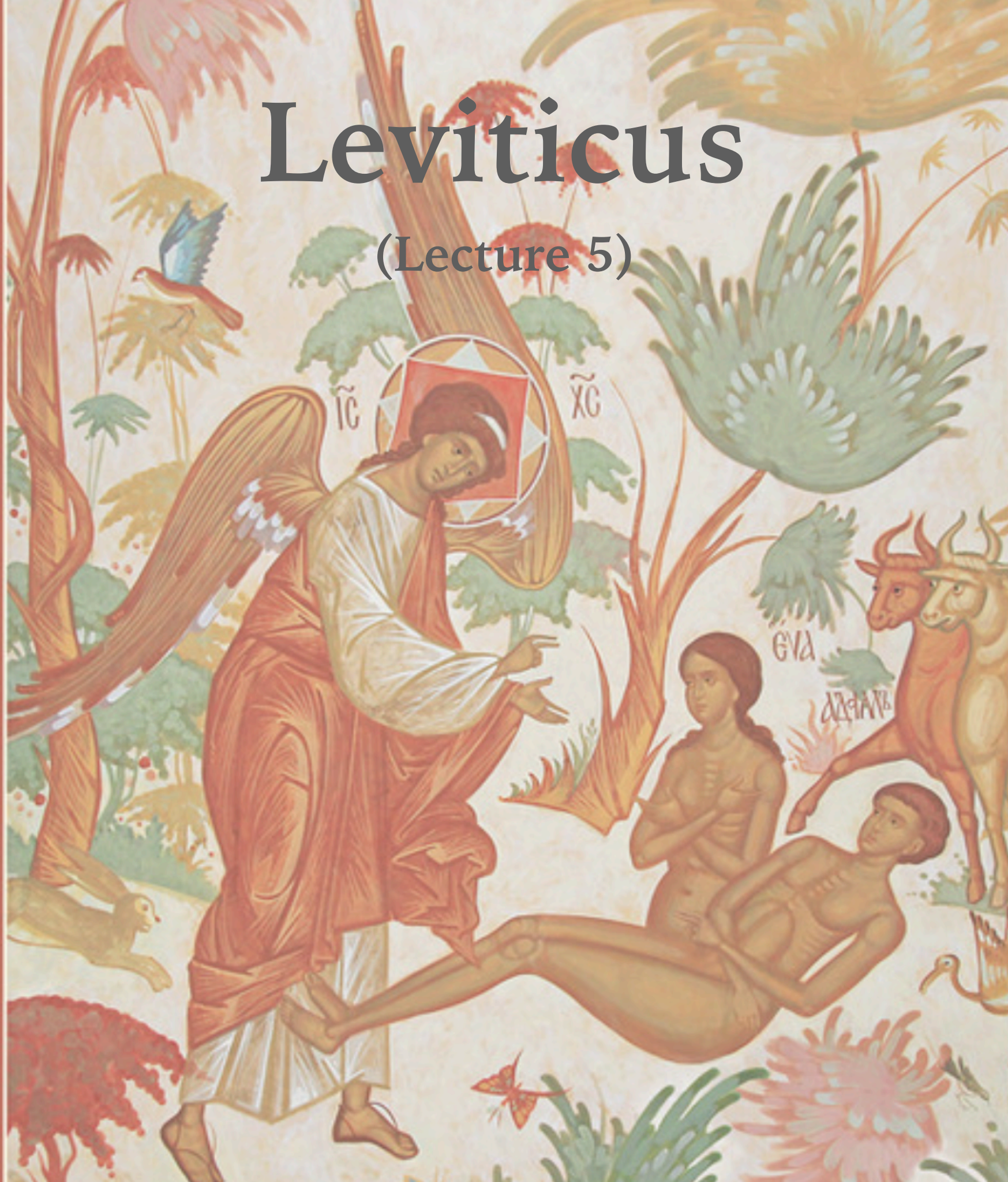


Leviticus

(Lecture 5)



Genesis 2:15-24

¹⁵ The LORD God took the man ^k and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. ¹⁶ And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil ^l you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat ⁴ of it you ^m shall surely die.”

