

Text: Genesis 4:1-26
Topics: Grace, Judgment, Sin, Temptation
Series: Genesis: The Beginning of His-tory

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Living Amidst Sin

I. The Control of Sin (1-8)

If sin is given opportunity, it will lead me to do evil.

II. The Consequences of Sin (9-15)

God sees and justly prescribes painful consequences for my sin.

III. The Contagiousness of Sin (16-24)

If I allow it, sin will grow and spread.

IV. The Contrast to Sin (25-26)

To guard against the pain and spread of sin I need to turn to God.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group for even more benefit.*

1. Have you experienced painful consequences due to sin in your life or family? What happened?

2. Read Genesis 4:1-8. Why did Cain become angry? (v. 3-5)

God asks Cain a question then instructs/exhorts him (v. 6-7). What must he do? What's at stake?

What important lesson do you see for us today?

3. Read Genesis 4:9-15. How did Cain answer God's question in verse 9 and what did it reveal about him?

Draw a principle from verse 9 that helps us evaluate our hearts and relationship with God.

Consider Cain's punishment and his response. (v. 11-15) What does this tell us about God, and about Cain? (See also Heb. 11:4 & 1 John 3:11-15)

4. Read Genesis 4:16-24. What good and bad do you see as Cain sets out?

What sobering example of the effect of sin do you see in this section?

Can you see an example of this effect in your life and/or family?

5. What hope for humanity is revealed in Genesis 4:25-26?

Do you see a glimpse of the gospel in these verses?

Apply this to your life and family.