

WHAT DOES A LIFE MASTERED BY SIN LOOK LIKE?

THE WAY OF CAIN

Genesis 4:9-16

- I. **THOSE MASTERED BY SIN DO NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR CULPABILITY WHEN CONFRONTED BY THE LORD THROUGH HIS WORD: God gives Cain a chance to repent but Cain lies and dodges responsibility (9)**

- II. **THOSE MASTERED BY SIN DO NOT FEAR GOD AND THUS ARE IGNORANT OF HIS OMNISCIENCE AND JUSTICE: God reveals to Cain He knows about Abel's murder and it calls for justice (9-10)**
 - A. Cain thought God wouldn't know (9)

 - B. But God does see all: Abel's blood cries for justice (10)

- III. **THOSE MASTERED BY SIN HAVE SELFISH REMORSE WHEN CAUGHT, YET ARE NOT REPENTANT FOR THEIR SIN: Cain experiences God's Justice and again rejects His grace (11-15)**
 - A. **God's Justice Revealed: No escaping from Divine judgment (11-14)**
 1. Cain's sentence (11-12)

 2. His reaction: Self-pity, self-centeredness, self-preservation (13-14)

 - B. **God's Grace Manifest: Still yet more time to repent (15)**

- IV. **THOSE MASTERED BY SIN ARE SEPARATED FROM GOD (16)**