

How to Ruin Your Life ...and How Jesus Can Save It

Genesis 4:1-16

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#2. _____ (vv. 6-8)

#3. _____ (vv. 9-10)

#4. _____ (vv. 11-15)

1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord."

2 And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.

3 In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground,

4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering,

5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.

6 The Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?"

7 If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it."

8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.

9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"

10 And the Lord said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground.

11 And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

12 When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth."

13 Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

15 Then the Lord said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.

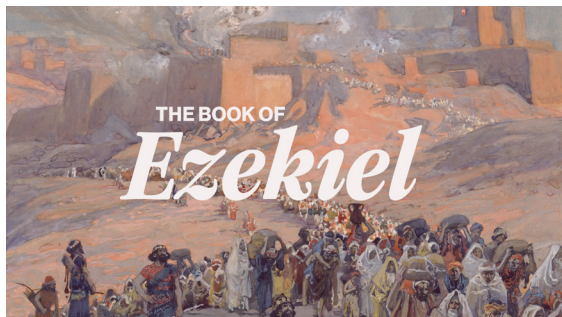
16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden. ^{ESV}

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. Read **Genesis 4:16**. Reflect on the significance of Cain going away from the presence of the Lord. How should the reality of sin separating us from God motivate us to trust Christ and obey him?
2. Read **Micah 6:6-8**. How might you be tempted to go through the motions of a religious life without actually doing what God wants? How can you guard your heart from faithless religious activity?
3. Read **Proverbs 1:24-31**. How have you ever experienced consequences from ignoring the warnings of God's wisdom? How can you grow more sensitive to listening to your conscience and other ways that God seeks to warn us?
4. Read **Psalms 32:5**. Why is acknowledging our sin such an important part of restoration (whether with God or with others)? How can you grow in taking responsibility for your own sin?
5. Read **Hebrews 10:19-22**. While sin separates us from God, why is it practically important for you to remember that the "new and living way" to God has been opened by the work of Christ and not our own works?

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