way human beings (subjects) have arranged the game. If you don’t like the rules, you can change them (variations that are sometimes called “house rules”), or play a different game, or play no game at all. It’s completely up to you.

Historically, man has continually refused to acknowledge God and the seriousness of sin. We live in a day when politicians and even political parties put their stamp of approval on any kind of sin or deviant behavior.

Moral values used to be clearly defined, even among non-Christians. But now values have eroded into a blur of gray areas that seem to allow the sinner to roam freely even into areas of gross sin. The prevailing morality seems to be “If it feels good to me, I’ll do it.”

But God has not changed. His values are still the same; sin still requires the death penalty. God is eternally holy.

**The life of Cain is a stinging example of the horrible results of rebellion against God.** Cain refused God’s loving call to repentance, turned and killed his brother, and spent the rest of his life on earth and all eternity away from the presence of God.

The story of Cain and Abel is a classic for all times but especially for our times. Many in our society are rushing away from God. In the process, they are hurting, lying against, stealing from, and killing fellow men and women.

Yet when someone is the victim of a crime, or hears of a crime, often the first question asked is, “Why did God let that happen?” This may be the first question, but it is the wrong question.

It is a little like a mother telling her six-year-old son not to touch the hot stove, because if he does, he’ll get burnt. The six-year-old turns right around touches the hot stove anyway. Now, would you ask, “Why did the mother let the boy touch the hot stove?” No, the question is, “**Why didn’t the boy obey his mother?**”

God had told Cain what was right and was even gracious to tell Cain why He did not accept him when Cain disobeyed. But Cain turned against all that God had told him to do and went out and killed his brother.

This is the problem that we are faced with continually; our news is full of every kind of crime and evil—not because God should have stopped it, but because man should have believed God and obeyed Him.

The spread of sin is horrible. Romans 5:12 says, “...by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned.” But men, not God, are responsible for their conduct.

God hates sin. Man is given the choice to believe and obey God. Man is responsible for his choices. Sin is not God’s fault. Sin cannot be paid for by man’s earthly efforts. Teach these truths clearly; many people today have lost sight of them. God promises that His Word will “prosper in the thing whereto [He] sent it.” (Isaiah 55:11).

REVIEW questions from Lesson 12.

1. Why did God refuse the clothes which Adam and Eve made?  
*Because God wanted to teach Adam and Eve that they couldn't do anything to make themselves acceptable to God.*
2. Can a person make himself acceptable to God by putting on good clothes or by anything that he does? *No.*
3. What are some of the things you can think of that men do to try to make themselves acceptable to God? *Helping the poor, volunteering, going church, trying to be a good, moral person, fighting against injustices.*
4. Will God accept any of these things? *No.*
5. Who is the only one who could make Adam and Eve acceptable to God? *God.*
6. Why did God kill animals to make clothing for Adam and Eve?  
*Because God was reminding Adam and Eve that the punishment for sin is death.*
7. Why did God make them clothes? *Because, even though they had sinned, He still loved them, and He wanted to show them that He was the only one who could make them acceptable to Him.*
8. In what way did Adam and Eve become like God after they ate the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil? *They now knew that there was evil as well as good.*
9. Why did God put Adam and Eve out of the garden of Eden? *So that they wouldn't be able to eat the fruit from the tree of life and live forever in sin.*
10. How did God make sure they wouldn't be able to return? *He placed angels called cherubim and a sword of fire flashing every direction to keep them away.*
11. Can anyone trick or deceive God? *No.*
12. Who gives every person his life? *God.*
13. Where were Cain and Abel born? *Outside of the garden of Eden.*
14. Why were Cain and Abel born sinners and separated from God?  
*Because of their father, Adam.*
15. Why were we all born sinners and separated from God? *Because Adam is also our father.*

## A. Introduction

How serious is sin?

What if someone refuses to believe God and chooses to disobey Him?

- Could you say, "Well, that's his own business, if he wants to do that"?
- Does a man's sin affect other people?
- Can a man work out some way to take care of his sins?

- Is it true that each man can choose his own way to come to God? Won't God accept any sincere effort we make?

