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1) Why Cain?

Genesis 4:1 (NASB)

1 Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD."

Genesis 4:2 (NASB)

2 Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Genesis 4:3 (NASB)

3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.

Genesis 4:4 (NASB)

4 Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;

Genesis 4:5 (NASB)

5 but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.

Genesis 4:6 (NASB)

6 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"

Genesis 4:7 (NASB)

7 "If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."

Genesis 4:8 (NASB)

8 Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

Genesis 4:9 (NASB)

9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

Genesis 4:10 (NASB)

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

Genesis 4:11 (NASB)

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

Genesis 4:12 (NASB)

12 "When you cultivate the ground, it will no longer yield its strength to you; you will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth."

Genesis 4:13 (NASB)

13 Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is too great to bear!

Genesis 4:14 (NASB)

14 "Behold, You have driven me this day from the face of the ground; and from Your face I will be hidden, and I will be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

Genesis 4:15 (NASB)

15 So the LORD said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.

Genesis 4:16 (NASB)

16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Genesis 4:17 (NASB)

17 Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.

2) Backsliding in the glory

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3) Worship is a thermometer

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4) Can we accept correction, caution, exposure?

5) God did not stop Cain

6) Ignoring God and correction can have catastrophic results

7) Undeserved Mercy

2 Peter 3:9 (NASB)

9 The Lord is not slow about His promise, as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:10 (NASB)

10 But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up.

8) God's incredible patience and understanding

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Matthew 12:30 (NASB)

30 "He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me scatters.

1 Samuel 16:7 (NASB)

7 But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."

Malachi 1:8 (NASB)

8 "But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 1:9 (NASB)

9 "But now will you not entreat God's favor, that He may be gracious to us? With such an offering on your part, will He receive any of you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts.

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Malachi 1:10 (NASB)

10 "Oh that there were one among you who would shut the gates, that you might not uselessly kindle fire on My altar! I am not pleased with you," says the LORD of hosts, "nor will I accept an offering from you.

Malachi 1:11 (NASB)

11 "For from the rising of the sun even to its setting, My name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense is going to be offered to My name, and a grain offering that is pure; for My name will be great among the nations," says the LORD of hosts.

Malachi 1:12 (NASB)

12 "But you are profaning it, in that you say, 'The table of the Lord is defiled, and as for its fruit, its food is to be despised.'

Malachi 1:13 (NASB)

13 "You also say, 'My, how tiresome it is!' And you disdainfully sniff at it," says the LORD of hosts, "and you bring what was taken by robbery and what is lame or sick; so you bring the offering! Should I receive that from your hand?" says the LORD.