

Sunday School - Roger Phipps - From Creation to Deluge

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[0 : 01] Genesis chapter 4. So, we've had a couple of weeks off, and with that we remind ourselves that now we're in the course of time, Abel and Cain brought offerings to the Lord.

Abel's was accepted, and Cain's was unacceptable. It was despised. The Lord, literally, the Lord had no regard for Cain's.

Well, if we want to get into it more, we can get into it, we can approach it next week even more.

I did lay out, there are varying readings that the translators translated it their way when they translated the scripture.

So, the word offering is different than the word for sin that he talks to Cain about. The word sin, translated here in your scripture as sin, sin is crouching at the door, can be and is often rendered sin offering.

[1 : 33] So, there are variant readings, and we will get into that a little more in depth next week if you want to.

But I'm not going to pursue it if it's not something that the class wishes to pursue. Anyone?

Yeah. I was just going to say that it's very, very important to God, anyhow, to God. The Hebrews, I think, says, without shedding blood, there is no forgiveness of sin.

And I think that's why God had to do that first sacrifice to animals, because Adam and Eve had just sinned. In order for him to continue to have a relationship with them, there had to be this blood sacrifice.

And you can see that all the way through the Bible, how that, even in the wilderness, when they went to, this tabernacle was built, then the priest had to go into the Holy of Seat and sprinkle the blood, apply the blood.

[2 : 39] The blood had to be applied, and that's also the case. So, I think it's very significant to God, it was important to him, that that be done. So, I think it's a good subject.

Good subject. Okay, so, I take it, if we wish, I'll try to present a little better, and I'll do it visually. The reason I want to wait until next week is, it's not simply done with me audibly. I'll stumble through it too much. Good subject. We don't want to wait until next week is, it's not simply done with me audibly.

It's not simply done with me. It's not simply done with me. It's not simply done with me. We don't want to lose power, right. Okay. Okay. So, in any case, Cain's was rejected and Abel's was accepted.

Now, what was Cain's response? What? What? He got angry.

[3 : 51] Is there any reason to say he was sorry? Did he get angry at himself? No.

He was angry at two persons. Who were they? Abel and God. Now, not for me, of course, but for you, Cain's a good example.

Cain really tells us what's in the nature of man, doesn't he? Cain. Cain. And it shows me something about the importance about not only obeying God, but the importance of instruction in the home, because do we ever see in society a manifestation similar to this?

Cain. I do something wrong, and whose fault is it? It's someone else. Yeah. See, you're the one I don't like, right?

Right? So many times, and I brought up this example, but so many times the blame goes to whoever has to administer the discipline or the punishment or whatever there is to be administered, the judgment.

[5 : 34] It's going to be the fault. Let's use it in a criminal situation. It's going to be the fault of the police. It's going to be the fault of the court. It's going to be the fault of the prosecution.

And then it's going to be the fault of the jury. And the victim's fault. It's going to be somebody's fault, but it's not going to be mine.

So, Cain gets angry. Cain gets angry, and now, and God gives him some counsel, and there's where the variant readings come in.

But God gives him counsel, and he says, look, if you do right, you'll be accepted. Do the right thing. Cain.

So, what does Cain do with that advice? He does the right thing, right? Which does he act upon? God's counsel or his own?

[6 : 40] So, what happens with it? What's he do? He murders his brother.

Societally, we are seeing this. We are seeing the attempted murder of the good. Do we not? And the calling the wrong right and the right wrong.

That's a double point. These two boys were born with sin nature. Is that correct in thinking?

The fall was a complete fall. And every man thereafter, man generically. Yeah, we're still allowed to say that here. Mankind thereafter is born with us in nature.

And now, does that make me... Let's just step to that one more time because it's still within the context of this.

[8 : 05] And think about Corinthians. And... Or no, not Corinthians. It's Romans.

Think about Romans. Where... Where Paul says, look... You're going to say...

Well, it's not my fault because you made me like this, right? It's not my fault. I have a sin nature.

That's the way I was born. Not my fault.