Let's see what answers God gives us to these questions as we study the story of Adam and Eve's sons, Cain and Abel, and their descendants.

## **B. God told them what they must do when they came to worship Him.**

Theme: Man is a sinner. He needs God and is helpless to save himself.

There is no way that Adam and Eve or Cain and Abel could come to God

- They were all sinners, and God hates sin.
- They were separated from God.
- The punishment for sin is death.
- They could not give anything to God to pay for their sins.

**Theme:** God is supreme & sovereign.

**Theme:** God is loving, merciful and gracious.

**Theme:** Man can come to God only according to God's will and plan.

But God planned a way so they could come to Him.

- It was not man's way.
- It was God who decided on this way.
- No one else could make a way for them.

God made a way for them because He loved them.

- God must have told Adam and Eve what they must do if they wanted to be close to Him.
- Adam and Eve probably told Cain and Abel what God said they must do if they wished to come to God.
- The Bible gives us good reason to believe that God communicated these things to Adam and Eve and that Abel and Cain knew them as well.

Later on in this lesson, we will talk about this subject in more detail.

**Theme:** God is holy and righteous. He demands death as the payment for sin.

Here is what God must have told them:

- When they came to Him, they had to bring a sheep as an offering to Him.
- They had to kill the animal in such a way that the animal's blood would flow out.

**Question:** If the blood of the animals could not pay for their sin, why would god tell them to kill a sheep?

**Answer:** Because God wanted them to remember that the punishment for sin is death. He wanted them to remember that they would die and go to everlasting punishment unless He saved them.

- If they agreed with God that they were sinners and that only He could save them from everlasting punishment, then they were to bring a sheep and kill it as God had told them to.

**You see: God never changes.**

One of the main themes throughout the Bible is that God is holy and righteous and demands death as the payment for sin. This is a foundational theme throughout the Bible, and it clearly states that blood must be shed for sin.

**Leviticus 17:11 (MSG)**

<sup>11</sup> for the life of an animal is in the blood. I have provided the blood for you to make atonement for your lives on the Altar; it is the blood, the life, that makes atonement.

**Hebrews 9:22 (ESV)**

<sup>22</sup> Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

These 2 scriptures are just two examples of this foundational principle that runs throughout the Bible. The blood sacrifice for sin was part of God's gracious plan to deliver man from sin, Satan and death.

You see, the Bible makes the connection between our sin and the death that it brings and the need to have the shedding of blood for forgiveness--

- We fail to perceive the seriousness of sin.
- We fail to recognize the sheer depth of sin, and how it grips and holds on to our hearts.
- And we fail to accept God's judgment of sin, and the seriousness with which God regards all sin.

So here's the deal: All human beings dream of freedom--we all want to be free of all outside influence; we want to be so free that we can do whatever we please. Our yearning is so great, we sometimes fool ourselves into thinking we are more free than we really are. We are deceived into thinking that whatever bondage we're in, that that is freedom when it's really entrapment. We're trapped and enslaved to sin.

**C. Both Cain and Abel came to offer sacrifices to God.**

**Theme:** Man can come to God only according to God's will and plan.

**Genesis 4:3-5 (ESV)**

<sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground,

<sup>4</sup> and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering,

<sup>5</sup> but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

Both Cain and Abel remind us of two different classes of people who attend church-- those who come to worship God according to man's ideas, and those who come in the way that God has said.

Just believing in God and even offering to God what we think is very good will not make us acceptable to Him? The Bible says in **James 2:19 (GW)**

<sup>19</sup> You believe that there is one God. That's fine! The demons also believe that, and they tremble with fear.

Even though Satan and his demons believe in God, it doesn't make them acceptable to God. As we continue, we'll see what happened to Cain and Abel.

**But consider this:**

Just believing in God and even offering to God what we think is very good will not make us acceptable to Him. We can't make it up as we go along. God has prescribed the means and the terms for our coming to Him. We won't get to heaven because we're good any more than we could attempt to gain admission to Disneyworld based on our goodness. Can you imagine walking up to the entrance of Disneyworld and expecting to be let in. The man at the turnstile says, "Where's your ticket?" You reply, "I don't have a ticket. I don't need a ticket to get into the Magic Kingdom."

