

Genesis 4:9-12

9. Then the Lord said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” And he said, “I do not know. Am I my brother’s keeper?”

Often we believe that no one knows what we have done, especially if they never saw us do it; but this certainly cannot be said of God. The Lord knew of the murder of Abel before he ever asked Cain, but obviously, He wanted to see how Cain would respond to the question. Plainly we can see up to this point how sin had grown into its full maturity with the first born of mankind. Where Eve was looking for The Messiah in her newborn baby so many years earlier, now the consequences of Adam and Eve’s choices were so apparently clear. It is also evident, to see how one sin leads each of us into so many more. Cain went from anger to murder to deceit. In fact, he tried to answer God’s question, with a question of his own. Today, many Christians argue against generational curses; yet here with what seems like lightning speed, the fruit of Adam and Eve’s choices are played out in Cain’s life. When we ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins, He does just that; yet, we also need to make sure that the sins of our fathers are forgiven and severed from our lives as well. Far too often, many believers never have real victory in their lives, because the sins of their families are still outstanding.

Let’s read on now, with verse **10. And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother’s blood is crying to Me from the ground. 11. “And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. 12. “When you cultivate the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you; you shall be a vagrant and a wanderer on the earth.”** What greater punishment could the Lord had passed on Cain other than his immediate death? The one thing Cain loved the most, was taken from him. In fact, his love for cultivating the ground had been turned completely against him. God’s justice is always perfect and complete! Because the blood had been spilt upon the ground, that very recipient would now become his punishment. His one love and passion had been turned entirely against him. I also think of the many people I know who love their farms or land. I am convinced where one person can be happy living in a condominium in town, or an apartment complex in the city, still others need their space. Clearly, Cain was a man who loved the ground where he lived. Now he was being told that he could no longer stay where he had been living. His just punishment was to be a man without any land, without a place to build a future or to call home. Please listen carefully to what I am about to say here. I find it of paramount relevance that the root of everything that Cain has just been finally subjugated to; at its infancy, was his own inability or unwillingness to properly sacrifice to the Lord. Not only that, but God also took the one thing that Cain held in higher regard than the Lord, and used that as part of his punishment. I’m also reminded of Lucifer, who chose to disobey God and His laws. He also chose to do things outside of the heavenly boundaries instituted by God; and he too, was removed from paradise. Friends this may surprise you, but we aren’t any different. Should you or I decide to live our lives outside of God’s divine plan; then we also will pay in full for that choice, and we will be denied the eternal paradise promised by the Lord.