

Adam lay with his wife Eve and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man." Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked with soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an

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offering to the Lord. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry and his face was downcast.

Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you

do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.”

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and

killed him.

Then the Lord said to Cain,  
“Where is your brother, Abel?”

“I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I  
my brother’s keeper?”

Then the Lord said, “What have  
you done? Listen! Your brother’s  
blood cries out to me from the  
ground. Now you are

under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are

driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

But the Lord said to him, “Not so; if anyone kills Cain, he will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the Lord put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him

would kill him. So Cain went out from the Lord's presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.



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battlefield



# the dangerous nearness of sin

“... sin is crouching at your  
door ...”



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“I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.”

Romans 7:15

# the dangerous nearness of sin

“Those who live according to the sinful nature have their minds set on what that nature desires; but those who live in accordance with the Spirit have their minds set on what the Spirit desires.

The mind of sinful man is death, but the mind controlled by the Spirit is life and peace.”

Romans 8:5-6

# the consuming power of sin

“... it desires to have you ...”



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“I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.”

Romans 7:18-20

# the consuming power of sin

“... it desires to have you ...”

# the consequences of sin

“Now you are under a curse

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...



# the consequences of sin

“Now you are under a curse ...”

That curse can be undone because  
“God made him who had no sin to  
be sin for us, so that in him we  
might become the righteousness of  
God.”

2 Corinthians 5:21