The Disney park attendant says, "Sir, get out of line and go to the ticket booth and purchase a ticket, otherwise I can't let you into the park."

But you say, "Wait a minute. I don't need a ticket. I'm a good person. I volunteer to help the poor and needy, I give blood to the Red Cross, I go to church every Sunday--now let me in."

The Disney park attendant says, "Sir, unless you've got a ticket. Unless you've paid the admission to the park, I can't let you in. Those are the rules. Go back to the booth and pay for a ticket, and then I can let you in."

But you say, "I don't need a ticket. I'm a good person. Don't you understand? I help other people and I try to do what's right. I've been given humanitarian awards for helping people with the Ebola virus. You've got to let me in."

Finally, the exasperated Disney attendant says, "Sir, one last time--go buy an admission ticket to the park or I can't let you in, and if you persist in trying to get in any other way, I'll have to call the park police and have you arrested."

Now here's the thing--if you can't even get into Disneyworld, into the Magic Kingdom by just being good, or by your own rules or standards, what makes you think you can get into Heaven by just being good, or by your own set of rules? If Disneyworld has standards for admission to the Magic Kingdom, don't you think that just maybe, God also has some standard for gaining entrance into the Kingdom of God? Heaven comes with a

price. There is an admission ticket that must be purchased and we'll talk about that more as we go along in this series.

### **D. Abel's offering was accepted by God.**

**Theme:** Man must have faith in order to please God and be saved.

**Theme:** Man can come to God only according to God's will and plan.

As an offering to God, Cain brought things which he had grown.

### **But God would not accept Cain or his offering:**

#### **Why not?**

- Was it because the things Cain grew and brought to God were not good?
- Was it because God doesn't like things grown from the ground?
- No, it was none of these reasons.
- Did God reject Cain's offering because Cain was a worse sinner than Abel?
- No, that wasn't the reason why God would not accept him. Both Cain and Abel were born sinners.

At this point, it is important that we clearly understand why God rejected Cain and his offering, while he accepted Abel and his offering.

The book of Hebrews gives us some clear insights as to why. In Hebrews 11, God says that without faith, it is impossible to please Him. He also tells us that Abel was a man of faith while Cain was not.

Then, in the book of Romans, God tells us that faith is always based on the Word of God.

**Romans 10:17 (NKJV) says,**

<sup>17</sup> So then faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

To approach God in any other way other than the way God has told us is presumption and sin. God will reject the man who tries to come to Him in his own way, just as Disneyworld will reject the person who tries to get into their park any old way.

The Disney Company has set-up clear rules that you have to pay the admission price and have a ticket to gain entrance to their park, the happiest place on earth. So if Disneyworld can determine what is acceptable to gain entrance into their theme parks, why should God be any different? He is the author of life itself. He is the One who determines the order of everything, so doesn't it make sense that He would set a standard as to how we approach Him, and what is necessary to worship Him? We can't just come to God any old way and think that's going to cut it. And basically, that's what Cain was doing. He was making up his own rules and he was presuming that it would be satisfactory to God.

We can be sure that Abel's faith was dependent on the directions given by God. We see this later on in Scripture where God commands Israel or the Hebrew people, to bring the

fat of the lamb to Him. That is exactly what Abel did, and it's because he knew that this was what God wanted.

**God rejected Cain and his offering because:**

- Cain didn't come to God admitting he was a sinner.
- He came to God in his own way, according to his own ideas, and not in the way which God had commanded.
- Cain did not believe God.
- He did not trust in the way which God had told them to come.
- That is why God rejected him.

Think of this--do you remember how God rejected the clothes which Adam and Eve made for themselves? Why did God refuse to accept the clothing they had made? Because God wanted to show them that they couldn't make themselves acceptable to God by anything they could do. It had to be done God's way. The animals had to die and their blood had to be shed so that Adam and Eve could have clothes that were acceptable to God.

