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Greetings!

Thanks for clicking this weeks SelahGram. Karyn and I pray it causes you to pause and ponder. Selah.

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The First Murder...



After the fall of man (Gen.3), the first recorded shock to God's creation, the first shattering of God's newly created life-cycle was all about worship. The first recorded altercation, crime and indeed the first murder stemmed from a conflict over

worship.

Gen.4 documents Cain's and Abel's differing presentations to God (their worship) and the resulting hostility. While one offering fulfilled God's requirement of the sacrifice of a life, the other was simply an offering of personal convenience and preference. Although Cain actually did make an offering to God, it missed the point entirely.

What does this mean today? How do you and I relate to God today?. Is my daily offering to Him the sacrificing of a life (mine) or one governed by what is convenient? Whatever form it takes, is your worship the unconditional, fervent giving of your heart or an afterthought dictated by convenience and preference?

The first and principle struggle faced by every believer will be a worship battle--an ongoing assault on the focus of their heart on how the heart relates to Father. Selah



Supporting Thoughts

Gen.4:3 *And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. 4 And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, 8 ...and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. 9 And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?*

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