



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

DON'T BE DECEIVED! CAIN AND ABEL ARE STILL ALIVE TODAY!

Cain and Abel! We all know that story don't we? If not, I am going to repeat it in a few minutes.

When I first knew the Lord, as a young (17 year old) teenager, I was so excited that Jesus had given me salvation and eternal life that I could hardly keep still! **I USED TO SING THIS SONG ABOUT 'Oh Happy Day, when Jesus washed all my sins away!' I could sing that song for hours riding on my little bicycle in my neighbourhood for hours.**

I witnessed to most of my class at high school and longed for the day when I could find something to do full time for Jesus with my whole life!

I did find that open door that God gave, and I went forward as a pretty dumb disciple of the Lord when I was 18, dumb, but with a lot of zeal! I was blessed to go through Bible training courses, not only in a classroom so-called, but also with hands-on practical training. Training on all of the main and key Bible topics.

Above all that, I was taught by personal example and through

prayer (and fasting at times, which I did find difficult as a late teenager!!) HOW to win people to Jesus Christ.

I think in my first year of becoming a Christian and joining a Bible school I went out two or three days (nights actually) a week to the centre of London in Piccadilly Circus and Leicester Square, to reach 'hippies' 'drug-addicts' and other amazing people.



The results were astounding; sometimes hundreds of people were saved and born again in one night, but whatever the numbers, I learned a great deal.

I learned and saw, that above all else, that if you persevere in giving the Word of God to an individual person, (or

even a group of people) if they were a 'sheep' that they would eventually lower their resistance or the resistance the devil was trying to bring up, and they would finally, sometimes after several hours of speaking with them, receive the Lord Jesus in their hearts! What an awesome training. 'Christian' people seem to know nothing about this today, at least in the western world.

2 Corinthians 10:5

Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ;

I have to say, in my youthful naïveté, at that time in the early 1970's, that I considered any



human walking the earth to be a 'sheep'. According to the promises of Jesus in John 10 (whole chapter).

I don't regret this mindset, because for one thing, looking back over 50 years, this was, in human history one of the great 'harvest times' of Christian history. Praise the Lord for that.

Two decades after the Second World War, the world had entered an entirely new 'phase' so to speak. The spiritual harvest was huge and almost everywhere. **Matthew 10:36-38**. Although the harvest was often 'great' in some areas and countries, suddenly it seemed God had opened floodgates for a few more decades in many more countries.

Neither was I the only Christian on earth, in my dilapidated state, going out to preach the gospel. There were hundreds of thousands of 'us' and also specific individual Pastors or 'Evangelists' who could speak to millions of people in auditoriums and on the TV and other mediums of communications. I thank God for those pure ones who spoke the pure word of God.

Now, listen up, I am going to switch to the main point, which is Cain and Abel! Ha! See you later alligator, and you will see how the above paragraphs fit in with Cain and Abel.

We have to look carefully at the true story of Cain and Abel, so that we can properly transport it or convey its meaning to the world situation today. I feel in my spirit that this message is highly important, I feel it every day and as I read the global news and my national news.

Let's start with the first eight (8) verses of Genesis chapter 4!

And Adam knew Eve as his wife, and she became pregnant and bore Cain; and she said, I have gotten and gained a man with the help of the Lord.

² And [next] she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

³ And in the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground.

⁴ And Abel brought of the firstborn of his flock and of the fat portions. And the Lord had respect and regard for Abel and for his offering,

⁵ But for Cain and his offering He had no respect or regard. So Cain was exceedingly angry and indignant, and he looked sad and depressed.



⁶ And the Lord said to Cain, Why are you angry? And why do you look sad and depressed and dejected?

⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin crouches at your door; its desire is for you, but you must master it.