What's God say? Tough luck. It is your fault. Well... That's what he says. But I've provided a way of escape. You're right, Roger.

You can't help it. You're a sinner. But I have provided... The way of escape for you. Who is it?

[9 : 04] Jesus. I've provided... I became flesh. Dwelled among men. And took your punishment...

On myself. But you can never escape your sin. Right. He provided the way of salvation. He provided the way of salvation in...

By way of escape, yes. I did mean an eternal salvation. I did not mean... I did not mean that... If I do wrong today...

There's going to be a price to pay somewhere. It doesn't mean that I'm going to be damned. It just simply means that... There...

In Corinthians... This one's right. In Corinthians, Paul did say... Look... Don't be deceived. God is not mocked. A man... Reap sweaty...

[10 : 05] Roger, if you want to grow corn... You don't sow thistle. Right? But I want to sow thistle...

And harvest corn. And God said... You can want to... But that's not the way it works. By the way...

The church should not participate... In the delusion of the world, should we? We should not participate in that.

Unfortunately... To me... In my thinking... And this is where the grace of God is just so wonderful.

The tendency is that the world creeps into my life, isn't it?

That's the tendency. I'm so thankful for the grace of God. So... So... Cain murders Abel.

[11 : 15] Now we're coming to what God's going to say. So... Verse 9. We're starting with verse 9.

And look at chapter 4, verses 9 through 15. We're going to follow you... I'm so manic quate. Okay. Vast stand for the grace of God. Hase of Jim economically Dead for me all... Of James Perelia. I still have mentioned this particular closing meeting.

Thank you. How are you doing? I will forgive you all the time. You can have everything. You are going to have everything right now. If you have anything right now... No. I will see you on the other side. When I was thinkingada. We have any of the ways that weANT seems to... Now we get a bigger picture, or a more thorough picture, of Cain's attitude, don't we?

This really paints it boldly. I have to be fairly purposefully blind not to see this one. So, Cain has been angry.

[12 : 32] He's angry with the brother who did the right thing, who had faith, and he was faithless. We know that from Hebrews. So, he's angry at the person who does right.

He's angry at God. And he loses perspective. His dad, after they partook of the fruit, what did they do?

Adam and Eve. They hid. Does God know where they are? But they hid. Because they lost perspective of God.

So, Cain is going to lose perspective, isn't he? If he ever had it, he's going to lose what he may have, or at least subdue it.

So, the Lord says to Cain, God comes to Cain, and here he's still acting, I believe, as a theophany. Because he's interacting face to face.

[13 : 47] And he says to Cain, where's your brother? Now, and Cain, thinking that he's going to fool him, says what?

I don't know. Is he my responsibility? It's not my day to watch him. He thought he could lie.

He thought he could lie to God. I'm never tempted that way, am I? Somehow, God's going to forget what he said, right?

And I'm going to kind of persuade him otherwise. Okay. So, Cain had faithlessly brought an offering to the Lord.

The Lord had admonished Cain about his responsibility. Cain now thinks he can deceive God. So, what does God reply to Cain's, is it my day?

[15 : 14] Am I my brother's keeper? Like, you can't expect that me to know, Lord. So, what does God say to him?

Basically, I know what you did. Yeah. But he asks it in a question, doesn't he? Well, he begins with a question.

What does he tell him? Keep going. The voice of your brother's blood cries to me from the ground. God sees it all. There is nothing hidden. The psalmist says, there's nothing hidden from your sight. Where will I go to flee from your presence?

If I go here, you're there. If I go there, you're there. If it's day, if it's night, I could even go into the depths of Sheol, into the sometimes rendered hell or wherever I go, even there, you will find me.

[16 : 34] Now, that is a great warning to those who have not trusted Christ.

And it is a great blessing to those who have. Isn't it? Not just justice, but also God's loving kindness. For those who have trusted Christ, for those who are his, those verses are wonderful verses, aren't they? There is, and it's reiterated in a different fashion, a little bit different wording, but the same idea in Romans chapter 8.

It doesn't get away from me, Roger. Everything that happens to you is going to work out for good.

