

The Heart of the Offering
Genesis 4:1-17
Questions to Consider
Weekend Message of January 23 & 24, 2010

1. God asked Cain what made him angry. If God were to ask you the same question today, what would your answer be?

2. Can we assume that both Cain and Able knew what God required for a sacrifice? Why do you think Cain chose to bring God another gift? How are we like Cain today?

3. In what ways can our own offerings (tithes) today remind God of Cain? In what ways can they remind Him of Abel?

4. Look at all the ways God gave Cain to confess his sin and get back in right standing with Him. What was the biggest obstacle that kept him away from God? Does God still give us chances like that today? How do you see God being patient with you when you are pouting or wallowing in self pity?

5. By six generations from Adam (Cain's descendants), men had forgotten God and He had to be proclaimed by men so that this generation could call upon the name of the Lord. In your family of origin, to the best of your knowledge, how many generations have known Christ personally? What kind of legacy is that for you? What kind of legacy are you leaving for the next generation? How about future generations?

6. In this chapter, how do you see God as a God of justice and how do you see him as a God of love?