⁸ And Cain said to his brother, Let us go out to the field. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

Cain and Abel were brothers, Cain being the eldest. **The first humans grew up with**

the knowledge that 'the Lord was there', at least in this very early first generation. After all, Adam and Eve, the parents of Cain and Abel, had lived on an intimate daily basis with Jesus. (The Lord God)

So there was even this knowledge to sacrifice unto the Lord. But there was, even so far back in the mists of antiquity, the understanding or notion that a sacrifice had to include 'blood' and the blood of a lamb (after the fall of man) to cover sins. I won't go into this now, but there it is. Here, Cain does not offer this but rather his own hard fleshly human work of, produced by man, fruit of the ground.

Abel on the other hand kept the tradition of his family and offered an animal, probably a lamb.

Abel's sacrifice was accepted because it obeyed the Word of the Lord, which Word must have been known then.

But why did Cain do that? Because, (possibly from birth), he was a rebellious person, here he becomes indignant and angry at the loving God. The Lord tried to encourage him and let him know he would be accepted if he just did the right thing.

What does that even mean? Does that mean, that some humans have to struggle even greater against their sins than others? It seems like this could be true, but it is not certain from Scripture. Whatever sins you have, dear reader, be assured that Jesus can forgive you for all of them if you simply ask Him. That's all you have to do! How great! Jesus can do it.

It doesn't matter how great the sin or mistake is, what matters is simply if you are willing in your spirit, mind, or heart to ask Him (Jesus/God) to do it.

That was Cain's dilemma! He didn't make it, but you can make it. Let' all try to make it today. The world is bad enough, without our having to add anything worse into it!

Cain then had a choice, he could have said: 'yeah, Lord, I am bummed out, I'm sorry, I just have a battle with my old man and temper quite often. Forgive me and help me to change!' But Cain didn't do that, in fact, he made the opposite choice; he yielded to sin which the Lord warned him about in verse 7 above. **God had told him, either you dominate sin, or sin will dominate you!**

In verse 8, Cain murdered his younger brother!

Through deceit he led his dear younger little brother Abel out into a field on some pretext, of which we are not told, and murdered him. The world's first murder and murderer.

Obviously the Lord took action; here is what followed in Genesis four, same chapter;

9 And the Lord said to Cain, Where is Abel your brother? And he said, I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?

10 And [the Lord] said, What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground.

10 And now you are cursed by reason of the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's [shed] blood from your hand.

12 When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its

strength; you shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth [in perpetual exile, a degraded outcast].

13 Then Cain said to the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, You have driven me out this day from the face of the land, and from Your face I will be hidden; and I will be a fugitive and a vagabond and a



wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.

15 And the Lord said to him, Therefore, if anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the Lord set a mark or sign upon Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

16 So Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod [wandering], east of Eden.



17 And Cain's wife [one of Adam's offspring] became pregnant and bore Enoch; and Cain built a city and named it after his son Enoch.

(Did Cain or his son Enoch) build the first city on the planet? It seems so? All cities are therefore an 'inheritance'

of Cain, the first murderer. Where do most murders occur?.... well done, if you answered correctly!

Without repeating too much of this, Cain's punishment was 'perpetual exile', to be a 'vagabond' and outcast and a wanderer all his life! God set a mark on him, to preserve his life so as to discourage others from killing him. As well as this, the earth, which he used all his life to grow crops, would no longer bring him a yield or profit or sustenance.

You will notice Cain's spiritual condition was already quickly deteriorating, when he petulantly replied to the Lord in verse 9. But God was having none of his cover up because...

The voice of Abel's blood cried out to God from the ground!

The earth did not want to have the blood, and the Lord said you (Cain) are cursed by reason of the earth! (Verse 11)

I think all murderers or would-be murderers should consider this verse (10) carefully! God sees all the blood, wars and murders and the blood of all cries out to him, especially the blood of the righteous saints!

Check these beautiful verses out:

Revelation 6:9-11

9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and

for the testimony which they held:

10 And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

11 And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little season, until their fellow servants also and their brethren, that should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled.

The world's first Murder was the result of the sin Cain let into his life. I pray we all remember this!

Let's look at what the Bible says about Cain and Abel individually before we try to apply, by God's grace, this message to our lives.

