



PART 3: WHERE IS YOUR BROTHER?

INTRODUCTION – How Do We Love God?

Matthew 25:40; John 13:34-35; 14:15; Acts 9:4; 1 John 4:16, 20

LOOK TO THE BOOK – Living East Of Eden

Romans 3:10-18; 7:14-25; 8:7, 18-23; 16:18; Psalm 14:2-3; 51:5; Philippians 3:18-19

Genesis 4:1-16

Genesis 4:7 (NASB):

"If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you _____ master it."

Genesis 4:7 – What Is God Saying About Sin?...

- You MUST master it = A _____
- You SHALT / WILL master it = A _____
- You MAY master it = A _____

So WHAT?

TAKE OUT #1: Our life struggle is to live as the God-like, servant-rulers we were meant to be, rather than being ruled by sin. This means that we honour God, not just by our perfect success, but also by the _____ itself.

TAKE OUT #2: Because _____ is a reflection of God's heart, to be out of tune with _____ is to be out of tune with God.

TAKE OUT #3: Although sin will bring consequence, you are not your _____. You are an image-bearer/displayer/holder of God.

CONCLUSION – Answering The Question

Mark 3:33-35

HOME CHURCH QUESTIONS...

WARMING UP...

1. After reviewing this week's message, talk about your reaction. What things most challenged, perplexed, or encouraged you?
2. Discuss the implications of this quote by Rabbi Balfour Brickner: *The biblical writers were trying to tell us something: From the very beginning, humans have had free will. It is a powerful tool. Use it wisely. People pay a price for poor choices.*

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

3. Read **Genesis 4:1-16**. A) What verse or thought stands out to you the most? Why? B) Knowing that God is love and all that he does comes from that essence, how do we see love in God's reactions to Cain? C) Since we know God accepts both grain as well as animal sacrifices (e.g., **Leviticus 6**), why do you think God favoured Abel's offering over Cain's? (Also see **Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:11-12**.) D) As a second generation sinner, how is Cain's temptation and reaction to being caught similar and yet different to Adam & Eve's? F) Talk about ways that you can relate to Cain in this passage. G) As Christians, what should be our response to Cain's question, "Am I my brother's keeper?" How do you respond to this question in the context of Home Church?

SO WHAT?...

4. Take a few minutes to individually meditate on **Genesis 4:6-7**. A) Have you ever had the experience of something good, right, and admirable in someone else making you angry (or sad or depressed or frustrated)? Why do you think that is? B) This passage personifies sin. Can you relate to this image of sin in your life? How so? C) Pray for each other, that you might master it, rather than be mastered by it.

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