Likewise with Cain and Abel--God would not accept them unless they trusted in Him and came to Him in the way He had said. God would only accept them if they brought a sheep and killed it, shedding its blood. Abel believed God and came God's way, so God accepted him. Cain came trusting in his own way so God rejected him.

Now, I also want you to see that this wasn't just an "obedience" issue. Sure, Abel obeyed God. But he obeyed because he believed God. He obeyed because he had faith. Because he had faith, he offered a lamb sacrifice to God, and that in turn, demonstrated obedience. We can obey but for the wrong reasons. We can obey and not have faith or trust. Abel's obedience was the result of faith in God.

(DISPLAY BRANCH BROKEN OFF FROM TREE)

Take a look at this branch broken off from a tree. It died after a while because it was separated from the life it received from the tree. What if you tried to join this dead branch back on to the tree? If you tied the branch back onto the tree, would it come back to life again? Would the leaves turn green once again and begin to grow? Do you think that if you would ever be able to join the branch back on the tree so it would have life again? No, you cannot join a dead branch back onto the tree so that it will live once again. It was separated from the tree and you cannot put it back.

(Visual of Man and God and chasm. see p. 7)

It seems like many people spend a good part of their lives trying to find a way to "re-attach" themselves to the source of spiritual life. Their efforts might include activities that seem very religious: going to church, giving money to the church and to missions, doing



all sorts of "good deeds", being a "good person", or any number of things. Can you think of some examples of this type of self-effort to come to God?

Since we are all born sinners, we were all "detached" from our source of life, just as this tree branch is detached from the life of the tree. Nothing that we can do on our own will restore us to God. Sin has broken us off from God, just like the branch that was broken off from the tree.

This is how it was with Adam, Eve, Cain and Abel. Because Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they were separated from God. Therefore, Cain and Abel were born outside the garden and were also separated from God. They could not bring themselves back into fellowship with God.

Adam and Eve made themselves clothes to try to make themselves acceptable to God, but He rejected their clothes. Cain came to God in his own way and God rejected him and his offering.

### **E. God reasoned with angry Cain.**

**Theme:** God communicates with man.

**Theme:** God is loving, merciful, and gracious

Read **Genesis 4:6-7 (MSG)**

<sup>6</sup> GOD spoke to Cain: "Why this tantrum? Why the sulking?"

<sup>7</sup> If you do well, won't you be accepted? And if you don't do well, sin is lying in wait for you, ready to pounce; it's out to get you, you've got to master it."

Even though Cain refused to believe God and deliberately went his own way, God reasoned with him.

Because of God's love and mercy, He talked to Cain and tried to get him to come to Him in the right way.

God wanted Cain to know that he, too, would be accepted if he came as his brother came, believing God's Word, offering the blood, and trusting in God and His promise of the Deliverer.

### **F. Cain refused to listen to God, and he killed Abel.**

Theme: Man is a sinner. He needs God and is helpless to save himself.

**Genesis 4:8 (GW)**

<sup>8</sup> Cain talked to his brother Abel. Later, when they were in the fields, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

Cain was very angry, and he wouldn't listen to God. He was listening to Satan, just as his mother and father had done in the garden.

(Visual: Cain kills Able, chronological picture # 9)

Many people today are just like Cain; they refuse to listen to God, and they end up hurting others. Sometimes their rebellion against God leads to violent crimes like Cain's murder of his brother Abel. Sometimes, the result is less violent--it may only show in bitter attitudes or selfish actions. But the result is always tragic and hurtful to others.

**Theme:** Satan fights against God and His will. He is a liar and a deceiver. He hates man.

Who was Cain listening to? Who do you think put it into Cain's mind to kill his brother? Satan.

Earlier, I talked about Satan's deceitfulness. Now, here's the thing--he wants us to think that we would never be like Cain--that we would never hurt or kill anyone. But look how quickly Cain's anger flared up!

