

Cain's Offering

Genesis 4: 3

The way in which Cain came to God manifests what was in his heart just as the way you come to God manifests what is in your heart. First, Cain offered unto the LORD his self-will. He placed his polluted reason above the word of Almighty Wisdom, turning from the revealed will of God and approached in the darkness of his own vain conceits (Romans 1: 22, 25.) Secondly, Cain offered unto the LORD his pride. Blood signifies the need of pardon for sin. Cain felt neither sin, nor need of pardon because he came without blood. He proudly trampled under foot the blood of Christ. Pride is the stuff of the deceitful heart. Thirdly, Cain offered unto the LORD unbelief. In unbelief he closed his *eyes*—he would not look to Christ; in unbelief he closed his *hand*—he would not lay hold on Christ; in unbelief his *feet* stumbled over that Sure Foundation; in unbelief he closed his *ear*—he would not hear of Christ; in unbelief he closed his *mouth*—he would not cry unto Christ; in unbelief he closed his *heart*—he would not receive the free Gift. This is the worthless condition of all sinners born in Adam (Isaiah 1: 5, 6.)