

*The Light - Junior Series*  
*Lesson 113*

*Where was Adam?*  
*Part 2*



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## BEFORE YOU BEGIN

If YOU have never personally believed in the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior; you have the opportunity to do so right NOW. Just tell God the Father that you believe in His Son, Jesus Christ, who loved us so much that He came down from heaven and became a man to take our place and pay for the penalty for all the sins of all mankind. Jesus, the Savior died on the Cross for your sins and the sins of the whole world. Then Jesus was buried but He rose again and He is alive today seated at the right hand of the Father in heaven. When you make the decision to believe in Jesus in simple faith based on His work on the Cross, you are now a believer and will always be a child of God. When you die, you will spend eternity with Him in Heaven. (Acts 16:31) "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." (John 3:16) "God loved the world so much that He gave us One and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."



## LESSON

We continue our lesson today with family daily living according to God's will and wisdom. This lesson and our last one was about the first family in **Genesis**. It has the same meaning to us today as well.

This next part in Genesis about the first family is very sad. The reason for this is that sin is now a huge part of the fallen family's lives. You will see how awful sin's effects are on the family. However, God has a wonderful plan for them and all human beings since sin entered the human race.

We will see just how important the family is for the human race, especially FATHER and MOTHER, together with the wisdom of God.

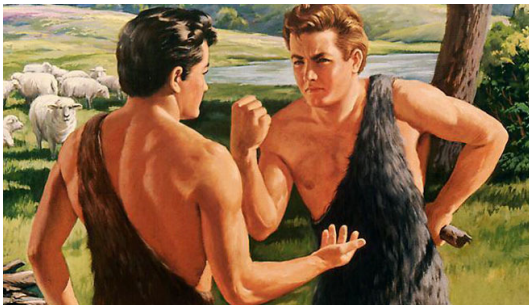


Let's start our lesson in **Gen 4:1-8**. "Now the man made love to his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, 'I have gotten a man-child with the help of the Lord.'" (2) Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. (3) So, it came about in time that Cain brought an offering (of plants) to the Lord of the fruit of the ground. (4) Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord was pleased with Abel and his offering; (5) but for Cain and for his offering He was not pleased. So, Cain became very angry and he was depressed. (6) Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Why are you angry? And why are you depressed? (7) If you do what

is right, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do what is right, sin is lurking at your door; and its desire is to have you, but you must rule over it (say NO to sin).’ (8) Cain told Abel his brother, ‘let’s go out into the field.’ And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.” Kids, this is really awful!!! As you can see in chapter 4, Cain had to be growing more and more jealous of his brother Abel. The reason for this is that Abel pleased the Lord by doing what the Lord wanted him to do but Cain did not do what the Lord wanted him to do.



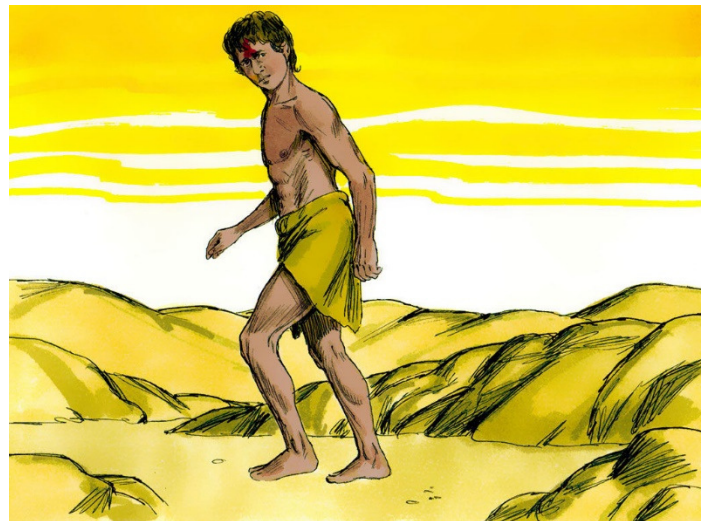
The Lord wanted animal offerings not plant offerings. Why you ask? Well, the animal offerings represented what the Lord Jesus would do for us on the cross in the future. God had mercy on all mankind and provided this great salvation to the first family and all mankind...past...present...future.



The boys had to have learned about the animal versus plant offerings from their parents but Cain chose to ignore it and did his own thing. Can you understand this? Yes, let’s be honest...you can understand because we all have rebelled against what our parents teach us, right?

**Where was Adam** though as Cain struggled with his anger and jealousy? Where was he as Cain’s anger got so bad that he struck and killed his brother?

By the way, notice that it was Cain who inherited the curse that the Lord placed Adam under after he sinned, specifically that he needed to work the ground to grow the food. You can see how the Lord punished Cain for the murder of his brother in Gen 4:11-12. “Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. (12) When you work the ground, it





will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.” Where was Adam to help his son Cain understand this curse?

When the husband is not on the scene loving and protecting his wife...bad things can happen. **When the father is not on the scene guiding and correcting the children...bad things can happen.**

Here in **chapter 4 of Genesis**, Adam’s not around when Cain is sent away from the presence of the Lord. The Bible doesn’t tell us the details about where Adam was but we can understand that his fallen nature was responsible for him not being there for his sons. You see, not only Adam but all of mankind was affected by Adam’s sin and his fallen nature was passed down not only to his boys but passed down to all of us as well!!!!



Let’s continue in **Genesis 4:13-15** to see what happened to Cain and the **mercy** the Lord showed toward Cain in spite of Cain’s sin against his brother... “Cain said to the Lord, “**my punishment is more than I can bear.** (14) Today you are driving me from the land and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth and **whoever finds me will kill me.’** (15) But the Lord said to him, ‘Not

so: anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over (WOW).’ **Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him.”** Talk about love and mercy...God has it to the MAX!!!

This shows the **greatness of the love that the Lord** had for Cain and has for His church (that’s us, kids) today!! You have to realize that this **LOVE** from God is a greater thing than the relationships that exist within the family.

The wise book of **Proverbs** tells us that our parents are our primary teachers when we are young. You can see from our lesson in **Genesis 4**, the well-being of the family in Adam’s day is still the same today and it is tied together



with the well-being of the church...that is the entire body of believers in Jesus Christ...NOW.

The first gift of wisdom from God is our parents. No matter who they are (or aren't), parents (or grandparents or foster parents) bring us face to face with the command from God to respect all authority, especially parents, when we are children.

If we are blessed, we are given Godly parents or Godly grandparents or Godly coaches who also give us real wisdom as young people.



Prov 1:8-9 "Hear, my son, your father's instruction and do not reject your mother's teaching; (9) Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head and ornaments about your neck." In other words, they are a beautiful thing that God gave us.

By the way, that plan God has for us that we saw in the beginning of this lesson is the GREAT SALVATION God the Father gave us in His SON, Jesus Christ. He gave this wonderful merciful gift to us and told us about it for the very first time in Gen 3:15 after the devil or Satan went into the serpent to fool Adam and Eve into disobeying God to separate them from the Lord!!! "...I will put hate between you (Satan when he was the serpent in the Garden) and the woman (Mary who will give birth to Jesus) and between your children (unbelievers who refuse to believe in Jesus for salvation) and hers (believers in Jesus); He (Jesus) will CRUSH your head (Satan's head) and you will strike His heel (Jesus on the cross)."

This should give you great comfort to know that God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ along with the Holy Spirit will NEVER leave you nor forsake you!!!

Close in prayer.

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