

A More Acceptable Sacrifice

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- confirmation of fallenness – pain, body disintegrating towards death

Life & Worship 2-5

- Creation mandate – Cain=farmer; Abel=shepherd
- 1st sacrifice? God likely instructed - pattern of Bible
- What was wrong with Sacrifice?
 - lack of Faith – Heb 11:4,6
 - Attitude: 'get to' vs. 'have to' which do you have?

God's Merciful Warning - Cain's Response 5-7

- God confronted & offered way out 1 Cor 10:13 as He does today!
- What about you? Are you like Cain refusing way out? Result = death
- Cain should have listened to a merciful God Psalms 119:11; Psalm 1:1-3, etc.
- Do you listen to God or do you immerse in other 'answers'?

The Results of Rebellion - Death & Denial 8-10

- Cain rejected (9) God's mercy by lying instead of confessing Psalms 103:13-14
- Disrespect & 'questioning' of rules which were clear
- How do YOU do that in your life?

A Just and Merciful Response by God 10-16

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- A fugitive & wanderer – restless all his days
- Cain's worldly sorrow (13) – “punishment greater than I can bear” 2 Cor 7:9-11
- God even has mercy upon the sinner (15) and is patient 2 Pet 3:9

The Two Seeds of the Woman 16ff

- Seed of the Woman (Abel [later Seth 4:25])
- Seed of the serpent
- Drama prophesied in Gen 3 carries throughout Scripture
- Jesus blood saves the Seed of the Woman Heb 12:18-24
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