

The Lord Had Regard for Abel

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-16

Also: Hebrews 11:4; 1 John 3:11-12; James 1:20; Ephesians 4:25-32

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. Have you questioned the difference between Cain and Abel's sacrifice?
 - If so, how did this sermon help explain the difference?
 - Why is the difference important?
3. Why was Cain angry that God "had no regard" for his offering?
 - What does that kind of anger with God usually indicate?
 - Read Ephesians 4:26. This is an often quoted verse, sometimes in defense of being angry. But every other verse in the NT about anger indicates getting rid of it as soon as possible.
4. If one is angry at God, what are the results of each:
 - Deny being angry, and act like there's no problem
 - Acknowledge being angry, and address it biblically by not sinning, with confession and repentance if sin has occurred
5. The last point of the sermon contrasted the way of Cain with the way of Christ:
 - The way of Cain: unbelief, anger, jealousy, murder
 - The way of Christ: faith, peace, love, everlasting life
6. How do you see this contrast:
 - In the world?
 - In your community?
 - In yourself?

Faith is the defining difference between the two, which results in the other items. Renew your commitment (or decide) for today, for this week, for your life, to live by faith in God.