ABEL:



Believe it or not there are 21 scriptures that have 'Abel' in them, however many of these refer to name places, which I am not sure if they are derived from the human Abel at this point. But there are, apart from this chapter 4 of Genesis, several quite amazing verses about Abel in the New Testament which we should meditate on for a whole week or longer!

I was truly and without any exaggeration, terrifyingly amazed, as I read this first VERY verse about Abel in the

New Testament, especially when I consider Jesus Himself is talking/speaking:

Matthew 23:34-36

34 Because of this, take notice: I am sending you prophets and wise men (interpreters and teachers) and scribes (men learned in the Mosaic Law and the Prophets); some of them you will kill, even crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and pursue and persecute from town to town,

35 So that upon your heads may come all the blood of the righteous (those who correspond to the divine standard of right) shed on earth, from the blood of the righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Barachiah, whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar [of burnt offering].

36 Truly I declare to you, all these [evil, calamitous times] will come upon this generation.

Jesus laid it all down from A to Z, Abel to Zechariah! Is that a coincidence?

What a huge and terrible judgment upon the Jewish people of that time and beyond. Will they ever recover, not on this earth, actually, but a mere (10%?) remnant of true Jewish people will be saved, according to scripture.

Those Jesus Christ-hating and eternal-prophet-of-God-hating Jews, whom Jesus was speaking to, were (and as well as their children and grandchildren) massacred in AD 70 by the armies of Rome under Titus in lieu of his even more famous father Vespasian (soon after he became the Roman Emperor).

It is a serious thing to reject the Word of God, and the Son of God, and the Messengers of God.

You don't have to be Jewish to reject the Word of God, all people are welcome to reject the Word of God! I welcome you to reject the Word of God, to your own detriment, like dear old Cain!

Anyone who RECEIVES the Word of God will be saved and blessed! That's why we, the humble Gentiles, received God's Word and are blessed today, and we also welcome all our wonderful Jewish brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ! (If they are willing of course).

Jesus repeats this Abel stuff in Luke 11! When the Bible repeats 'stuff' it should sound alarm bells! 'Red flags' they are called today, I believe.

Luke 11:51

From the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was slain between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it shall be charged against and required of this age and generation.

Hebrews 11:4

[Prompted, actuated] by faith Abel brought God a better and more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, because of which it was testified of him that he was righteous [that he was upright and in right standing with God], and God bore witness by accepting and acknowledging his gifts. And though he died, yet [through the incident] he is still speaking.

This is the same verse we used for 'Abel' but please focus on the Cain side of this truth.

The wonderful Apostle John,

who lay on Jesus' bosom at the Last Supper, had this to say about Cain:

1 John 3:12

[And] not be like Cain who [took his nature and got his motivation] from the evil one and slew his brother. And why did he slay him? Because his deeds (activities, works) were wicked and malicious and his brother's were righteous (virtuous).

I feel this verse above sums up everything about Cain and Abel!

And finally dear Uncle Jude in the 26th book of the New Testament ramps it up another ten levels!

Jude 1:11

Woe to them! For they have run riotously in the way of Cain, and have abandoned themselves for the sake of gain [it offers them, following] the error of Balaam, and have perished in rebellion [like that] of Korah!

Wow. Well dear Jude must have known something we did not know before, and that is that Cain was connected to 'Gain'! Not only 'grain' in Genesis chapter 4, but also Gain! The first mention of Capitalism proper in the New Testament!

(CAIN, GRAIN, GAIN) Does God believe in Rhymes? You can bet He does. They appear in every language don't they?

Is this a revelation? Was Cain the first human, not only a murderer but also a capitalist? I can't see that this is telling us anything different!

Cain, a murderer, and desirous of 'gain', who rejected God's advice and became a wanderer

on the earth! Do you know anyone else like that?

You should make plainly sure that you my dear friend are not a 'Cain' but rather an 'Abel'.

If you are a Cain person, you will be troubled, wandering, having continuous evil thoughts, you will be forever wandering or travelling with no real purpose, on this earth, rebellious against the Words of God, and other godly people who try to bring His Word to you. NOW IS YOUR Possibly ONLY TIME TO REPENT AND CHANGE.



