



CAIN, MAD MAN & MURDERER

Genesis 4:1-8

Genesis 4:1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord.

² And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

³ And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord.

⁴ And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:

⁵ But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

⁶ And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

⁷ If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.

⁸ And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

1. Murder is the fruit and conclusion of anger.

Matthew 5:21 Ye have heard that it was said of them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

²² But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca, shall be in danger of the council: but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire.

2. Anger has its effect on the angry person as well as those who associate with him.

Proverbs 22:24 Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go:

²⁵ Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.

3. Anger is a fruit of the flesh and always injures the “good life.”

Proverbs 29:22 An angry man stirreth up strife, and a furious man aboundeth in transgression.

4. The believer is commanded to put it away from the behavior.

Eph 4:31 Let all bitterness, and **wrath**, and **anger**, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice:

Col 3:8 But now ye also put off all these; **anger, wrath**, malice, blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth.

I. CAIN'S OFFERING REJECTED [Three causes of his anger.]

And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering:
⁵ But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect.

A. Cain Had Something Else in Mind.

Hebrews 11:4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

B. Cain Had Worked Hard and Just Was Not Appreciated.

Gen 4:3 And in process of time it came to pass, that **Cain brought of the fruit of the ground** an offering unto the Lord.
⁴ And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof.

C. Cain Had, After All, The Position of Older Brother.

II. CAIN'S SITUATION REFLECTED.

A. His Face Reflected.

Gen 4:5 And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

⁶ And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

Countenance: Hebrew - pä·nēm': face. "The appearance of a person's face : a person's expression." *Webster*

Countenance effected by sin:

Isaiah 3: 8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen: because their tongue and their doings are against the Lord, to provoke the eyes of his glory.

⁹ The shew of their **countenance** doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have rewarded evil unto themselves.

Countenance effected by sadness:

Nehemiah 2:2 Wherefore the king said unto me, Why is thy **countenance** sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid,

³ And said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my **countenance** be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire?

Countenance effected by happiness:

Proverbs 15:13 A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance: but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken.

Countenance effected by fellowship:

Proverbs 27:17 Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

B. His Person Respected

Gen 4:6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

⁷ If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him

C. His Action Expected

Gen 4:8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.