RAISING CAIN
GENESIS 4:1-26 / 12-18-16 PM

I. FIRST, LET’S LOOK AT THEIR LIVES.

A. What do we know about Cain?
   1. His name means “gotten” or “acquired”.
   2. Other references--Heb. 11:4; 1 John 3:11-12 and Jude 11 are the only other places.
   3. What was his occupation? Farmer--Gen. 4:2.

B. What do we know about Abel?
   1. His name means “breath” or “vapor”.
   3. What was his occupation? Shepherd--Gen. 4:2.

C. Their Offering to God.
   1. Abel’s offering--Gen 4:4 and Heb. 11:4
   2. Cain’s offering--Gen. 4:3.
   3. Why was Cain’s offering unsatisfactory?--Gen 4:5
   4. Did Cain ever repent?

II. THEIR LESSONS.
   2. God wants our very best in worship and service--2 Tim. 2:15.
   3. Jealousy often leads to other sins--Gal 5:20.
   4. Anger can lead to worse actions--Gen. 4:5 and Prov. 29:11.
   5. Murder is serious not only to us but also to God--Gen. 4:10 and Exo. 20:13.
   6. Sorrow for the consequences of sin isn’t the same as sorrow for sin--2 Cor. 7:10.
8. **Motives** for worship are more important than actions --Prov. 21:2.

9. **Outward** actions reveal **inward** commitment to the Lord--Gen. 4:4 and Matt. 15:8.

10. We may be able to hide our sins from others but not from the Lord--Gen. 4:9 and Numbers 32:23.