

Character Study:

CAIN & ABEL



Name Origin & Definition & Lineage

- ❖ CAIN - gotten, acquired, possession
- ❖ Parents: Adam and Eve
- ❖ Brothers: Abel and Seth
- ❖ Son: Enoch





Scripture References

- Old Testament: Genesis 4:1-24
- New Testament: Hebrews 11:4,
I John 3:10-12, Jude 11

Personality Traits:

- FARMER

- Rejected sacrifice made him ANGRY with God and with his brother, he was angry with them because he did not follow the rules

- JEALOUS of Abel because God accepted Abel's sacrifice and not his.

- MURDERER of his brother Abel

- NO REMORSE (feeling guilty) after killing Abel



Scripture References

Jude 11 - (NIRV) - "How terrible it will be for them! They have followed the way of Cain. They have rushed into the same mistake Balaam made. They did it because they loved money. They are like Korah. He turned against his leaders. These people will certainly be destroyed, just as Korah was."

False teachers who try and influence the church are just like Cain

1 John 3: 11-12 (NIRV) "From the beginning we have heard that we should love one another. 12 Don't be like Cain. He belonged to the evil one. He murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because the things Cain had done were wrong. But the things his brother had done were right."

People who do not love each other are acting the same way as Cain.

Life Events



- First born son of Adam and Eve
- Brought a sinful sacrifice before God, and it was rejected
- Instead of seeking forgiveness, he was angry with God and Abel
- Murdered his brother and felt no remorse or sorrow for his crime until punished.
- God punished him by cursing the ground, lived in the Land of Nod (vagabond, wandering), East of Eden.
- Had many descendants who where mostly evil with good mixed in (like us)

Life Lessons from Cain

- God's commands for worship are to be followed - you cannot change it based on your wants and desires.
- Sinners of any age or time have common characteristics (selfishness, hate, law breaker, no faith in God, no love for all people)
- If you follow your own way, like Cain, you are not following God
- Hating one's "brother" is the same as murdering one's "brother"
- Matthew 5:21-22



Abel

Name Origin & Definition

- Definition: breath, vapor, variation on herdsman
- Parents: Adam and Eve
- Brothers: Cain & Seth (born after Abel's death)



Scripture References



• Old Testament - Genesis 4:1-15,25

• I John 3:11-12 - 11 “For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother’s were righteous.”

