

**Family Revival and Reformation Part 1**  
**Sermon Bible Study Notes**  
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**Introduction: "Satan's all out war of God's institution of family"**

Familiar tragic family news

- **Father** kills self, wife and 5 children
- Daniel Petric (Teenager Kills Mother, Shoots Father **Over video game**)
- Divorce / Separation...
- Gay Marriage

**When and why did God establish the family?**

**Genesis 1:27-28**

27 So God created man in his *own* image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

28 And God blessed them, and God said unto them, **Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth (fill it), and subdue it:** and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth.

This is God's original plan for the family of God at creation and before sin.

**How was the first earthly children born into sin?**

Parental attack before children born

Adam and Eve in Genesis 3 sin against God

First family argument against God:

**Genesis 3:8-13**

8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

9 And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou?

10 And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I *was* naked; and I hid myself.

11 And he said, Who told thee that thou *wast* naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat?

12 And the man said, The woman whom thou gavest *to be* with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat.

13 And the LORD God said unto the woman, What *is* this *that* thou hast done? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat.

**Genesis 4:1,2 Cain and Abel born into sin**

Genesis 4:1-2

1 And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD.

2 And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Each child was given a role to play in the survival of their family each day.

**Did you know that Cain worked with metals to make tools to till the soil?** Remember God cursed the ground and told Adam He had to till it. Tilling, gardening was a matter of survival. You can't till with wood, you till the soil with metal.

**Cain (Hebrew) = Smith.** A smith is someone who works with metals such as a blacksmith (iron and metal) or a goldsmith. Matter fact his great <sup>7</sup> grandson in Genesis 4:22 was named "**Tubalcain**, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron"

Genesis 4:22

22 And Zillah, she also bare **Tubalcain**, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah.

In the Hebrew it reveals that the reason he was named Tubalcain, in honor his great grandfather Cain. Tubal-cain (Hebrew) = "thou will be brought of Cain".

It is obvious that Cain was very skillful with metal. He was also an expert farmer of produce. He knew how to make things grow!

**What family role was Abel given?**

Not only did Adam need someone to till the soil and grow food like Cain, but the tending of sheep was also equally important. The sheep provided needed wool for clothing, blankets, and shelter. But most importantly the sheep were needed for a sin sacrifice. **DON'T MISS THIS.** The sin sacrifice reveals that the law of God has been broken, "the wages of sin is death", but it also reveals the testimony, "BUT the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). The sheep used as a sin sacrifice was the breath that put LIFE back in a repentant and converted sinner. **The sheep represented the gift that gives eternal life! The breath.**

Adam, taught Abel this important skill of raising and keeping sheep because they represent the breath of salvation. This could be the reason why he named him Abel.

Abel (Hebrew) = "Breath". Abel had important task of raising the symbolism of the breath of salvation, Jesus Christ, who gives eternal life.

So both Cain and Abel had equally important roles. Cain grew the the food that sustained life. Abel grew the symbol that pointed to eternal life!

**Abel Loved God, Cain Was Rebellious Against God**

In the process of time Abel remained in the VINE, ONE CHURCH, but Cain was cut off. Abel loved the law and testimonies. Cain hated the law, but wanted the benefits of the testimony without the shedding of blood.

**Genesis 4:3-5**

- 3 And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.
- 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:
- 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his

countenance fell.

**Why was Cain wroth with Abel? Why is Satan wroth with the remnant in the last days?** Cain hated Abel like Satan hates the remnant, Abel kept the law, the commandments of God and the testimony of Jesus. (Period). Abel did not do anything to Cain.

**What plea did God make to Cain?**

**Genesis 4:6, 7**

6 And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen?

7 If thou **doest well [Law & Testimonies]**, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, **sin lieth** at the door. **And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.**

In other words, "Cain if you accept the law and testimonies, turn from sin (symbolized in the sin sacrifice) and by faith accept the testimony of salvation, your younger brother will respect you and serve you as the older the brother.