Capitalism or greed is not the answer. Stop listening to others or even your wife, and return to the simple ways and the ways of simple living .

It is so easy to let the 'sin' into the door of your life. Sin, like the devil's voice, sounds so easy to accept, so 'understandable', so righteous, and so self comforting.

The fruits of this (demonic) voice however are going to result in huge and great punishments for you and your descendants, and you will never recover.

Cain never recovered.

God never gave him a chance to recover after he made his final decision to reject the Word of God.

Is that right? Is that what

these scriptures say? God was merciful to him in the beginning, and set a mark upon him to help protect him, but, make no mistake, Cain was finished as a fruitful human being, as soon as he finally rejected God's last opportunity and his (physical, until the time of Christ) descendants were likewise!

But there is so much hope. None of us are descendants of either Cain or Abel!

We have been given by God a completely new start, a completely -wipe-away- everything from the Past, in Jesus Christ. How wonderful.

If you feel like a Cain, as I myself often do, on a daily basis, then you can be forgiven by Jesus' Love for you dear friend. Jesus loves you!

It's a miracle, whatever bad stuff, 'sin' or downright evil you have done. God, who created you, still loves you dear Friend.

Simply ask Jesus Christ to help you now. Even if all you can say is 'Jesus (Christ) help me' that is enough. Jesus Christ died for you, wonderful friend, He loves you. Just say those simple words above and He will answer your words or prayer! It's true!

What a Miracle of God, even for you, however wicked or evil you have been. Turn again NOW AND Jesus will forgive you.

That's how it all started for me. I was once a Cain but now, by God's grace, and mercy an Abel, OR SIMPLY A HAPPY DISCIPLE OF CHRIST. (John 15:16)!

I love you dear brother and

sister. Please say or pray it today. Get it touch. Find a way

People and humans are faithless, you cannot fully trust in humans, but God will answer you.

GOD has said that if you call upon Me I will answer you!
Jeremiah 33:3

And finally you will notice this little verse at the end of the chapter

Genesis 4:25

And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God,

said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

Eve's son Cain had departed on his exile, and Abel was dead. How kind and gracious of the Lord to supply Eve with a new baby. Praise the Lord. It was a new start as a family! Amen.

God is good.

Until next week,

Jerry for the WCF Team

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CAIN:

FAITHLESS,
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REBELLIOUS,
SELF-CENTERED,
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ABEL:

FAITHFUL,
HUMBLE,
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GOD-CENTERED.

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Abel and Cain and their character differences

1. Relationship with God

Abel: Walked by faith and sought to honor God.

By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. (Hebrews 11:4)

Cain: Approached God on his own terms, without true faith or humility.

"But on Cain and his offering He did not look with favor." (Genesis 4:5)

2. Offering

Abel Offered the firstborn and the best of his flock, showing reverence and sacrifice.

"Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering." (Genesis 4:4)

Cain: Offered some of his crops, but without faith or the spirit of true sacrifice.

"...Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord."* (Genesis 4:3)

3. Heart Attitude

Abel: Humble, obedient, worshipful.

His actions demonstrated a heart aligned with God's will.

Cain: Proud, self-willed, resentful.

"So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast."* (Genesis 4:5)

4. Response to God's Correction

Abel: No correction was needed; his faith pleased God.

Cain: Rejected God's warning to master sin and chose rebellion.

"If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."* (Genesis 4:7)

5. Treatment of Others

Abel: Harmless, righteous, even a type of Christ who suffered unjustly.

"...the blood of righteous Abel..." (Matthew 23:35)

Cain: Murderous, jealous, driven by hatred.

"Now Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let's go out to the field.' While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him."* (Genesis 4:8)

6. Legacy

Abel: Remembered as righteous, his faith still speaks.

"And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead."* (Hebrews 11:4)

Cain: Marked as wicked, an example of unrepentant sin.

"Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother."* (1 John 3:12)

"Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain..."* (Jude 1:11)

Summary

Abel: Faithful, humble, righteous, God-centered.

Cain: Faithless, proud, rebellious, self-centered, violent.