



Last week in our study of Genesis 4:1-8 we saw *the way of Cain—Religion vs. Salvation*. We learned that Cain was a religious man, that he was not an atheist; he acknowledged God's existence and recognized his need for an offering. Cain knew where to go to meet with God, and he was _____ in his particular way to approach God. The text revealed that although Cain offered his personal best to the Lord, he knowingly violated the bloody pattern that God himself established; he chose _____ to obey God's Word. The resulting problem was that his _____ was unacceptable. This is the way of religion, otherwise referred to in scripture as *the way of Cain*.

Today as we dig deeper into Genesis 4, the consequences of Cain's _____ become clear. The book of beginnings lays a foundation that has not changed since. The spirit of Cain and his progeny are still around to this day.

THE WAY OF CAIN – THE FRUIT OF RELIGION

1. Injustice – verse 8
 - _____ intolerance – James 1:15; 4:1-3

 - Hatred and _____ – Matthew 5:21-25

2. Dishonesty – verse 9
 - Lying

 - Disrespectful to God's (*spoken*) _____ – Psalm 119:53, 136, 158

 - No _____ of God – Proverbs 1:7; 9:10

3. Judgment – verses 10-12

- The verdict

- The _____ human to be _____ – Proverbs 3:33; 26:2

- His God-given occupation is prohibited
He is now a:
Fugitive – Someone fleeing from justice; running away from
Vagabond – A wanderer; a transient

4. Anxiety – verse 13-15

- Self-centeredness and pride is the cause

- Unrepentant – Mark 1:15; 6:12; 1 Peter 3:9

- Fear of _____ – Matthew 10:28; Luke 12:5

- God is still gracious

5. Misdirection – verse 16

- Cain travels West to East—as the _____ turns – Romans 12:2; Ephesians 2:2; 1 John 2:15