**What was Cain's, response?**

**Genesis 4:8**

8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him.

First notice that Cain, does not respond to God's plea. It is as if Cain put his hand in God face and said "I am not listening to you!" You are not fair! Why do I need the law and testimonies. Just love me and accept me the way I am. I don't need to change. You NEED to change, God. Just do that okay and I will continue to thank you for it."

**What was Cain's punishment?**

**Genesis 4:10 - 12**

10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.

11 And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand;

12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth.

What Cain was trained and love to do, God cursed it. Cain would no longer be able to farm again. If he did it would not produce food. Cain would now have to survive off the land through eating food grown wildly. It is also possible the Cain became the world's first person to eat flesh even though God did not permit it until after the flood.

To show how much rebellion Cain was in and how much he rejected truth...

**Want was Cain's response to His punishment? Did he afflict his soul and plead to God for forgiveness?**

NO...

**Genesis 4:13**

13 And Cain said unto the LORD, My punishment *is* greater than I can bear.

**Why was Cain heart SO hard? Here is a very valuable lesson...**

“ With every rejection of truth the minds of the people will become darker, their hearts more stubborn, until they are entrenched in an infidel hardihood.” Great Controversy p.603

As a result of Cain's rebellion, his seed rejected the law and the testimonies! Rebellious church.

Abel's death was not in vain! It was a seed, a memorial, for future generations.

**Cain caused a great disturbance in the first family unit of God.**

Cain was the first murderer who killed his own brother out of hate and jealousy. Adam and Eve felt the pain of losing Abel greatly. It was a major blow to the family. Cain had to live as a vagabond. Cain's act of murder greatly disrupted their family. Adam and Eve lost their first two sons. One was murdered and the other punished by God to leave the family unit. Their was great sorrow and pain for their loss.

**Who was Abel's replacement?**

Genesis 4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, *said she*, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew.

Cain's seed represents a rebellious church that rejects the law and the testimonies

Seth's seed represents GOD'S ONE CHURCH that embraces the law and the testimonies.

**How to have revival and reformation in your family**

If we respect God's family roles and responsibilities God will bless the family and God's church as a whole.

**This is how a family should start**

**Genesis 2:24**

24 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh.

**Godly Husband and wife relationship**

**Ephesians 5:22-23, 25**

22 Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord.

23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

33 Nevertheless let every one of you in particular so love his wife even as himself; and the wife see that she reverence *her* husband.

**Train up children in the Lord with practical training to make a difference**

**Proverbs 22:6**

6 Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

**Psalms 78:3-7**

- 3 Which we have heard and known, and our fathers have told us.  
 4 We will not hide *them* from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD, and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.  
 5 For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:  
 6 That the generation to come might know *them*, *even* the children *which* should be born; *who* should arise and declare *them* to their children:  
 7 That they might set their hope in God, and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments:

**Ephesians 6:4**

- 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

**2 Timothy 3:15**

- 15 And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.

Jesus and John the Baptist are two examples of how we should train our children. They were both trained how to love the Lord and share God's truth to the people. They had faithful mothers and fathers who loved God.

**What was the tragedy of Achan's family due to his rebellious and covetous character?****Joshua 7:13**

- 13 Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, *There is* an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you.

**Joshua 7:24-26**

- 24 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, took Achan the son of Zerah, and the silver, and the garment, and the wedge of gold, and his **sons, and his daughters**, and his oxen, and his asses, and his sheep, and his tent, and all that he had: and they brought them unto the valley of Achor.  
 25 And Joshua said, Why hast thou troubled us? the LORD shall trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned **him with stones, and burned them with fire, after they had stoned them with stones.**  
 26 And they raised over him a great heap of stones unto this day. So the LORD turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

**Appeal: 2 Chronicles 7:14****2 Chronicles 7:14**

- 14 If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.