

Step By Step Through The Bible With Children

**"All thy children shall be taught of the LORD;
and great shall be the peace of thy children."**

(Isaiah 54:13)

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LESSON 11 -

WILLFUL CAIN AND HIS SEED

When we are perfectly quiet, one of the boys may repeat our "Sowing" verse for us.

"Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Galatians 6:7). We shall now repeat it together.

We shall learn today how sin, which is evil seed, separated Cain, the sinner, from GOD. GOD's Word says, **"But your iniquities have separated between you and your GOD"** (Isaiah 59:2). Iniquity means sin, and sin is bad thoughts, bad words, and bad deeds.

In one of our lessons we learned that Lucifer, the son of the morning, was perfect in all his ways, until iniquity was found in his heart. He was the highest angel in Heaven, but iniquity separated him from GOD, and he became Satan, the Devil.

Where is sin or iniquity always found? Yes, in our hearts. We may not see it or know that it is there, but GOD sees it and has told us about it in His Word, and we believe that GOD knows better than we do, what is in our hearts.

Cain refused to believe GOD or to obey Him or to worship Him because he wanted to get along without GOD and have his own way, just as many people do today. Cain allowed his iniquities to separate him from GOD, from his brother Abel, from his parents, from all of his other brothers and sisters, from his home, and from his country.

Cain sowed evil seed, and evil fruit multiplied rapidly. Let us see if we can remember some of the evil fruit in Cain's life.

Cain refused to believe GOD; he disobeyed GOD and became angry with GOD. He quarreled with his brother, Abel, became angry and killed him, then lied to GOD.

Cain thought he did not need GOD in his heart and life, but I think he did, do you not, children?

Every boy and girl here today needs GOD just as Cain did, and I hope that none of you will ever try to get along without Him.

GOD loved Cain and made a way for him to be saved, but he refused GOD's way, chose his own way and was lost. GOD had to punish Cain by sending him away to a strange land to become a fugitive and a vagabond, something like a tramp. He could not be GOD's child or dwell with GOD's people. Sin separated Cain first from GOD, then from all that was good and dear to him.

Cain said to GOD, "**My punishment is greater than I can bear . . . from thy face shall I be hid; . . . everyone that findeth me shall slay me.**" Cain loved his evil ways but he did not love the punishment. He did not want to be always hidden from GOD's face, neither did he want some one to slay him, but, because he still refused to believe and obey GOD, he had to be punished and driven away.

However, GOD put a mark upon Cain in order to protect him and to teach his brothers that it was wrong for them to kill Cain even though Cain had killed his brother Abel. GOD is the giver of life, and no one has the right to take the life GOD has given to another. (Teacher, this does not refer to capital punishment, which GOD later commanded in order to protect human life. Genesis 9:6.)

Cain turned his back upon GOD and took his wife (probably his sister) and went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod. To them were born children, and those children had children, then there were more and more children. These children became the people of the land of Nod and were called Cain's seed.

Cain built a city and he and his seed lived there. It was the first city and the people who dwelt there together were without GOD. They enjoyed music, and art, pleasure and ease, and, for a time, seemed very happy getting along without GOD. It was not a true and lasting happiness. Before long quarreling, fighting, violence (which means hurting one another) and all kinds of wickedness and crime developed in the hearts of the people.

And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth and the heart of GOD was grieved. Sin always grieves GOD's heart. Sin grieves the hearts of fathers and mothers and friends. Adam and Eve were grieved because sin had robbed them of their two boys. Abel, the good seed, was slain by Cain, the bad seed, and Cain was punished by GOD by being driven away to a strange land.

GOD comforted the hearts of Adam and Eve by giving them another son, whose name was Seth. Seth believed the lessons which his parents had taught him about sin and the sacrifice for sin, just as Abel had believed. He learned to trust and obey GOD, and he taught his children, then they taught their children.

These people who were Seth's seed began to call upon the name of the LORD and to walk in GOD's way. Seth and his seed did not live in Cain's wicked city. They no doubt lived in tents, moving from place to place as shepherds do, and for a time believing and obeying GOD.

After a time those godly people began to pitch their tents nearer and nearer to that wicked land.

They not only heard of the pleasure and ease of those ungodly people, but soon they desired to see the land and the beautiful, but very wicked women who lived there. The more they thought about the pleasures and ease of this earth, the more they forgot the things of GOD, and in time GOD's people moved right into that wicked land with the people who hated GOD and soon they became ungodly like the people among whom they lived.

How much like Eve these people were. You remember how Eve first listened to Satan who spoke against GOD, then she looked at the forbidden fruit, then she took the fruit.

You see, children, we need to be very careful to what we listen, upon what we look, and what we choose. If we learn, while we are very young, to listen to GOD's Word and to choose JESUS as our SAVIOUR and friend, we will never become ungodly and have to be punished as Cain and his seed were.

GOD is so good. He does not punish sinners without first telling them about sin and its punishment, and then He shows them the way to be saved. He talked to Cain and told him the way. Later GOD sent JESUS to tell us the way, and that way is written in this Book, the Bible.

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved" (Acts 16:31). GOD has made the way so simple that even little children can walk in the way. And when JESUS was here upon the earth He said, **"Suffer (let the) little children to come unto me."**

There may be a boy or girl here today who has listened to the "Good News" story of how JESUS died for sinners, on the cross, and would like to choose Him as SAVIOUR. If so, you may raise your hand and I will help you.

Frank, do you wish to receive JESUS as your personal Saviour today? "Yes." Do you believe that you are a sinner? "Yes." Do you believe that JESUS died for you and that He wants to save you? "Yes."

Then you may say after me, "I now take JESUS as my Saviour, and with His help I will live for Him, Amen."

Close with an appropriate verse of a chorus or hymn, such as "Into My Heart," or "I'll Live for Him Who Died for Me," followed by prayer.

Lesson: Genesis 4:25, 5:1-32. Notice carefully in Chapter 5 in whose likeness Adam was created, and in whose likeness Seth and the other sons and daughters were begotten.

Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:4.

Illustration: From Adam and Eve descended a godly line, and an ungodly line; ten generations in each before the flood. To represent these lines, make eighteen silhouette figures (just outline figures cut from colored paper without any detail, four or five inches high), on nine of which paste white hearts one-half inch in size. On the other nine paste black hearts. Place your figures of Adam and Eve after the fall, in the center of the extreme left side of the board. Then on the upper half, to the right and a little higher up, place Abel, then Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleel,

Jared, each a little higher, Enoch, who was translated, being the nearest to the top. To show the moral decline, not so much in the men named, as the godly line for whom they stand, place Methuselah and Lamech equal distance between Enoch and the wicked city. Place Noah near the city, among the ungodly, not from choice, but because he was born there. Place a tent or two, among the godly line to show they were shepherds.

On the lower half to the right and lower than Adam, place Cain; then each one of the following a little lower, showing continual decline: Enoch, Irad, Mahujael, Methusael, Lamech, Jabal, Jubal, and Tubal-cain.

From a simple outline of a city, such as is often seen on a Christmas card, make a drawing to represent that first city, and place it in the lower right hand corner. After all the figures are on the board, study it, to see if everything is well placed, that the figures are distinct and in right proportion. Will it help to clarify the lesson? If not, do not show it. No matter how simple it may be, it should be well done.

If only one Bible truth or fact has been made clear and simple to the class, it will be good work done. Far better than a whole lesson given parrot-like.

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