One of the things that many people fail to see is that the way of sin is death, whether it's murder, or a slow progression of living apart from God which for some can lead to depression, alcoholism, drug-use, gambling, sex, gaming, sport, or so many other escapes that we use to try to fill up the empty void that exists deep down inside. Satan lies to us and tells us that we're doing just fine without God, but our lives reveal the emptiness of a life that's lived apart from God. This path ultimately leads to the Lake of Fire.

Originally, Satan murdered Cain's mother and father. He said to them: "You won't really die. You will be all right. Don't listen to God. God is only trying to keep back some of the good fruit from you, and He doesn't want you to know what He knows. Satan knew that if Adam and Eve did eat the fruit from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, they would die. He lied to them when he said, "You will NOT die." Satan wanted Adam and Eve to die, and he wanted Cain to kill Abel. Satan is nothing more than a murderer, plain and simple.

Here's the thing--Satan hates all people and will lie and deceive with the purpose of leading all of us to the place of everlasting punishment where he is headed. He wants all the company he can get.

In **John 8:44 (ESV)**

<sup>44</sup> You are of your father the devil, and your will is to do your father's desires. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

So here in John 8:44, Jesus calls Satan, or the devil, a murderer and the father of lies.

Even at this very moment, Satan is still telling people to not believe God, and to not believe God's word, the Bible.

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## **G. God's Judgment on Cain**

**Theme: God is everywhere all the time; He knows everything.**

**Theme: God communicates with man.**

### **Genesis 4:9 (ESV)**

<sup>9</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"

God saw Cain kill Abel, because God is everywhere and knows everything.

**Theme: God is supreme and sovereign.**

**Theme: God is holy and righteous. He demands death as the payment for sin.**

### **Genesis 4:10-15 (GW)**

<sup>10</sup> The LORD asked, "What have you done? Your brother's blood is crying out to me from the ground.

<sup>11</sup> So now you are cursed from the ground, which has received the blood of your brother whom you killed.

<sup>12</sup> When you farm the ground, it will no longer yield its best for you. You will be a fugitive, a wanderer on the earth."

<sup>13</sup> But Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is more than I can stand!

<sup>14</sup> You have forced me off this land today. I have to hide from you and become a fugitive, a wanderer on the earth. Now anyone who finds me will kill me!"

<sup>15</sup> So the LORD said to him, "Not so! Anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over." The LORD gave Cain a sign so that anyone meeting him would not kill him.

### **God is the avenger of sin.**

- All sin against other people is also sin against God.
- God is the Creator of all people; therefore He punishes anyone who says or does anything harmful to another person.

Think about it:

Would you stand by and not do anything while someone attacked your wife, your child, or someone you loved?

God is the Creator of all human life. He gave Adam life, and he gave life to each one of us. Even though we are all born into this world separated from God, we still belong to

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Him. God is concerned about what happens to us even though we are sinners. Just as we have concern for even our messed-up family members, so God also has concern for us. And we rightfully belong to Him, because He made us.

What if someone came and stole your flat screen TV and your surround sound system, would the flat screen TV and surround sound system be the property of the thief or still belong to you? What if the person who stole your TV and surround sound system ruined it? It would STILL belong to you, even though it had been broken.

All people rightfully belong to God even though Satan stole Adam and all of us from God. That's really what it comes down to--we were stolen from God in the very beginning, by Satan.

God will punish those who hurt others because everyone rightfully belongs to Him. An offense is not just against an individual: it is against God because He is the Giver of life to all people.

Now, this doesn't mean that God will immediately avenge all evil, but the payment for all sin must be paid to God.

**The wages of sin is death. No other payment is acceptable.**

- Giving money to a charity will not pay for our sins
- Giving money to a church will not pay for our sin or satisfy God.
- Helping a little old lady across the street will not pay for our sin or satisfy God.

**All sin will ultimately be punished by God, for He is the rightful owner of every person.**

**Genesis 4:16 (ESV)**

<sup>16</sup> Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Cain still would not listen to God.

- He went away from God, following Satan's ways.

Cain would not repent; He refused to change his attitude toward God and toward his sin.

**H. Cain's descendants were materialistically minded.**

**Theme: Man is a sinner. He needs God and is helpless to save himself.**

**Cain's descendants followed his example.**

- They lived without thinking about God.

