

FOUNDATIONS

BEGINNINGS AND ORIGINS

PART 20:

CAIN AND ABEL, MURDER AND MARTYRS

Reading: Genesis 4:1 - 11

Introduction

- Cain and Abel: the story of 2 brothers; one a farmer and the other a shepherd.
- Both believed in God, knew about sin and knew the gospel. [Leviticus 17:11].
- When Abel offered his offering God declared that he was '*righteous*'. [Hebrews 11:4].

1 The Blood Of The Sacrifice

- Note the importance of the Blood in this narrative.
- Note the importance of the Blood in the '*Passover*'. [Exodus 12:13].
- The importance of the blood is the '*scarlet thread*' woven throughout redemptive history.
- Every Old Testament sacrifice pointed forward to the sacrifice of the '*Lamb of God*'. [John 1:29].
- Check out: [Hebrews 9:22], [Ephesians 1:7], [Ephesians 2:13], [1 Peter 1:19], [1 John 1:7] and [Revelation 1:5].

- The theology of the Blood is expressed in our hymnology.
- The Blood/Death of Christ on our behalf is the vaccine for the '*sin virus.*'

2 The Way Of Cain

- The offering of Cain was bloodless.
- Cain was the originator of all false religion depending on works.
- God rejected Cain's approach [Genesis 4:5].
- The vast majority of world's religions depend on just about anything BUT the Blood. (The way of Cain).

3 The Blood Of The Martyrs

- [Ch 5:8] the first death in history was over religion.
- When religion uses violence its not of God.
- The murder of Abel made him the first ever martyr.
- Note the promise of Jesus in [Matthew 23:35/36] to avenge the blood of the martyrs.
- The line of the martyrs has increased over the centuries and is still being added too today.

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