¹⁸ Then the LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; ⁿ I will make him a helper fit for ⁵ him.” ¹⁹ ^o Now out of the ground the LORD God had formed ⁶ every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and ^p brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. ²⁰ The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam ⁷ there was not found a helper fit for him. ²¹ So the LORD God caused a ^q deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. ²² And the rib that the LORD God had taken from the man he made ⁸ into a woman and brought her to the man. ²³ Then the man said,

“This at last is ^r bone of my bones
and flesh of my flesh;
she shall be called Woman,
because she was ^s taken out of Man.” ⁹

²⁴ ^t Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. ²⁵ And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

3 Now ^uthe serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made.

He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You ¹ shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” ² And the woman said to the serpent, “We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, ³ but God said, ^v ‘You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.’” ⁴ ^w But the serpent said to the woman, “You will not surely die. ⁵ For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.” ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, ² she took of its fruit ^x and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, ^y and he ate. ⁷ ^z Then the eyes of both were opened, ^a and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

⁸ And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool ³ of the day, and the man and his wife ^b hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” ⁴ ¹⁰ And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, ^c because I was naked, and I hid myself.” ¹¹ He said, “Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?” ¹² The man said, ^d “The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate.” ¹³ Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, ^e “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

Genesis 3:14-19

¹⁴ The LORD God said to the serpent,

“Because you have done this,
cursed are you above all livestock
and above all beasts of the field;
on your belly you shall go,
and ^f dust you shall eat
all the days of your life.

¹⁵ I will put enmity between you and the woman,
and between your offspring ⁵ and ^g her offspring;
^h he shall bruise your head,
and you shall bruise his heel.”

¹⁶ To the woman he said,

“I will surely multiply your pain in childbearing;
ⁱ in pain you shall bring forth children.

^j Your desire shall be contrary to ⁶ your husband,
but he shall ^k rule over you.”

¹⁷ And to Adam he said,

“Because you have listened to the voice of your wife
and have eaten of the tree
^l of which I commanded you,

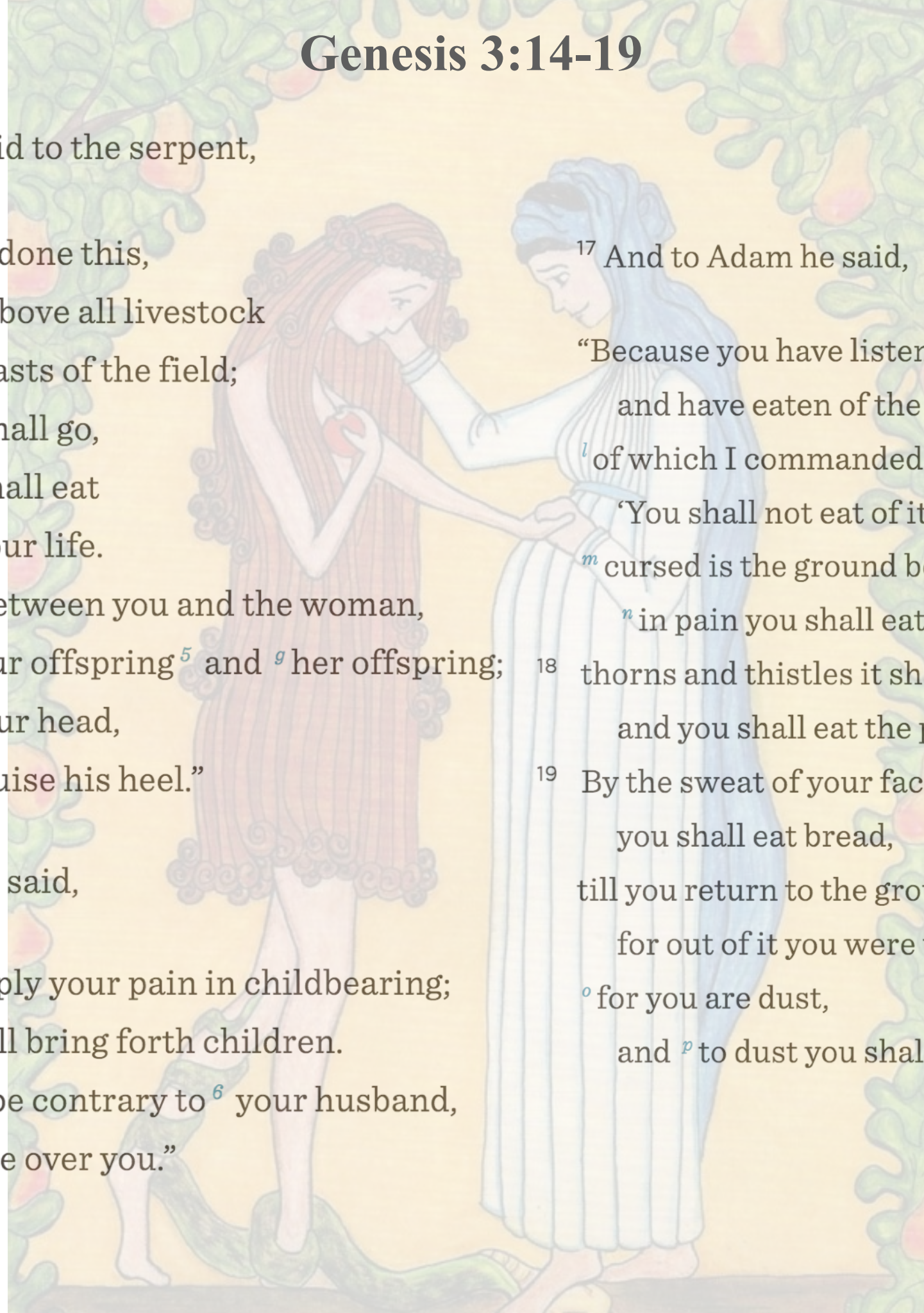
‘You shall not eat of it,’

