

WEEK 3: THE FIRST MURDER

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Activity: *Sunday Crossword*

Seminary Segment

- **Two Kinds of Righteousness**

- Vertical Righteousness

My relationship with _____.

- Horizontal Righteousness

My relationship with _____.

God doesn't need my _____, but my _____ does.

Bible Reading Tip: *NEVER READ THE BIBLE ALONE!*

We read the Bible as part of a _____.

Cane and Abel **Read** *Genesis 4:1-16*

In each blank box, write down one question or comment

ESV	The Message
<p>1 Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the Lord.”</p> <p>2 And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.</p>	<p>1 Adam slept with Eve his wife. She conceived and had Cain. She said, “I’ve gotten a man, with God’s help!”</p> <p>2 Then she had another baby, Abel. Abel was a herdsman and Cain a farmer.</p>
<p>Possible Translation: <i>“I have gotten a man, namely the LORD”</i></p>	
<p>3 In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, 4 and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, 5 but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.</p>	<p>3-5 Time passed. Cain brought an offering to God from the produce of his farm. Abel also brought an offering, but from the firstborn animals of his herd, choice cuts of meat. God liked Abel and his offering, but Cain and his offering didn’t get his approval. Cain lost his temper and went into a sulk.</p>

6 The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? **7** If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”

6-7 God spoke to Cain: “Why this tantrum? Why the sulking? If you do well, won’t you be accepted? And if you don’t do well, sin is lying in wait for you, ready to pounce; it’s out to get you, you’ve got to master it.”

8 Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. **9** Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”

8 Cain had words with his brother. They were out in the field; Cain came at Abel his brother and killed him.
9 God said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?”
He said, “How should I know? Am I his babysitter?”

10 And the Lord said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to me from the ground. **11** And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive

10-12 God said, “What have you done! The voice of your brother’s blood is calling to me from the ground. From now on you’ll get nothing but curses from this ground; you’ll be driven from this ground

<p>your brother's blood from your hand. 12 When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”</p>	<p>that has opened its arms to receive the blood of your murdered brother. You'll farm this ground, but it will no longer give you its best. You'll be a homeless wanderer on Earth.”</p>
<p>13 Cain said to the Lord, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”</p>	<p>13-14 Cain said to God, “My punishment is too much. I can't take it! You've thrown me off the land and I can never again face you. I'm a homeless wanderer on Earth and whoever finds me will kill me.”</p>
<p>15 Then the Lord said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the Lord put a mark on Cain, lest any who found</p>	<p>15 God told him, “No. Anyone who kills Cain will pay for it seven times over.” God put a mark on Cain to protect him so that no one who met him would kill him.</p>

him should attack him. 16 Then Cain went away from the presence of the Lord and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.	16 Cain left the presence of God and lived in No-Man's-Land, east of Eden.

Extra Time Term: **Means of Grace**

Further Reading: Go to GodGeeks.com/EXTRA

Prep for Next Week: *Read Genesis 6-8*

How many promises does God make in these three chapters?