

**“THE CONFLICT BEGINS: CAIN & ABEL” Pt.2**  
(Genesis 4:6-16)

**K. The CONFLICT of GENESIS 3:15 BEGINS as PROMISED. (Genesis 4:1-16)**

**1. The *comparison and contrasts* between Cain & Abel. (4:1-5)**

**2. The *confrontation & counsel* by God to Cain. (4:6-7)**

**a. The confrontation. (4:6)**

1) Once again, we observe the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ the dialogue. (4:6a)

2) Once again, we observe the Lord asking \_\_\_\_\_ questions to solicit a \_\_\_\_\_ by the transgressor. (4:6b)

- What can we learn from this about God & man?

**b. The counsel. (4:7)**

1) The *care of the Lord* toward Cain is seen by the fact that in spite of Cain’s arrogance and unbelief, God still offers him a way to be \_\_\_\_\_ by God before it is too late. This magnifies God’s \_\_\_\_\_ and His desire to still have a right \_\_\_\_\_ with Cain.

2) The *condition to be accepted by God* is “if you do well” meaning that Cain would \_\_\_\_\_ of his own religious works approach to God and instead would come to God on God’s terms which are \_\_\_\_\_ in the LORD alone through a \_\_\_\_\_.

3) The *consequence of rejecting God’s counsel* and persisting in his arrogant unbelief would mean “if you do not do well, \_\_\_\_\_ lies at the door.”

4) The *caution regarding sin* is, “And its \_\_\_\_\_ is for you, but you should \_\_\_\_\_ over it.”

- What do we learn about God and man’s volition from this?

**3. The *consequences* of arrogant unbelief, the *confrontation* by God, and the *curse* upon Cain. (4:8-12)**

**a. The consequences of arrogant unbelief and self-righteous anger. (4:8)**

1) The manipulation of Abel occurred when, “Now Cain \_\_\_\_\_ with Abel his brother;”

2) The murder of Abel occurred “when they were in the \_\_\_\_\_, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and \_\_\_\_\_ him.”

- How did Cain murder his brother?
- What can we learn from this about murder?

**b. The confrontation by God of Cain and his sin. (4:9)**

1) The question by God was simply, “ \_\_\_\_\_ is Abel your brother?”

2) The answer by Cain was, “I do not \_\_\_\_\_. Am I my brother’s \_\_\_\_\_?”

**c. The curse of God pronounced upon Cain. (4:10 -12)**

1) The inquiry by God was, " \_\_\_\_\_ have you done?"

2) The indictment by God was: "The \_\_\_\_\_ of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the \_\_\_\_\_."

3) The infliction of the curse by God due to Cain's culpability - "So now you are \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you till the \_\_\_\_\_, it shall \_\_\_\_\_ yield its strength to you. A \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ you shall be on the \_\_\_\_\_."

- What can we learn from this about our choices and personal responsibility?

**4. The complaining of Cain & gracious concession and protection by God. (4:13-16)**

**a. The complaining of Cain. (4:13-14)**

1) Instead of repenting of his arrogance, unbelief, and murder, Cain reacts to the curse of God by \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ - *And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth,*

2) Ironically, Cain is concerned about being \_\_\_\_\_ by someone because of his crime after he has murdered Abel – "*and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me.*"

**b. The concession & protection by God. (4:15-16)**

1) The concession by God is that Cain was not put to \_\_\_\_\_: "*And the LORD said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold."*

- When would capital punishment for murder be enacted?

2) The protection of God toward Cain: "*And the LORD set a \_\_\_\_\_ on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.*"

- What was the "mark" of Cain?

3) The separation from God by Cain involved: *Then Cain went out from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.*"

- Some closing lessons about arrogant unbelief and the grace of God: Unbelief & arrogance ...

- 1) fail to see man as a hopeless, helpless, and Hell-bound sinner in need of the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
- 2) seek to come to God one's \_\_\_\_\_ - by religious works instead of through faith alone in Christ alone.
- 3) become very angry at \_\_\_\_\_ when others are accepted & they are rejected.
- 4) are unwilling to \_\_\_\_\_ (change their mind) about the Gospel and therefore allows the \_\_\_\_\_ nature to keep on ruling in their lives.
- 5) birth many other sins with serious \_\_\_\_\_ vertically, horizontally, and personally in time & eternity.