



Genesis 4:6 -16—The Sinner—Part 2  
From sermon 7.12.20

Read *Genesis 4:6-16*

Review from Sunday's sermon: Cain's unchecked, unconfessed resentment moves from anger to violence. Rather than kill his own sin nature, he kills his brother. Symbolically, he's trying to kill/punish God. The world's resentment and hostility toward true believer has not changed. The kill Christian freedom, criticize fundamental Christian values and doctrines, label God and His true followers as the problem with world. In many places, Christians pay with their lives. Sinners possess and practice an historic set of universal principles. They face a common/universal destiny.

1. One of the first reactions Cain has is known as "Deflection". What is deflection and how do we see it, like never before, in our culture today? Deflection is an attempt to take the focus off the accused. It either points out the sin/faults of others, often the victims. Or, it can compare the offense to a preserved worse offense. It can also blame other people or circumstances for the sin/crime. We see this everywhere, right now, in blaming the past or history, blaming authority—parents, the legal system, the economy. The lost have always used the comparison method: It's not like I've ever killed someone. Other various answers. See *Genesis 3:11-13*

2. How do we, even has believers, need to repent of such thinking and practice? We still have these old natures that want to practice the same worldly ways. We can even add: I'm saved, so I'll be okay

3. Like the Pharisees of Jesus' day, the sinner is often convinced that the offense lies only in the action. What did Jesus say was equally sinful and the root of the action? The problem is a sin nature. We've sinned when we've entertained the action in our heart/mind, whether we act out the sin or not.

3a. Read the following verses. Note and discuss what each says about sin, our nature, and action.

- Luke 6:45—
- James 1:12-15—
- Galatians 5:16-17—
- Romans 8:12-14—

4. Read again Cain's reaction to God's in Genesis 4:13. Pastor Skip pointed out this boils down to the very common cry of today: That's not Fair! Discuss. Was God being unfair or was He actually exhibiting great restraint, grace, and mercy? Obviously He was showing grace and mercy. Cain should have died right there—as all of us should.

4a. How does Cain's reaction also reflect our culture's view of Holy God, Judgment, and Hell? Various answers. But, the world and liberal church hate and dismiss any doctrine on God being Judge and the agent of wrath. When it comes, however, they will hate the true God even more.

See *Revelation 16:9-11*

[Important Teaching Note: There has long existed a heretical teaching on the "mark of Cain" (verse 15). It has also been sinfully, falsely applied to the curse on Ham in (Genesis 9). The heresy is that God's curse was on Cain's (and Ham's) skin color. It has been used, historically, to justify racism. There is absolutely no scriptural evidence to this anywhere. The Bible purposely left out what the mark or curse was on each of these and their lineage. Racism is evil in any form.]