Cain and Abel KZ Lesson 7/18/21

# Memory Verse: 1 Samuel 16:7 (NKJV)

**7**But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For*the Lord does* not *see* as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.”

Target Thought: God knows our heart.

# Genesis 4:4-8 (NKJV)

**4**Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, **5**but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

**6**So the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? **7**If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it.”

**8**Now 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 killed him.

Have you ever given a gift to someone who did not like what you had given him or her? How did you feel when they opened your gift and you saw the look of disappointment on his or her face? What kind of look did you have on your face? Was it a happy face? (Hold up the happy face.) Was it a sad face? (Hold up the sad face.) Was it an angry face? (Hold up the angry face.) Other people can often tell how we feel by the look on our faces. Should everyone always be thankful? Does God know the attitude of our heart even if our face shows something different? Of course He can! God know everything and He knows the attitude of our heart whether our face shows it or not.

Our Bible lesson today is about two brothers named Cain and Abel. They were the sons of Adam and Eve. Cain was the older brother and Abel was the younger brother. When they grew up, Cain became a farmer and Abel became a shepherd.

When it was time for the harvest, Cain brought some of his crops as a gift to the Lord. Abel also brought a gift to the Lord—the very best lamb from his flock. The Lord accepted the gift of Abel, Abel gave his gift with the right attitude, to honor God and he gave it in faith. God did not accept the gift of Cain. Even though Cain gave an offering he didn’t have a good attitude about it, he did it because he thought he had to, he did not honor God with heart or with his faith. The Lord did not find Cain's gift acceptable.

How do you think that made Cain feel?

The Bible tells us that Cain was sad and angry. (Hold up the sad and angry faces.) The Lord took one look at Cain's face and asked him, “Why are you so angry and why do you look dejected?" The Lord continued, saying, "You will be accepted if you do what is right. And if you don’t do right, sin is lying in wait for you, ready to pounce; it’s out to get you, you’ve got to master it.” What was wrong with Cain? He had a bad attitude, a wrong motive and he did not honor God with his faith.

Cain was wrong and he did not take control of his anger. Remember God has already given us the gift of self control, ( Gal 5:22-23) He helps us to know right from wrong.

No, he did not! The Bible tells us that some time later, Cain said to Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother and killed him. Cain's anger had taken total control of his life. Cain did not repent and turn back to God when he was wrong and it only led to worse things for him.

God knew what Cain had done and he knew that Cain must be punished. “Your brother’s blood is still on the ground. Your punishment is that nothing you plant in the ground will grow. You will just wander around the earth finding food wherever you can.”

What can we learn from the story of Cain and Abel?

We can learn that disobeying God brings trouble and unhappiness. (Hold up the unhappy face.) But if we obey God, we can be happy while we live on this earth. (Hold up the happy face.) We should also take notice that even though Cain was punished for the wrong that he did, God still loved him and protected him. He would not allow others to harm Cain. If Cain had repented would God have forgiven him? YES of course!

Father, we want our life to be acceptable to you. Help us to keep our attitude and our actions good toward You In Jesus' name we ask. Amen.

1. Does God know the attitude of our heart?
2. Did Cain repent?
3. Would God have forgiven Cain if he had repented?