

IN THE BEGINNING

Part Thirty-Five: The Beginning of the Two Seeds (cont.)

Text: Gen. 4:5b-15

- Nine characteristics of a person whose heart is not right with God:

II. THE WICKEDNESS OF THE SERPENT'S SEED

1. He got _____ when he didn't get his way (vs. 5b-6).

- "Very wrath" = Cain was burning with _____.
- "Countenance fell" = he couldn't look God in the eye.

2. He served _____ (vs. 7).

- "Desire" = same word used for the powerful desire of a woman for husband, even a _____ (Gen. 3:16).
- "Lie" = to _____, like a lion ready to pounce on its prey.

3. He refused God's second and third chances for _____ (vs. 6, 9).

- God spoke to Cain twice to help him to make the decision to do _____, but he turned a deaf ear to God.

4. He _____ his righteous brother (vs. 8).

- The reason Cain picked a fight with Abel was because he resented the fact that his brother was doing right when he was doing _____ (1 John 3:12).

5. He _____ out of the hatred in his heart (vs. 8, 10).

- And became the first person to shed the _____ of another human being.
- God's response (vs. 10):
 - An _____ response (sin breaks God's heart).
 - An _____ response (sin invites God's justice).
- Application: Do you hate anyone? Hatred is incipient _____ in the heart (1 John 3:15).

6. He _____ about his sin (vs. 9).

- "I _____ not" = a lie.
- Lying is second nature to the seed of the serpent (Ps. 58:3-4) and also invites God's judgment (Rev. 21:8).

7. He tried to avoid personal _____ (vs. 9).

- "Am I my brother's _____?" Right answer = yes.
- As God held Cain responsible, He will also hold us accountable for how our _____ impact people around us (Prov. 24:11-12, Rom. 14:11-12).

8. He was _____ because of his sin (vs. 11-12).

- Because Abel's blood had been soaked up by the _____, it would no longer work for Cain.

9. He wasn't _____ for his sin but only about the consequences (vs. 13-15).

- He didn't express repentance but only remorse:
 - Repent = to be sorry for your sin so that you turn to God as the _____ for your sin problem.
 - Remorse = to be sorry you got _____ or that you will have to _____ because of your sin.

APPLICATIONS

- What does it mean for us? Three right responses.

1. We should consider our spiritual _____ before God.

2. We should look for any of the _____ characteristics of Cain showing out in our lives.

3. We should allow our new nature to be revealed by deeds of _____, not hate; and _____, not wickedness.

- When you get saved, God gives you a new _____ (His own) and fills your heart with a new _____ for the brethren (Eph. 4:4-6).
- Passage: 1 John 3:11-18.