Now, I don't always agree with that, do I?

I don't always think so. And there are things I did not think when I got the word about Bruce, I didn't think that was good news.

[17 : 48] But the Lord says, I have you. He's mine. Now, I can be remorseful, and that's okay, and I am.

But, I should not forget who has him in hand, and who loves him more than anyone ever has. So, your brother's blood cries to me from the ground.

It's not escape me, Cain. So, now, what's God's judgment then? The ground was cursed.

The ground was cursed before, wasn't it? Well, he was the agricultural crop grower, and now he's going to take that away from him.

He's taking something that he likes to do away from him. All right, what? Yeah. Huh? What else?

[19 : 06] Well, he's not going to die, though. He's changed his livelihood. Now, he's going to be a vagabond.

A tramp. Maybe the first better one. I don't know. But, he's going to be, this is what you're going to do.

This curse for Cain actually goes beyond the curse on the earth because of Adam's sin, right?

When Adam sinned, God said, it will not now produce easily for you. Now, you're going to struggle with it. Now, it's going to, you know, you're going to fight the thorns and the thistles from now on, Adam.

But, for Cain, he says, it will no longer yield to you. Now, you can farm and farm and farm, but you're not going to get a crop.

[20 : 09] And now, we see a little more of Cain's attitude.

What does Cain say? Cain brought a faithless offering.

Abel brought a good offering. Cain got angry. He did not take God's advice. He murdered his brother. Then he lies to God.

Now, God pronounces judgment. And what does Cain say? It's not fair. What's he say? This is too much.

What? You murdered your brother. It's too much. It's too much to bear. It's. Is there any indication. [21:27] Of remorse. Is there any indication that he has taken responsibility? Is there any indication. At all.

That he has said. You're right. It's my fault. Of a repentance. None. Now, it's. You're not being fair. It's too much. I'm not a pen. But. He. He says. I will be given for your presence. That.

To Cain. That was some kind of a punishment. But it almost. You think. Well, Cain. You'd be glad not to have God around. You know. Because of this. But he looked at it as a punishment.

Not to have God around him. And that, of course. Is death. That signifies. Is that. You know. The absence of God. Not having the presence of God. Is. Is.

[22:21] Is. Is. Is. Is. Is. Is. Is. Is. Is. Is. Is. Is. You know. No longer. Being in the. Presence of God. That's death. You know. Later on.

The Bible. We get that. That. Idea. So. It's. Kind of. Interesting.

Yeah. I. It. It. Might be a stretch. To say. Cain's thinking. That way. Now. Somehow. Cain thinks. That God ought to.

Accept him anyway. It's. Kind of. You've never heard anybody. Say. Anything like this. I know. Well. That's.

Your idea. About. God. But. My idea. Is. You know. God. God. God loves me. He accepts.

[23:14] Anything. No. He accepts. Christ. We are. Accepted. By God. In the. Beloved. Not. Because.

Of. Myself. But. Because. Of. Christ. It. Doesn't. Mean. That. That. I. Get.

To. Determine. What. God. Thinks. Is. Right. That's. Kind of. What. Cain's. Saying. Here. I'm. Going to. Be. Okay. I'm. Going to. Be. Stricken. From. Your. Presence.

Now. It. Doesn't. Seem. Like. At. Least. Superficially. To. Me. It. Doesn't. Seem. Like. Cain. Would. Be. Worried. About. That. He. Hasn't. Worried. About. What. God. Thought.

Before. He. Hadn't. Been. Listening. To. God. Yet. Yet. But. Yeah. I'll.

[24:05] Be. He. He. Goes. On. Though. And. He. Doesn't. Just. Say. I'll. Be. Driven. From. Your. Presence. Which. He. Will. Be. At. Least. From. The. Theophany. Of.

Course. Not. That. Doesn't. Mean. That. God. Is. Restricted. It. Just. In. Order. Not. To. Read. What. We. Know. From. Later. Into.

What. Cain. Thinks. At. This. Point. Because. I. Can't. Do. That. I. Can. Say. It's. A. Picture. But. What. I. Can't. Do. Is. Say. Cain. Knows. What.