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- Instead, they filled their lives with material and physical things.
- They built towns, raised cattle, and made tools and musical instruments.
- There is nothing wrong with these things in themselves; what was wrong was that they concerned themselves with these things and excluded God.
- They filled their minds and their time doing the things they wanted to do.
- They had no interest or time for God and the things He wanted them to know.

### **They were under the control of Satan.**

I want you to notice what a devastating effect disobedience to God brought into the world! This was not small thing...it had huge consequences. Because Adam and Eve sinned, all their descendants were born sinners, and were separated from God and without oneness of mind with God. They were out-of-sync with God, basically, doing their own thing.

Their first son, Cain, murdered their second son, Abel. Cain turned away from God and would not listen to His words. As a result, Cain's children and their children also went their own way instead of God's way. They lived according to their own sinful ways because they didn't know God, nor did they seek Him and His truth. They were guided by Satan and his lies.

If parents turn away from God's truth and refuse to listen to God, probably their children will not listen to the Word of God either. We are responsible, not only for ourselves, but for our children, as well. We should listen to God's Word, and also make sure that our children are exposed to the Word of God.

### **I. God gave Seth to replace Abel.**

**Theme: God is faithful; He never changes.**

#### **Genesis 4:25 (GW)**

<sup>25</sup> Adam made love to his wife again. She gave birth to a son and named him Seth, because {she said,} “God has given me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.”

**God gave Adam and Eve another child in place of Abel who was killed by Cain.**

In the garden, God had promised that He would send a Deliverer who would overcome Satan.

- This one would have come through the line of Abel who had trusted in God.
- But Satan influenced Cain to kill Abel.
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**Satan tried in every way to hinder God's plan to send the Deliverer.**

In place of Abel, God gave Seth to Adam and Eve.

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**Theme: Man must have faith in order to please God and be saved.**

Seth was also born separated from God, but he trusted in God just as Abel did. God planned that the Deliverer would come into the world through the line of Seth.

### **Review Questions:**

1. Why did God accept Abel and his offering? *Abel believed God:*
  - Abel agreed with God that he was a sinner and that only God could save him from punishment.
  - Abel believed God. He was trusting God to send a Deliverer, just as He had promised to Adam and Eve while they were still in the Garden of Eden.
  - Abel brought a sheep, killed it, and let its blood run out, just as God had told him to do.
2. Why did God reject Cain and his offering? *Cain did not believe God.*
  - Cain did not agree with God that he was a sinner and that only God could save him from punishment.
  - Cain did not believe God. He did not trust in God's promise to send a Deliverer who would destroy Satan and save man.
  - Cain didn't bring the offering which God said they must bring.
3. Why did God reason with Cain? *Because God loved Cain and wanted him to agree that he was a sinner and that he should bring the correct sacrifice.*
4. Did Cain believe and agree with God? *No.*
5. What did Cain do? *He was angry, and he killed his brother, Abel.*
6. How did God know what Cain had done? *God sees and knows everything.*
7. Why will God punish people for saying and doing evil things to others? *Because all people rightfully belong to God. When people hurt others, they are also sinning against God.*
8. Does God forget about sin against others if the person makes it right with the one whom he wronged? *No. God's punishment for all sin is separation from Him forever in the place of everlasting punishment, the Lake of Fire, which He prepared for Satan and the demonic spirits who followed him.*
9. Did Cain finally change his mind? *No! He went away from God.*

10. What was the result? *Cain's descendants followed his example. They all lived and died separated from God. They basically were the originators of the motto: "good times and rock and roll."*

11. Do you know of anything you can do to make payment for the sins you have committed? *No. There is nothing man can do to make the payment for his sins.*

12. What were the things for which Cain and his descendants lived?

- *For money and the material things of life.*

13. Why did God give Seth to Adam and Eve?

- *God gave him to replace Abel.*
- *God gave him so the Deliverer would be born through his family line.*

### **Next week:**

**Lesson 14: God Judged the Whole World and Delivered Noah and All in the Ark**