

## **Genesis - The Next Generation**

Genesis 4:1-7

**Context:** Genesis 2 is the creation of Adam and Eve. Genesis 3 is the fall of man into sin. Chapter also introduces God's grace for sinners. The Lord promises a Redeemer to be born from the woman—One who would overthrow the realm of Satan (Gen. 3:15). The offspring of Adam and Eve would be divided into two humanities. The Lord said to the serpent, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring" (Gen. 3:15). Thus, the descendants of Adam and Eve would fall into two distinct categories: those who follow Satan through unbelief and rebellion and those who follow the faith of the redeemed first couple.

### **As you address the challenges of raising the next generation...**

#### **A. \_\_\_\_\_ God for the Gift of children (vs. 1-2)**

1. Eve thanked God for the gift of a child. Eve was optimistic that her offspring would overthrow the serpent as promised in Genesis 3:15.
2. Children are not to be seen as a burden or as a threat to economic prosperity - but as a gift and blessing from God. (Psalm 127:3)

#### **B. \_\_\_\_\_ correct worship (vs. 3-5)**

1. This passage is not elevating animal offerings over plant offerings - as both are later acceptable offerings in the Levitical system.
2. Biblically, Cain's offering was less accepted than Abel's because of the attitude of Cain's heart. Cain exhibited sinful behavior as he held resentment against Abel and possessed an uncooperative spirit towards God (1 John 3:12, Hebrews 11:4).

#### **C. \_\_\_\_\_ them for battling sin (vs. 6-7)**

1. Sin is always crouching at the door to rule over you. Romans 6:17-22 teaches that we are slaves to sin before we come to faith in Jesus Christ.
2. Through Jesus, we are free to obey God in a way where sin no longer has dominion over us (Romans 6:14). We must turn our children to Jesus, the only one who can save us from our sins.