Is. Later. Revealed. We. Don't. Know. That. Whether. Cain. Knows. That. God. Is. All. All.

Present. I. Can't. Say. Because. He. Does. Say. I'll. Be. Driven. From. Your. Presence. He'll. At. Least. Be. Driven. From. The. Theophany.

[24:59] From. The. Manifestation. Of. God. So. But. He. Says. He. Says. Something. Else. That's. Interesting. Somebody.

Is. Going. To. Ask. You. About. This. Verse. If. They. Know. About. It. What. Does. He. Say. Read. The. Actual. Verse. Okay.

Now. Who's. Going. To. Kill. Him. Who's.

Going. To. Do. That. See. We. Don't. Know. Here. Again. I. Don't. Know. And. The.

[26:01] Word. Literally. Is. Any. It. It. When. I. Read. The. Word. Anyone. One. I. Think. Of. A. A. Person.

The. Word. Any. Does. Not. Have. To. Say. A. Human. Can.

The. The. Reading. Allows. For. That. The. Context. May. Allow. For. That. Later. On. We. Are. Going. To. See. If. If. We. Jumped.

Way. Ahead. Into. I. I. Think. It's. Chapter. Nine. After. The. Flood. After. Noah. Comes. Out. Of. The. Ark. Any.

Who. Slays. Man. At. I. Will. What. I. Will. Require. His. Blood. Of. Any. Man. I.

[26:56] Will. Require. The. Blood. Of. Man. I. Will. Require. It. Or. Of. Of. The. Beast. I. Will. Require. The. Blood. So.

At. Least. That. That's. Allowable. In. The. Reading. I'm. Not. Going. To. Say. That. That. That's. What. It. Is. It. Really. Has. No. Functional. Difference.

On. It. Cain. Just. Says. Any. Who. Finds. Me. Is. Going. To. Kill. Me. Now. He. Probably. Does. Have. Relatives. By. This. Time. Because.

We. Don't. Know. How. Many. Children. The. Line. That. Is. Going. To. Come. In. Chapter. Five. The. Line. Of. From.

Adam. To. Abraham. Runs. Through. Seth. We. Are. Not. Going. To. Be. Told. How. Many. [27 : 54] Children. There. Are. We. Only. Going. To. Be. Told. A. Few. But. The. People. Are. Living. Nine. Years. And. Be. Getting. Sons. The.

This. Is. Far. Different. Than. What. We. See. Today. And. That's. Fine. God. Had. A. Different. Plan. Then. Or. Oh.

That's. That's. A. That. Was. A. Bad. Way. To. Word. That. God. Plan. Was. As. It. Unfolds. Was. Not.

For. People. To. Live. Seventy. Years. And. Be. Get. Three. Or. Seven. Or. Eight. Or. Ten. Or. Seventeen. It.

Was. To. Live. Nine. Hundred. Years. And. Beget. Many. Because. Cain. Is. Going. To. Have. A. Wife. Right. It's. Going. To. Be. One. Of.

[28 : 51] His. Sisters. Probably. It's. Conceivable. It. Could. Have. Been. One. Of. Abel. Sisters. But. Since. Cain. Was. The. Older.

It's. Probably. Yes. Is. That. Kind. Of. How. He's.

Going. His. Mind. He's. Going. To. Be. Worried. All. The. Time. He's. Going. To. Be. Upset. It's. Going. To. Be. Terrible. Life. Thinking. That. Anytime. Something. Might. Happen. To. Me. It. Just. It.

Is. That. You. Going. To. Have. A. Terrible. Life. Looking. Behind. Your. Back. All. Society. For. Just. A. Moment. Again. And. Let's. Think. About. Both. The. Way. History. Is. Being. Portrayed. Now. And.

[29 : 48] And. We'll. Bring. It. Down. To. The. History. Of. The. United. States. And. The. Way. Mankind. Thinks. Now.

Who. Did. The. First. Killen. Who. Did. The. First. Murder. Cain. But. Now. He's. Worried. Somebody. Is. Going. To. Kill. Him. You.

