

**The First Murder, Cain Kills Abel:
The Undeniable Truth of Judgment – Sin Cannot Be Hid
Genesis 04:08–15**

1. *There is the deception and murder:*
Cain lured Abel into a field, attacked and murdered him

8 Now Cain said to his brother Abel,
“Let’s go out to the field.”
While they were in the field,
Cain attacked his brother Abel
and killed him.

2. *There is the confrontation with God*

- a. God questioned Cain
- b. Cain denied responsibility for his brother
- c. God revealed an undeniable truth:
Sin cannot be hid —
God hears the cry for justice

9 Then the LORD said to Cain,
“Where is your brother Abel?”
“I don’t know,” he replied.
“Am I my brother’s keeper?”

3. *There is the judgment of God*

- a. The murderer bears the curse of sin in his soul
- b. The murderer experiences difficulty in his labour
- c. The murderer is always a restless, rootless soul, a wanderer upon earth

10 The LORD said,
“What have you done?
Listen!
Your brother’s blood
cries out to me from the ground.

11 Now you are under a curse
and driven from the ground,
which opened its mouth
to receive your brother’s blood
from your hand.

12 When you work the ground,
it will no longer yield its crops for you.
You will be a restless wanderer
on the earth.”

<p>4. <i>There is the reaction and complaint against God's judgment</i></p> <p>a. The complaint against being alienated</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) From the fruitfulness of the earth 2) From God 3) From society <p>b. The complaint against justice and revenge</p> <p>5. <i>There is the great mercy of God</i></p> <p>a. God warns against revenge</p> <p>b. God assures Cain — gives him a sign</p>	<p>13 Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can bear.</p> <p>14 Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”</p> <p>15 But the LORD said to him, “Not so; Anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him.</p>
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