

ROOTS
A Study in Genesis



LESSON 4 GENESIS 4

1. What was your takeaway from last week's study on **Genesis 3**, and why was it significant for you?

2. As you read **Genesis 4**, pray and reflect on your own (or your family's) iniquities (the tendency to sin), and ask God to reveal His love and His strength to do what is right to rule over the sin.

3. In **V1-5**, Adam and Eve gave birth to Cain and Abel, and both gave offerings from the fruit of their labor.
 - a) Why do you think the Lord looked with favor on Abel's offerings, but not Cain's?

 - b) What was Cain's response in **V5b**?

4. a) Read **V6-7**. What did God question & caution Cain about, and how did He instruct Cain to respond?
 - b) In your opinion, describe what "sin is crouching at your door" means and what images it brings to mind.

5. a) What happened in **V8**?
 - b) Describe a situation where you or someone you love let thoughts or attitudes spiral into sin (perhaps at a level you never anticipated)?

6. a) From **V9-16** how did Cain compound his sin of murder (**9b**), and what were the consequences?
- b) Of all the consequences named, which do you think is the most severe and why?
7. a) We learn from Lesson 3 (**Genesis 3:20-21**) that God has compassion even for those who sinned. How was that compassion shown to Cain in **V15**?
- b) Recall and describe a situation where you have reacted or acted poorly, but still felt God's love and care for you.
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8. In **V17-22**, Cain was blessed with descendants with many gifts and talents. Which gifts catch your attention and why?
9. In **V23-24**, the sin of murder had reappeared. In your own words, what do you think Lamech's attitude was? (See **V15** together with **Romans 12:19**.)
10. In **V25**, God gave Adam and Eve another son, Seth, to replace Abel. Has God ever shown His love for you by replacing a painful loss with someone or something new and hopeful? Explain.

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PRAYER REQUEST