

**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".
2. Other Biblical references--1 John 3:11-12, Matt. 23:35, Luke 11:51, Heb. 11:4, Heb. 12:24
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.**

1. Parents influence their children--Prov. 22:6.
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.
7. Narcissism has no place in a Christian's life--2 Tim. 3:1-2.

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.