

“The Way Of Cain”

Lesson Text: **Jude 11.** Cain Is Used As An Example Of Those Who Reject Authority.

I. The Way Of Human Opinion.

- The Story: **Genesis 4:1-5.** Both Brought Offerings To God— Only One Accepted!
- The Divine Application: **Jude 11; Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:12.**
- The Problem: Human Opinion About What To Offer To God.
- This Is Still A Problem Today!

II. The Way Of Will-Worship.

- **Colossians 2:23. Macknight:** “to be “a worship of human invention, consequently performed from one’s own will” (390).”
- Cain wanted to worship God as it suited Cain, not as God desired. So the Scripture records that the Lord “had not respect” for Cain’s offering (**Genesis 4:5**).
- **This Accounts For Today’s:** Instrumental Music; Prayer Beads, Confession Booths, Lighting Of Candles In Worship, Praise & Worship Teams, & Special Clothing For Priests.

III. The Way Of Impenitent Stubbornness.

- **Genesis 4:6-7.** God Warned Cain To Subdue Sin’s Desire.
- Did Cain Listen To God & Repent?
- In This Same Way, Many Today Are Like Cain In Stubborn Refusal!

IV. The Way Of Hatred For The Righteous.

- **Genesis 4:8-9.**
- **1 John 3:12; John 15:22-25 (Psalm 35:19; 69:4; 109:3-5);**
- World’s Hatred For Us: **John 15:18-19.**
- Why There Is Danger In Hating Our Brother- **1 John 3:13-15.**

V. The Way Of Divine Condemnation.

- God Judged Cain In **Genesis 4:10-15.**
- Some May Think This Was Harsh Punishment, But Cain Failed To:
 - Confess His Sin. - Show Any Guilt Or Remorse. - Repent.

VI. The Way We Should Learn Not To Go!

- Don’t Walk By Opinions, But Walk By Faith, Like Abel. **Hebrews 11:4.**
- Don’t Go By Your Own Way, Let’s Do Things God’s Way!
- Don’t Let Your Stubbornness Destroy You! If You Are Wrong, Fix It!
- Don’t Hate Your Brother, Walk in Love.