**Jude 11b Evil Cain Kills Righteous Abel ©2019 WF Cobb Truthbase.net *DailyTruthbase.blogspot***

11b Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah

**I. As Lord of Life, God desires and is worthy of our very lives**, not our surplus nor leftovers. Worship is a Response to Revelation

2 Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD.

4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected *impft* Abel and his offering, 5 but He did not respect *pft* Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

*Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, thru which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts...*

**II. God wants us to understand not just do** 6 So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?

Anger is often a response to hurt or loss. Jealousy stems from a sense of inferiority because we don't have what we think is vital.

*1Jn 3:7 let no one deceive you. He who practices righteousness is righteous, just as He is righteous. 8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil has sinned from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil. 10...not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is he who does not love his brother. 11...we should love one another, 12 not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous. 14 He who does not love his brother abides in death. 15 Whoever hates his brother is a murderer...not have eternal life abiding in him.*

**III. Worth and value come from doing what's right in God's sight *(on His terms****)* 7a If you **do well**, will you not be **accepted**?

Love is unconditional; acceptance and blessing are conditional, as shown by God's dealings with Israel and Jesus' teaching and practice

*Dt 28-29: 1 if you diligently obey the voice of the LORD your God, to observe carefully all His commandments, the LORD your God will set you high above all nations of earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, because you obey the voice of the LORD your God:*

*Jn 15:6 If anyone does not abide in Me (and words in him), he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. Cf 14:21*

**IV We must master sin** *(trust and obey)* **or it will master us,** 7b and if you do not do well, sin crouches/lies at the door. and its desire is for you, but you must rule over/master it" *Gen 3:16 Your desire shall be for your husband, and he shall rule over/master you."*

*Rm 6:11 reckon yourselves to be dead to sin, but alive to God in JC our Lord. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts. 13 And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but...to God 16 Do you not know that to whom you* ***yield*** *yourselves slaves to obey, you are that one's slaves whom you obey, whether of sin leading to death, or of obedience leading to righteousne*ss? *22 But now having been set free from sin, and having become slaves of God, you have your fruit to holiness, and the end, of-The-Age life/dominion. cf 12:1-2 Col 3:* Put off /renew/put on

*2Pt 1:3 called to glory and virtue...4 partakers of divine nature by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that thru these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world thru lust. 6 add to faith* ***virtue...***

**V. Rejecting reproof (light) moves us further into the dar**k, covering up by deceit and lying as well as distorted thinking/values

8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother...when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

9 Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"

**VI. We reap what we sow** *(Gal 6*) often losing the very thing we seek/desire *(Lk 9:24 save life-lose it*) (Green thumb to blood stained hands)

10 And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

11 So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand.

12 When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."

*Pr 11:18 wicked does deceptive work, who sows righteousness will have a sure reward Hos 10:12 Sow for yourselves righteousness; Reap acc hesed ..seek*

**VII. Those who rebel against God revile His merited and merciful justice** and result in separation from God and grief.

13And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! 14 Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me." 15 And the LORD said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

**VIII. Defiant Disobedient (demonic) “worshipers”, getting worth and value from men vs God, leave a legacy of ungodliness**

16 Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden...and he built a city, and

23 Lamech *(3x grandson)* said to his wives: "Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me. 24 If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, Then Lamech seventy-sevenfold."

***CX.* Legacy of godliness** 25 Adam knew his wife...son named Seth/*compensation*, "For God has appointed another seed for me instead of Abel, whom Cain killed." 26 Seth...son named Enosh. Then men began to **call** on the name of LORD. *[Enoch 3x grandson of Seth-walked w/God- Heb 11]*

**Questions for Reflection/Discussion/Response:**

1. Why did God not accept Cain and his offering, and why did Cain kill his brother? How did Abel demonstrate faith *Heb 11*? How do you?

2. How does one master sin? *(See “Ain't gonna reign no more -Truthbase*) How does changing values help you? How do you change values?

3. Do you believe you'll reap what you sow? What are you sowing, and what to you expect to get? Rm 6:22

4. How is giving God what He wants/likes and calling on God a prerequisite to walking with God and being blessed (now and in future)?