Cain, The Way Which Seems Right

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INTRODUCTION

- Tonight we're going to look at it from a different angle as a character that we should not try to emulate.
- Two times in the book of Proverbs, Solomon says that there is a way which seems right to a man. But the end thereof is destruction.
- I want you to know tonight that the way of Cain is a selfish way. And it may seem right for some to go this way, but the end thereof is death.

1 No Regard for God's Will for Worship

Hebrews 11:4; Acts 20:7; John 4:24

- By faith, Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous.
- The only way he could do that by faith is because God told him. Otherwise, you're just offering it by hope.
- On the first day of the week, the disciples gathered together to break bread, and Paul preached to them.
- The way of Cain is a selfish way to say, it doesn't matter to me what God has expressed. I want to do what I want to do.
- God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship him in spirit and truth.
- I prefer to worship by faith. To say, God said it, and that's the way we're going to do it.

2 No Respect for the Subtlety of Sin

Genesis 4:6–7; Ephesians 4:26–27; 1 John 3:11–12

- If you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door, and its desire is for you, but you must master it.
- Here's an instance where God spoke right to him, and it didn't make a bit of difference.
- Be angry and do not sin, and do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity.
- If anger is your sin crouching at the door, you had better master it before you lose control.
- Have you ever murdered someone with your words and spoken things and struck them in ways that you can never take back?
- You are your brother's keeper. When we think otherwise, we follow after the way of Cain.

3 No Concern for the Consequences of One Action

Genesis 4:10–12; 2 Chronicles 21:20

- We seldom think about the long-term effects of our choices.
- The same ground that soaked up Abel's blood would be a curse to him.
- Cain would never again have a place to call his home. He would be a beggar and a wanderer, just moving from place to place for the rest of his life.
- What kind of consequences will flow from the choices that you make that will affect people long after you're here? Will it be like Cain? Or will it be like Abel?
- What kind of a legacy do you want? Then build the kind of character, make the kind of choices that will leave the right one.
- When sin is full grown, it brings forth death.

THE CHALLENGE

Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?

MY NOTES