

## Sermon Devotionals for Genesis Chapter 4

### **Monday:**

1. Read Gen.3:14-19. The Lord speaks to the serpent, then to Adam. List or highlight the specifics He says to each. Mark the word *seed*. Highlight the verse that promises redemption; it is one of the most important verses in Scripture.
2. Read Gen. 21-24 and note all the Lord says and does and why He does it. Mark *tree of life*.

Consider: What do you learn about God in this passage? Why is it the creation story is told rather quickly and the whole account slows down and is very detailed at this point in the book of beginnings?

### **Tuesday:**

1. Read Gen.4:1,2. Mark *Cain, Abel* in distinctive ways. What does Eve say at the birth of Cain(the phrase *the help of* is added by translators)? What is Eve's expectation? Go back to Gen.3:15. What does this tell you about the faith of Eve?
2. Read Gen. 4:3-5. Mark the phrase *had regard/had no regard*.

Consider: Was the focus of the Lord's regard solely on the offerings brought? Look up 1Sam.16:7. When coming to worship, where is your focus? Is it possible to worship on Sunday if Mon through Saturday you haven't spent any significant amount of time communicating with your Heavenly Father? What is true worship?

### **Wednesday:**

1. Read Gen.4:6-7. Note who is speaking to whom. What is the Lord offering Cain here?
2. Look up the following, mark *repent/return*: Isaiah 1:18, 19:22, 44:22, 55:7. Ezekiel 18:30-32, Matt.3:2.

Consider: What do you learn about the heart of God? Have you ever wondered why the Lord didn't strike Adam and Eve dead and then start all over? Look up Rev.14:6-7; what is the angel doing in the midst of the judgment upon world? What does this tell you about the gospel? Is the redemption of sinners as much on your heart as it is on God's? What dulls your appreciation, valuing of the gospel?

### **Thursday:**

1. Look up the following and continue to mark *Abel, Cain* and add *righteous, faith*. Matthew 23:34-35(Jesus speaking to scribes and Pharisees); Heb.11:4 ;1John 3:10-12.

Consider: What do you learn about the 2 brothers in these passages? Note the reason for the murder stated in the 1John passage. What does this teach us about the relationship between those who obey/put their trust in/live for God and those who have given themselves to the world?

### **Friday:**

1. Read Gen.4:8-16. What was Cain's response to the Lord's offer of repentance? Look carefully at the conversation between Cain and the Lord. What is Cain's response to his punishment? How did the Lord respond to it? Astounding, isn't it? More grace—the grace to live and breathe extended to all mankind in our sinful condition.

Consider: Are there folks dear to you that you wonder why they refuse salvation? Do you ever wonder if they will ever be saved? Read through Romans 9 and note all the Lord says and does and why.