

¹ Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man." ² Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. ...

Genesis 4 : 1-10

⁴ And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. ⁶ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ...

Genesis 4 : 1-10

⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it." ⁸ Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.⁹ Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?"...

Genesis 4 : 1-10

"I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground.

Genesis 4 : 1-10



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"Why... should we speak of sin anymore? Abandoning the language of sin will not make sin go away. Human beings will continue to experience alienation, deformation, damnation and death no matter what we call them. Abandoning the language will simply leave us speechless before them, and increase our denial of their presence in our lives. ...

Barbara Brown Taylor

"The Lost Language of Salvation"

Ironically, it will also weaken the language of grace, since the full impact of forgiveness cannot be felt apart from the full impact of what has been forgiven."

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Genesis 4 : 1-2

Cain

"I've got him" or "Here he is"

But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

Genesis 4 : 7

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"I must take you to Caretaker", she said aloud. "He will know what to do about surprise hatchlings."

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The little beast turned its brown eye on her and a great tear dropped onto its breast. Amanda began to love the baby dragon. Though she knew it was forbidden, she kept the hatchling for a pet. *Just for a little while, she thought. Perhaps I can tame it.*

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Amanda soon discovered that her pet hated to be left by itself. The dragonet particularly hated to be left alone at night, [and so] Amanda began to stay away from the Great Celebrations.

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Amanda became angry at the law that kept her from sharing her pet with others. *What harm is one small dragon?* she thought.

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That same night, Amanda realized that the scales of the dragon sleeping beside her were very hard. She knew that its big body was crowding her, and that grown dragons were no laughing matter.

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It had become too big, and Princess Amanda was afraid. Somehow, she had to get rid of the dragon.

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Suddenly, she knew. Great harm could come from one small tame dragon. *Small tame things grow into big wild beasts.*

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It stepped out of the trees into the meadow to face her. Amanda gasped. It had grown even more, and she had not noticed how much. The dragon had become cunning. Why had she not seen this?

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"Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you."

John Owen



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One Better Word

Why does God accept Abel's offering here,
and reject Cain's?

What are three marks of a Cain?

Cains give selfishly

What are three marks of a Cain?

Cains give selfishly

Cains serve reluctantly

"Why are you angry?
Why is your face downcast?"

Genesis 4 : 6

What are three marks of a Cain?

Cains give selfishly

Cains serve reluctantly

Cains relate begrudgingly

"I don't know," he replied.
"Am I my brother's keeper?"

Genesis 4 : 9



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One Better Word

"What have you done? Listen!
Your brother's blood cries out to me
from the ground."

Genesis 4 : 10

²³ You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, ²⁴ to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 12 : 23-24



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