

Mistakes Of Cain

Jude 5-16; Genesis 4:1-15

"The Way Of Cain"

The Way Of Cain!

- Cain Wanted To Worship God
- The Way of Substitution
Genesis 4:3-5a
Hebrews 11:4; Romans 10:17
 - Walked by his own opinion.
Proverbs 14:12;
Jeremiah 10:23;
cf. Matthew 7:21-27;
Isaiah 55:8-9

The Way Of Cain!

- Cain Wanted To Worship God
- The Way of Anger, Envy, and Hatred. Genesis 4:5b
 - Sin is progressive.
2 Timothy 3:13
 - Abel did his brother no wrong. 1 John 3:12
 - Work of the flesh.
Galatians 5:19-21

The Way Of Cain!

- Cain Wanted To Worship God
- The Way of Intolerance & Persecution.
 - Nature of envy not changed.
Titus 3:3; 1 Peter 2:1-3
 - Intolerant toward those who walk by faith.
Mark 15:10; Galatians 4:16
 - John 3:19-20 tells why!

The Way Of Cain!

- Cain Wanted To Worship God
- The Way of Willful Contempt For Divine Authority.
 - Lied & Denied Responsibility.
Genesis 4:9 cf. Galatians 6:1
 - He killed Abel because Abel respected God's Way.
cf. Matthew 7:13-14;
John 14:6; Leviticus 10:1-3;
2 Chronicles 26:16-20
 - "Reject Authority" cf. Jude 8

The Way Of Cain!

- Cain Wanted To Worship God
- The Way of Divine Condemnation.
 - Given opportunity to repent.
Genesis 4:6-7
 - Cursed. Genesis 4:11
 - We too will receive a reward according to our works. Hebrews 2:1-3;
Romans 2:5-11
 - The Lord will "execute judgment upon all." Jude 14-15

The Way Of Cain!

- Cain Wanted To Worship God
- The Way of Eternal Regret.
Genesis 4:13-14
 - "Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain..."
Jude 11
 - Judgment is forever.
Matthew 25:41;
Revelation 14:9-11; 21:8;
cf. Luke 16:19-31

The Way Of Cain!

- Cain Wanted To Worship God...
- **The way CAIN wanted to worship God!**

The Way Of Cain!

- Cain Wanted To Worship God...
 - Deviated only slightly from what was commanded.
- **Ended up a liar, a murderer, a fugitive, cursed by God, and banished from His presence.**

The Way Of Cain!

- King Saul went the way of Cain, and was told by Samuel:

"...Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He has also rejected you from being king." **1 Samuel 15:22-23**

The Way Of Cain!

- We do not have to go "in the way of Cain." When we become depressed, angry, with our countenance fallen because of sin, God speaks to us as He did to Cain:

"Sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."
Genesis 4:7b

With God's help, we can master it through confession and repentance.

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- The Way of Substitution.
- The Way of Envy and Hatred.
- The Way of Intolerance & Persecution.
- The Way of Willful Contempt For Divine Authority.
- The Way of Divine Condemnation.
- The Way of Eternal Regret.

The Way Of Cain ... His name lives in infamy and shame.

How to Avoid the Mistakes Of Cain

"Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you. Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. But resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brethren who are in the world." 1 Peter 5:6-9

How to Avoid the Mistakes Of Cain

"But He gives a greater grace. Therefore it says, 'God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.' Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be miserable and mourn and weep; let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you." James 4:6-10

How to Avoid the Mistakes Of Cain

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world. By this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments." 1 John 1:9-2:3

How to Avoid the Mistakes Of Cain

"When I kept silent about my sin, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was drained away as with the fever heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I did not hide; I said, 'I will confess my transgressions to the Lord'; and You forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore, let everyone who is godly pray to You in a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters they will not reach him. You are my hiding place; You preserve me from trouble; You surround me with songs of deliverance."

Psalms 32:3-7

God's Plan of Salvation

HEAR THE WORD

James 1:21-22; Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN JESUS

Romans 1:16; Hebrews 11:6

REPENT OF SINS

Acts 17:30-31; Luke 13:3

CONFESS HIS NAME

Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

BE BAPTIZED FOR FORGIVENESS

Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16

REMAIN OBEDIENT

Hebrews 5:9; 1 Corinthians 15:58