See. It's. Okay. For. Me. To. Murder. But. It's. Not. Okay. For. Somebody. To. Murder. Me. Or. In. This. Case. Revenge. Kill. Me. I.

Think. We. See. That. Right. Now. Going. On. In. The. Russian. War. Putin. Is. Responsive. For. Killing. Many. People. And. He. Probably. Got. Twenty.

Thousand. You. know. Twenty. Thousand. People. Out. There. With. A. Gun. Ready. To. Shoot. Him. You. know. So. He's. Got. To. Have. All. This. Guards. Around. Him. Everything. He. He. Protected. His. Life. Like. A. Dickens. Because. He. Knows. That. He.

[30 : 43] Got. A. Target. On. His. Head. Well. Well. We. See. That. In. Every. Tyrannical.

Situation. Whether. It. Was. An. Evil. Tyranny. Or. Or. A. Beneficial. One. That. That's. Always. The. Case.

But. Here. My. Lesson. Really. Becomes. Why. Are. You. Worried. About. That. Why. Do. You. Care. It. Was. Okay. For.

You. Do. We. See. This. In. Society. It's. Okay. For. Me. But. It's. Not. I'm. Allowed. To. Talk. But. You're.

Not. Because. You. Don't. Say. What. I. Want. You. To. I'm. Allowed. To. Be. Published. But. You're.

[31 : 38] Not. Because. You. Don't. Say. The. Right. Stuff. I'm. Allowed. To. Engage. In. This. But. Don't. You.

Engage. In. It. With. Me. Now. Let's. Look. At. The. Way. History. Is. Being. Portray. There's. Plenty. Of. Guilt. Going. For. Everyone. Who. Walks. The. Earth. Or. Ever. Has. So. When. The. Europeans. Came.

To. North. America. To. Start. To. Settle. They. Did. Not. Treat. The. Natives. Necessarily. Great. But.

But. The. Way. History. Is. Being. Portrayed. Is. It. Was. All. Everything. Was. Idyllic. Until. The. Europeans. Came. But. The. Natives. Were. Killing. One.

[32 : 31] Another. Long. Before. Europeans. Came. The. Iroquois. Nations. Were. Was. A series. Of. Five. Indian. Tribes.

That. Were. Killing. All. The. Other. Indians. And. Driving. Them. Further. And. Further. South. And. Out. So.

That. Was. Going. On. For. Centuries. The. Europeans. Were. Better. At. It. But. But. It. But. It's. The. Same. Thing.

Isn't it? It's. Okay. For. Us. To. Do. It. But. Not. But. Not. You. Now. The.

Only. One. Who. Really. Has. The. Right. To. Say. This. Is. Right. And. This. Is. Not. Right. Is.

[33 : 24] God. So. It. Is. Entirely. Legitimate. When. The. Lord. Tells. Israel.

I'm. Giving. You. This. Land. And. You. Are. To. Kill. Them. That's. Legitimate. Because. God. Determined. It. It.

Is. Not. Legitimate. For. Me. To. Say. My. Neighbor. Parked. On. My. Yard. I'm. Going. To. Kill. Him. That's. Not. Legitimate. Is.

There. A. Difference. So. What. Cain. Is. Doing. We. See. Done. All. The. Time. Don't. We. It's. Too. Hard. It. Yeah. I. Did. That. Table. But. It's. Not. Fair. To. Do. That. To. Me. So. What.

[34 : 22] Does. God. Say. In. What.

Does. God. Do. He. Puts. A. Mark. On. Him. We. Don't. Know. What. It. Is. Well.

Some. People. Know. What. It. Is. Of. Course. The. Scripture. Does. Not. Say. What. The. Mark. Is. But. What. Is. God. This.

Will. Come. Up. This. Is. Going. To. Come. Up. In. In. In. The. Next. Chapter. So. What. Does. God. Say. Remember.

That. Whoever. Kills. Cain. And. And. Somehow. Everybody. Is. Going. To. Know. This. Mark. Everyone. Every. Beast. Is. Going. To. Know.

