

ON WHAT BASIS DOES GOD ACCEPT US AND OUR WORSHIP?
A lesson from the worship of Cain and Abel
Genesis 4:1-8

- I. TWO BROTHERS INTRODUCED (4:1-2)**
 - A. Their births
 - 1. Cain: a promising start
 - 2. Abel: reality hits
 - B. Their occupations
 - 1. Cain: Farmer
 - 2. Abel: Shepherd

- II. TWO EXAMPLES OF WORSHIP REVEALED (4:3-5)**
 - A. TWO OFFERINGS to the LORD: (3-4a)**
 - 1. Cain's (of the ground)
 - 2. Abel's (of the flock)
 - a) His firstlings
 - b) The choice ones

 - B. TWO RESPONSES by the LORD (4b-5a)**
 - 1. Acceptance of Abel and his offering- Why?

 - 2. Rejection of Cain and his offering- Why?

 - C. CAIN'S INITIAL RESPONSE- Anger, depression... (5b)**

- III. TWO OPTIONS- Choose your master (4:6-7)**
 - A. THE LORD GRACIOUSLY REVEALS THE OPTIONS TO CAIN**
 - 1. A chance to repent

 - 2. A real look at sin
 - a) Its ready to devour us
 - b) Its ready to master us

 - 3. So...choose your master

 - B. CAIN'S AWFUL CHOICE AND ITS DEADLY RESULTS (4:8)**