**Abel & Cain**

READ: Genesis 4:1-17

1. What was Eve’s reaction towards God when she gave birth to Cain?
2. Who was born first, Cain or Abel?
3. What were Cain and Abel’s occupations? Who else in the family had the same occupation as Cain (See Gen. 2:15)?
4. What did each bring as an offering to the Lord? Is there a difference in how the Scriptures describe the offerings? (See Gen. 4:3-4.)
5. Do you think that sacrifice is from human origin (man seeking to please God in his own self-devised way) or divine origin (God revealing to man how He wishes to be worshipped)? Consider Hebrews 11:4 and Romans 10:17 in your answer.
6. What does the reaction of the Lord tell you about worship? What are some other examples in the Scriptures that support your conclusion?
7. What was Cain’s reaction towards God’s response to his sacrifice?
8. How many questions did God ask of Cain in Gen 4:6? Why did He ask these questions if God knows everything?
9. Is it possible that God just was just partial to Abel over Cain? (See Gen. 4:7.)
10. Who/what was “crouching at the door” in Gen. 4:7?
11. How many times is the word, “brother”, used in Gen. 4:8-11?
12. Are there clues as to how much time had passed from Cain and Abel’s birth until the murder took place? (See Gen 4:2, 4:3, 4:14, 4:17, and 5:3.)
13. Do you think that this was the first murder or just the first murder recorded in the Scriptures? Why?
14. List Cain’s sins in this account from Genesis 4:1-17.
15. What is Abel saying to us today? See Hebrews 11:4.
16. What/who is cursed in Genesis 4:11?
17. What/who had been cursed up to this point in the Scriptures (See Gen. 3:14 and 3:17)?
18. What does Cain’s reaction in Gen. 4:13 to the curse tell you about his attitude towards God up to this point?
19. Does Cain’s attitude change at all based upon what we read in Gen. 4:14? See also Gen. 4:16-17.
20. What does Gen 4:15 show about God’s attitude towards Cain after his sins?