

Year B #492
Cain Inspired to Kill
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Hello! This is Dorothy -

We are thinking about the plot, the evil intent of Satan to destroy the seed of the woman through which our Lord Jesus Christ would come that first Christmas to be the Redeemer of the world. Therefore, it is terribly important to see this did not suddenly begin when we turn to the New Testament and read the wonderful stories, such as the wonderful scene when Mary was visited and told that in her womb would be the spotless Son of God, who would come born of God using her body that He might come forth though as man, perfect Man with total dependence on His Father, not coming to be God through this seed, but to be as Man and redeem back man unto Himself.

Oh, it is so awesome to look back to how it all began! You see, after God's revelations to Satan, it was with great cunning that Satan decided he was going to destroy this Seed. He was going to bruise the head of Yeshua, the promised Messiah, before He could be born. Therefore, he watched carefully Adam and Eve. You might remember that after their fall, they had Abel. Satan realized that it was through this line, through Abel, that this seed was going to come and he saw that Abel was righteous. How was he righteous? Because he presented the only sacrifice that can come before a holy God. That is the sacrifice

of which the blood points to the Blood of Jesus Christ who one day would die in his stead. Therefore, the cunning cause of Satan was to get rid of Abel. So, we read that Satan inflamed Cain with a deadly hatred toward his brother to kill. You know, jealousy leads to hatred and hatred to murder. Do not ever fall into the trap of jealousy. This is one of the most diabolical attacks that you will ever experience if you are jealous. It never finishes there. Somehow you fight your little cause, but all the time, Satan is using this and you are not going to come out the better. You are going to be the target for what he is going to do to backfire all that upon yourself. Satan inflamed Cain with such a hatred.

You know, it reminds me of **1 John 3:11** - . . . **love one another**. What a difference of the life in Christ when we see the only good thing in another Christian is the Lord Jesus Christ. We may expect nothing but sin, failure and problems, but how we can thank God there is a line of authority and wisdom and direction. If we fit under and fall under this line of authority, we work together in peace and joy in the Spirit. How we praise God that this can happen not only in churches and organizations, but it can happen wherever the body of God is moving out in Christ Jesus to have an impact on a community.

Remember it was **Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one and slew his brother**, that we read in **1 John 3:12** - **Not as Cain, who was of**

that wicked one -that shows it was Satan who inspired him, **and slew his brother** . . . Then we have the blessing that God gave to Adam and Eve, Seth, who was to be the progenitor of the godly line.

Many, many more murders would continue down through the line. As you know in your life, in your community, there is the high rate of murder. We read of our Lord saying in **John 8: 44 - He (Satan) was a murderer from the beginning** . . . and he has been ever since. He seeks to destroy, to kill: to destroy innocent lives before they are born, to destroy them after they are born, to destroy womanhood, to destroy manhood, to destroy to bring people so that they are not as they have been born in the love and for the use of God for His glory. Satan seeks to bring them away from God, as he hates everything that God is doing. Satan hates love; he hates the life of Christ; he hates everything that speaks of the holiness of God and he would destroy men. And therefore, this is the great war!

You remember Satan brought that plot to such a level that we read in **Genesis 6:7** that God looked upon the world that was so infected by Satan.

7 And the Lord said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth . . . Oh, hurrah, this is Satan winning now - every man is in such a mess and the whole scene so diabolical and evil! Good, we are going to get rid of all mankind? But then we read that little verse we read not too long ago -

8 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. It is the grace of God whereby He reaches down and brings us out of our Satan-bound position and puts us into Christ Jesus.

Amen.