

**The First Children, Cain and Abel:  
False Versus True Worship — the Beginning of False Worship  
Genesis 04:01–07**

**1. *Scene 1: The children's birth***

a. Cain's birth

b. Abel's birth

**2. *Scene 2: The work of Abel (herdsman) and Cain (farmer)***

**3. *Scene 3: The personal worship of Cain and Abel***

a. Cain's false worship:  
Approached and offered  
produce to God —  
the works of his own hands

b. Abel's true worship:  
Approached and offered  
a sacrifice to God —  
a substitute life

**4. *Scene 4: God's response***

a. Accepted Abel and his offering

b. Rejected Cain and his offering

**5. *Scene 5: Cain's reaction — very angry and downcast***

**6. *Scene 6: God's warning***

a. If you do right,  
you are accepted

b. If you do not do right,  
sin lies at the door

c. Sin desires you

d. You must master sin

1 Adam made love to his wife Eve,  
and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain.  
She said, "With the help of the LORD  
I have brought forth a man."

2 Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.  
Now Abel kept flocks,  
and Cain worked the soil.

3 In the course of time  
Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil  
as an offering to the LORD.

4 And Abel also brought an offering —  
fat portions from some of the first-born  
of his flock.  
The LORD looked with favour on Abel  
and his offering,

5 but on Cain and his offering  
he did not look with favour.  
So Cain was very angry,  
and his face was downcast.

6 Then the LORD said to Cain,  
"Why are you angry?  
Why is your face downcast?"

7 If you do what is right,  
will you not be accepted?  
But if you do not do what is right,  
sin is crouching at your door;  
it desires to have you,  
but you must rule over it."