^m cursed is the ground because of you;

ⁿ in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;

¹⁸ thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.

¹⁹ By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,
for out of it you were taken;
^o for you are dust,
and ^p to dust you shall return.”





Genesis 3:20-24

²⁰ The man called his wife's name Eve, because she was the mother of all living. ⁷ ²¹ And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

²² Then the LORD God said, ^q “Behold, the man has become like one of us in knowing good and evil. Now, lest he reach out his hand ^r and take also of the tree of life and eat, and live forever—” ²³ therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden ^s to work the ground from which he was taken. ²⁴ He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the ^t cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life.

“The message [of the cherubim and flaming sword] is clear: If you want to eat the fruit of the tree of life, you’ll have to slip past the cherubim. They’re hard to slip past. Cherubim are full of eyes, watching in every direction all the time (Ezek. 1:18; 10-12). Try slipping past *that* [...] Inside Eden are all of God’s gifts. He offers life. He offers the wisdom of the tree of knowledge. *He* is present. In Eden, you can find all the treasures later deposited in the ark—food, word, a shepherd. The only catch is that you can’t get in without being killed. Stay out, and you can’t get to the tree of life. So you die. Try to get in, and cherubim kill you. So you die. It looks pretty hopeless.”

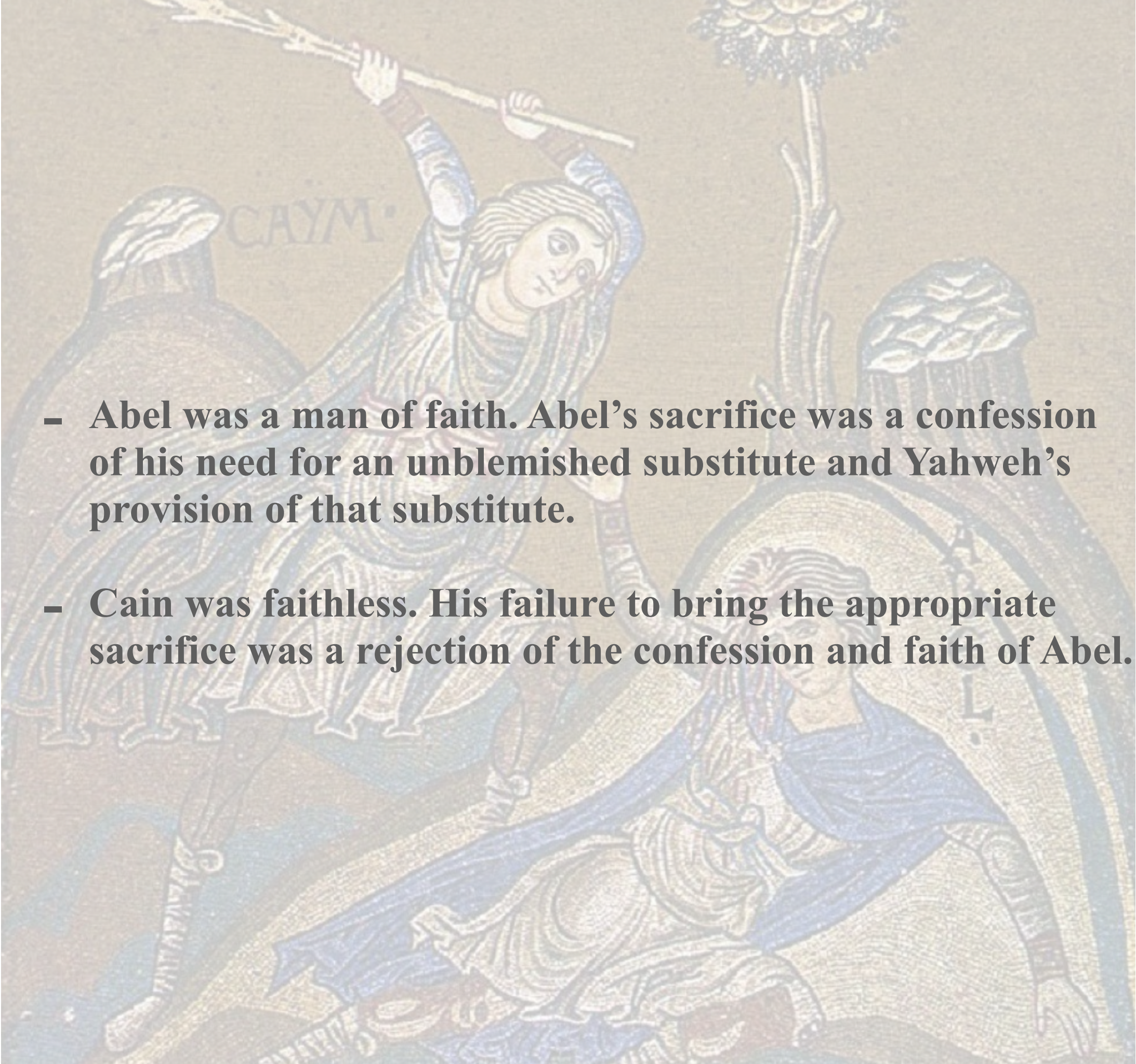
- Peter Leithart, *On Earth as in Heaven*, 291.



Genesis 4:1-16

4 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten¹ a man with the help of the LORD.”² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of^u the fruit of the ground,⁴ and Abel also brought of^v the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD^w had regard for Abel and his offering,⁵ but^x for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.⁶ The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen?⁷ ^y If you do well, will you not be accepted?^z And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. ^z Its desire is contrary to³ you, but you must rule over it.”

⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother.⁴ And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and^a killed him.⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said,^b “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”¹⁰ And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood^c is crying to me from the ground.¹¹ And now^d you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”¹³ Cain said to the LORD, “My^e punishment is greater than I can bear.⁵ ¹⁴ Behold,^f you have driven me today away from the ground, and^g from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth,^h and whoever finds me will kill me.”¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on himⁱ sevenfold.” And the LORD^j put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him.¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod,⁶ east of Eden.

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- Abel was a man of faith. Abel's sacrifice was a confession of his need for an unblemished substitute and Yahweh's provision of that substitute.
 - Cain was faithless. His failure to bring the appropriate sacrifice was a rejection of the confession and faith of Abel.

11 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of ^e things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by ^f the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of ^g things that are visible.

⁴ By faith ^h Abel offered to God ⁱ a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And ^j through his faith, though he died, he ^k still speaks. ⁵ By faith ^l Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. ⁶ And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God ^m must believe that he exists and ^m that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith ⁿ Noah, being warned by God concerning ^o events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of ^p the righteousness that comes by faith.

⁸ By faith ^q Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place ^r that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he went to live in ^s the land of promise, as in a foreign land, ^t living in tents ^u with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he was looking forward to ^v the city that has ^w foundations, ^x whose designer and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith ^y Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered ^z him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one man, and ^a him as good as dead, were born descendants ^b as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.



Hebrews 11:13-16

¹³ These all died in faith, ^c not having received the things promised, but ^d having seen them and greeted them from afar, and ^e having acknowledged that they were ^f strangers and exiles on the earth. ¹⁴ For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, ^g they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed ^h to be called their God, for ⁱ he has prepared for them a city.