

How do we, or society, sometimes complain about God's judgments or misrepresent His character when facing difficult consequences? Provide examples.

Cain's final choice was to "go away from the presence of the LORD". What does "departing from the presence of the LORD" mean practically for us today, both in this life and eternally?

### **Prayer Requests**

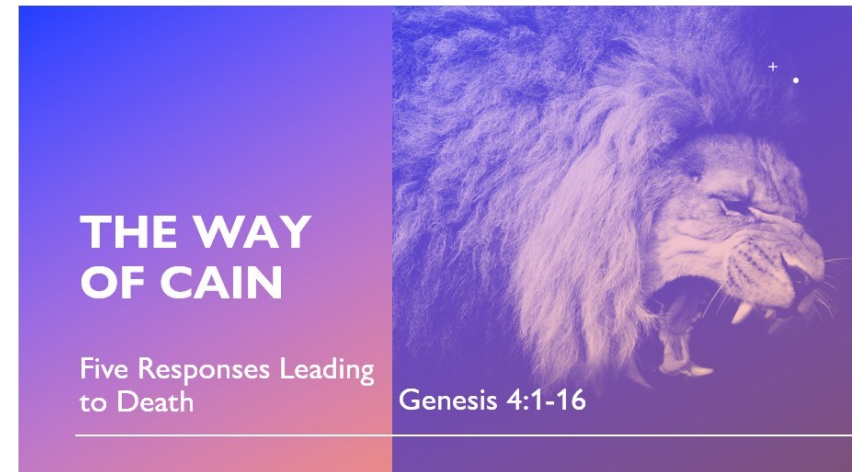
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- 1) The setting where Cain found himself included the first \_\_\_\_\_ in the Bible, the \_\_\_\_\_ of being firstborn, and \_\_\_\_\_ with Abel.
  
- 2) Abel's offering was \_\_\_\_\_ than Cain's because it was an \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ in God.

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3) When God's YES was \_\_\_\_\_, Cain responded to

\_\_\_\_\_ with anger and

disillusionment.

4) Cain responded to God's inquiry, counsel, and warnings by

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

his \_\_\_\_\_.

5) When God confronted his sin, Cain responded with \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

6) When God judged Cain's sin and pronounced its \_\_\_\_\_, Cain

responded with a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ the words

of God.

7) God spoke and acted in \_\_\_\_\_ toward Cain, despite his

\_\_\_\_\_ heart. Cain responded by departing from the

\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.



Based on Hebrews 11:4, what was the fundamental difference in the heart posture between Abel's and Cain's offerings? How does "faith" transform an act of worship from mere ritual to genuine devotion?

How does Job's response to immense suffering contrast with Cain's response to God's "NO"? What can we learn from Job about navigating disappointment or perceived divine disregard?

Jesus and John expand the definition of murder to include a "murderous heart" and hatred. What "hidden bitterness or malice" might we be harboring in our hearts that aligns with the spirit of "the way of Cain"?

Review the difference between "godly sorrow" and "worldly sorrow." How can we discern which type of sorrow we are experiencing when confronted with our sin? What are the practical steps to move from worldly sorrow (self-justification) to godly sorrow (repentance)?

Continued on reverse.