

Genesis 4 & 5 Bible Study

Who were Cain and Abel?

What picture from sin do you get in Genesis 4:7?

Would you describe the killing as an impulsive manslaughter or a premeditated murder? Why?

Why did Cain ask God, "Am I my brother's keeper"?

What was Cain's punishment? Why did Cain say his punishment was greater than he could bear?

In reading about the fall we have noted that estrangement or alienation now exists in the world. How is estrangement manifested in this story?

Describe the rupture of relationships between humans in 4:8, 14b.

Describe the rupture of relationship between humans and created order in 4:10-12.

Describe the rupture of relationship between a human and God in 4:9, 14a, 16.

How did God show mercy on Cain before sending him away?

These stories in chapters 1-11, its important to remember, are like pieces of cloth in a patchwork quilt, pieces that have been passed down through generations before they are woven in the form we have today. Each story, or patch, in the quilt of Genesis 1-11 is part of a larger picture, and that picture is a theological one. **The point primeval history makes is this: that sin has come into the world, and its effects grow more disturbing with each generation.** The estrangement or alienation that we saw in the garden is intensified in the story of Cain and Abel.