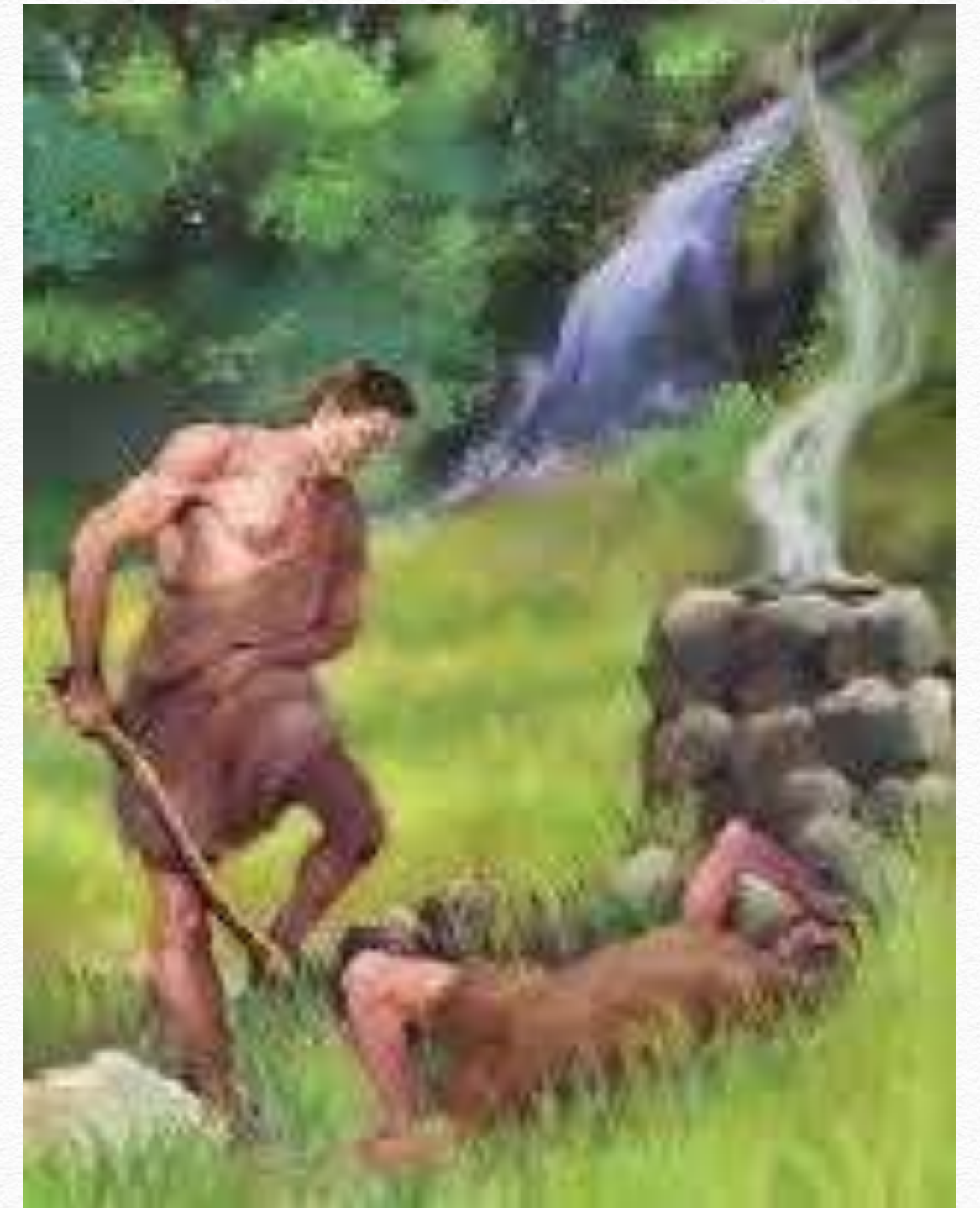
• Abel was righteous because his works were righteous. He heard and obeyed the word of God and did his best to follow them.

• Matthew 23:35 - “And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berekiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.”

• Abel’s example was powerful enough to be mentioned by Jesus while he was preaching.

Personality Traits

- SHEPHERD
- He followed God's rules about sacrifice, OBEDIENT.
- His FAITH in God made his sacrifice acceptable.
- His life was an EXAMPLE to others on how to live for God.



Life Events vs Jesus

Abel	Jesus Christ
Shepherd (Gen. 4:2)	The Good Shepherd (John 10:11)
Righteous (Matt. 23:35; 1 John 3:12)	Righteous (Luke 23:47)
Innocent [Did nothing worthy of death]	Innocent [Did nothing worthy of death] (Luke 23:4, 14-22, 41; John 15:25)
Did the will of the Father [Sacrificed according to the will of God] (Heb. 11:4)	Did the will of the Father [He was sacrificed according to the will of God] (John 6:38; Matt. 23:39, 42; Luke 22:42-44; John 10:17-18)
Put to death by one who hated him for exposing his evil (Gen. 4:8)	Put to death by those who hated Him for exposing their evil (John 15:25; 3:19-21)
Honored by God [His death avenged by God] (Gen. 4:10-12)	Honored by God [He was raised from the dead through the power of God] (John 11:23, 28; Rom. 6:4; Acts 2:32-36)
Still speaking to man [Through his righteous example of faith] (Heb. 11:4)	Still speaking to man [In the living and active gospel] (Heb. 1:1-2; 4:12)

Life Lessons from Abel

- He example of faith still speaks to us though the Bible and the Holy Spirit.
- We should be willing to put our faith into practice, even though their might be consequences in our lives.
- Even though his faith cost him his life, it gained him life without end with God.
- The blood of Abel in Genesis is compared to the blood of Christ in Hebrews. His blood condemns and bring a cures to Cain, Jesus blood justifies us and bering us blessings and life.