

CAIN-JEALOUSY STRIKES

INTRODUCTION

Ok, everyone!! What are we studying this year for Sunday School? We are going through the alphabet and learning about characters in the Bible that start with each letter. So, who remembers who we studied last week? Last week we went over Barnabas!! What did we learn about Barnabas? He had a missionary heart, didn't he? Who did we study the week before last? We went over Ahab and his complaining. This week, can anyone guess who we will study? Well, today we are going to study the character of CAIN!! Someone tell me what they know about Cain?! The first thing that comes to most of our minds is that Cain was the first murderer. Right? Let's take a look at what the Bible has to say about this man!

LESSON PASSAGE: GEN. 4:1-8

- I. Who is Cain?
 - A. Cain was the first son of Adam and Eve.
 - B. Cain was born after his parents had to leave the Garden of Eden.
 - C. Cain had 2 brothers at first. Their names were Abel and Seth.
- II. The Sacrifice
 - A. Cain- was the tiller of the ground
 - B. Abel was the keeper of the sheep.
 - C. Cain's sacrifice was fruit from the ground.
 - D. Abel's sacrifice was a lamb.
- III. The Conflict
 - A. The Lord had respect for Abel's sacrifice but not Cain's.
 - B. Cain's response was that of wrath. Vs. 5 says that he was "wroth."
 - C. Cain did not want to follow God's plan for the sacrifice and was angry at Abel.
- IV. The Sin
 - A. Cain rose up and killed his brother in rage.
 - B. God talked to Cain and pronounced judgment of a life of running from people for his life. Cities of refuge were built.
- V. The Results
 - A. The main result of this was that God was displeased with Cain.
 - B. Cain had sinned and would be forever in fear and running for his life.
 - C. This sin not only affected Cain and Abel but it certainly affected Adam and Eve. Think of the pain that it must have caused them to know that their son was the first murderer.
- VI. Application for Students
 - A. Murder is sin according to this passage and the 10 commandments. EX. 20
 - B. Cain did not respond correctly. He acted in anger and strife.
 - C. Cain was more focused on pleasing himself rather than pleasing God. All it would have taken was another sacrifice to God done God's way and God would have been pleased.

CONCLUSION

It is so important that we understand that we must not allow ourselves to be angry at others in jealousy. Sometimes it is easy to be mad when others get glory, but when we don't do things God's way, we will not be blessed. God blesses obedience and punishes disobedience. Obedience is a necessary part of being a godly Christian. Having actions and attitudes that are obedient to God is a sign that someone is saved. Let's review what being saved means. (Explain Salvation.)

PRAYER

VERSE: 1Co 13:4 Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not;

TEACH VERSE: Use the method of hand motions for this verse.

REVIEW ACTIVITY: