

What Kind Of Offering Are You Bringing To God?

Genesis 4:1-9

1. Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man."
2. Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.
3. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD.
4. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering,
5. but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.
6. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?"
7. If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."
8. Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.
9. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

I. Cain and Abel's offering represented Worship!

1. *Touching the heart of God with our worship will cause God to touch the heart of man!*
2. *God always responds to worship!*
3. *Worship allows us to minister to God!*

1 Peter 2:9 - "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

II. Cain and Abel's offering represented their level of surrender to God!

Gen. 4:3 - In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD.

Gen. 3:21 - The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Heb. 9:22 - In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

The Hebrew word used for "offering" in *Genesis 4:3*, *minchah*, is also translated "sacrifice" or "meat offering"

Matthew 10:38-39 - "and anyone who does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Genesis 4:5b-7, "So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast." Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

III. Cain and Abel's offering was ultimately about faith!

Heb. 11:4 - By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.