[35 : 19] The. Mark. And. They. Are. Going. To. Realize. He. Is. Off. Bounds. Because. God. Has. Said. I. Will. Take. Vengeance.

Seven. Times. He. Tell. He. He. He. Speaking. It. To. Kane. So. He. Tell. Kane. If. Anybody. Takes. Fifth. So. Kane. Is. Happy. Go.

Lucky. He. He. Free. He. Says. Nobody. Is. Going. Touch. Basically. I.

Don't. Have. Any. Idea. Yeah. And. We'll. Stop. There. Yeah.

Right. After. What. John. Has. To. Say. Yeah. Is. Doing. What. People. Do. Nowadays. They. Judge. God. They. Not. Doing. It. Right.

[36 : 18] If. I. Was. God. I. Wouldn't. Do. That. You. know. So. Yep. Yep. Well.

And. It. Becomes. It's. Always. A. Dangerous. Thing. When. I. Start. To. Say. Well. God. Wouldn't. Do. That. Because. God. You. know.

You. Can. Fill. In. The. Blank. Well. God. Won't. God. Doesn't. Say. That. This. Is. Wrong. Because. God. Says. Jesus. Says. He. Loves. Everybody.

Jesus. Jesus. Forgave. The. Adulterous. Woman. Therefore. Adultery. Is. Okay. That's. Not. What. The. Word. Says. Jesus. Said. Jesus. Forgave. Specifically. And. I. Didn't. Mean. To. Get. Off. On. This. But. I. I. Fell.

[37 : 15] Into. The. Hole. Jesus. Forgave. The. Woman. Taken. In. Adultery. To. Prove. That. He's. Allowed. To. Forgive. Sin. He's.

Going. To. Say. It. Can. I. Heal. And. Not. Forgive. Sin. I. Have. I. Have. The. I. I. Have. The. I. I. I. I. I. Have. The. I. The. I. To. Forgive. That. But. He. Didn't. Send. Her. On. Her. Way. To. Continue. To. Commit. It. They're. Still. With. Under. Under. They're. Still. Under. The. Law. Of. Moses. And. Even. Under. The. Of. Grace. She's. Not. Supposed. To. Go. Out. And. Commit. Adultery. Is. She. So. God.

Says. To. Me. In. That. Case. Okay. I. Better. Back. Up. Because. They. Are. Under. The. Law. Of. Moses. Jesus. Says. Go. And.

[38 : 10] Don't. Stop. It. Stop. It. Kind. Of. What. He. Said. To. Cain. If. You. Do. Right. And.

In. General. This. Is. Life. Isn't. It. If. I. Look. Even. Even. The. Unregenerate. In. Generally. If. The. Unregenerate. Obey.

The. Principles. Found. In. God's. Word. Their. Life. Is. Going. To. Be. Better. It. The.

The. Consequences. Because. It's. Moral. The. Moral. Code. If. You. Follow. Good. Morality. In.

General. Your. Life. Is. Going. To. Be. Better. If. You.

Follow. Wicked. Morality. In. General. Your. Life. Is. Going. To. Be. A. Mess. Now. It's. Not. A. A.
Promise. And. It. Doesn't. Mean. That. Evil. Doesn't. Happen.

[39 : 05] To. Good. People. It. It. Happens. To. The. Regenerated. Person. But. In. General.
There. Are. Principles.

To. Be. Follow. And. Even. The. Unregenerate. The. Danger. Comes. When. The. Church. Starts.
To. Preach. A. Gospel. That. Says. If. You. Do. This.

Your. Life. Is. Going. To. Be. Okay. This. Is. Why. Jesus. Came. To. Make. Your. Life. Easier. That.
Is. Not. The. Gospel. In. General. That. Is. A. Principle.

But. That. Is. Not. The. Gospel. The. Gospel. Says. You're. Damned. Roger. And. If. You. Repent.
And. Accept.

What. I've. Done. For. You. On. Return. Life. I'll. Forgive. You. That's.

[39 : 59] The. Gospel. Have. A. Great. Day.