

February 10, 2013



WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday: 10:15 AM Bible Class
11:00 AM Morning Service
Thursday: 7:30 PM Mid-week Service

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10: 15 a.m. Bible Class followed by short break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

Nursery Today: Urmilla I.; **Nursery Thursday:** Debby D. ; **February Bdays:** Kris D--2nd; Barbara S--7th;

An epistle is a letter like you receive in the mail. When you begin reading a letter we look to see who wrote it and to whom it is written. When reading the epistles in scripture, it is important to do the same.

WHY ARE YOU ANGRY?

Genesis 4: 6-7

God taught Adam in the garden and Adam taught his sons the gospel. There was a place where God would meet with the sinner and only in the blood of a lamb slain. Cain brought the fruit of the cursed ground—the same as a sinner bringing to God the fruit of his cursed flesh, the works of his hands. Abel came with blood, the same as coming by faith in the person and blood of Christ Jesus. “And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wrath, and his countenance fell.” (Gen 4: 4-5; Heb 11: 4) “And the LORD said unto Cain, Why art thou wrath? and why is thy countenance fallen? If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door.” The Lord told Cain, “If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted?” What does the LORD declare it is “to do well.” The answer is in Micah 6: 8.

The LORD Requires You to Do Justly with thy God

The Lord requires that I confess my sin and declare God just in all his case against me. I justly deserve his wrath and indignation because all I am is sin.

(Ps 51: 4; Lk 18: 13) God requires you to confess you are nothing, have nothing, can do nothing to please God. To confess I have sinned against God is to confess God is just in his sentence against me. I am guilty of all charges. This is why Cain was angry. He would not confess he was unjust to come with his works and that God was just in rejecting him for not coming with blood.

The LORD Requires You to Love Mercy with Thy God

The publican begged, "God be merciful to me a sinner." We love mercy with God when we delight for God to be merciful to us in Christ. To do mercy with God is to be saved not by your sacrifice, but in the sovereign, free mercy of God in Christ. Christ's person, his blood, his righteousness takes in all that is included in the mercy of God. (Mt 9: 12-13) To do mercy with thy God is to delight in the Righteousness of Christ; to do mercy with thy God is to delight in free justification accomplished by Christ's suffering unto death; it is to abhor your sacrifices and delight in Christ the Mercy of God. Cain was angry because he had no delight in his soul for the mercy of God found only in the person and blood of Christ Jesus the Lord. Dear sinner, it is not that you do not understand my doctrine, it is that you will not let go of you, your sacrifices, your pretended goodness and come empty delighting to be saved by God's mercy alone!

The LORE Requires You to Walk Humbly with thy God

When you are made to know that the first step in your new walk is owing to the grace and power and wisdom of God then every step will be in humble reverence and dependence upon God to keep you by that same grace. The regenerated believer needs God every hour. (2 Cor 12: 9; 3: 5; Is 40: 29-31) Paul said that he would glory, not in haughtiness, not in some strength of his body, but in his infirmities, his utter weakness. When I am weak then is my God all my Strength. This is what made Cain angry. He would not come down off his high horse and submit himself in utter dependence upon the grace of God.

Thou Shalt Rule Over Him

Some say the last phrase in verse 7, "And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him" means that Cain was still firstborn, that Abel would still be in subjection to Cain and Cain would have the rule over him. But this is the second thing that would have been Cain's had he submitted to the Lord, "Sin shall not have dominion over you." (Rom 6: 14, 16-18)

If any sinner declares God just and himself guilty, if he love mercy in Christ, if he walk humbly with God ever depending upon the grace of God to keep

him then there is not a possibility that sin shall have the dominion over you because you are not under the law but under grace.

It does not mean that sin's presence will not be mixed in all we do or that a believer is able to keep the law of God. Nor does it mean a believer is able to make ourselves perfect by anything done or not done in our flesh. It does not mean that there will not be unbelief mixed with our faith or that our relationship with our brethren will not have sin mixed with it. It means we shall be more than conquerors through Christ that loved us.

Instead, with Cain, sin crouched before the Door, dominated him, and barricaded his entrance into Christ. Cain would not enter and could not enter because of Cain's enmity against God. And that same sin reigned so that he hated Able because Abel was accepted in Christ Jesus and Cain was not. And Cain's sin reigned more and more. Cain turned his back on God, killed Abel and God cursed him forever.

Now here is the question to you sinner. Why are you angry? Why is your countenance fallen? If you do well, shall you not be accepted? Do justly with thy God. Love mercy with thy God. Walk humbly with thy God. Abel did and Christ Jesus saved him. Cain got angry and was damned. Who could possibly be angry about sovereign and free salvation?

As Christ's righteousness is the only merit that can exalt us to the presence and to the kingdom of God; so that doctrine alone is to be considered as evangelical which depresses the righteousness of man, and exalts the righteousness of Christ: leading us to trust, not on what we do, but singly on what He has done and suffered for us. The business of the Law is to knock us down from the pedestal of self-confidence, and to grind us small; as Moses ground to powder, and dispersed the materials of the Israelitish idol. The business of Grace is to lift us from the dust, to settle us upon Christ the rock of ages, to put a new song of free salvation into our mouths.

Augustus Toplady

Just because grace is unmerited favor, it must be exercised in a sovereign manner. Therefore does the Lord declare, "I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious" (Exodus 33:19).
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