

Sin of Approach

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This was not a sin of Morality

- Morality is important
- But its not in this context

1 John 3:10-12

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¹⁰ In this **the children of God** and **the children of the devil** are manifest: Whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor *is* he who does not love his brother.

¹¹ For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, ¹² not as Cain *who* was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his **works were evil** and **his brother's righteous**.

Genesis 3:17

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¹⁷ Then to Adam He said, "Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat of it':

"Cursed *is* the ground for your sake;

In toil you shall eat *of* it

All the days of your life.

Genesis 4:3-8

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³ And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of **the fruit of the ground to the Lord**. ⁴ **Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat**. And **the Lord respected Abel and his offering**, ⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was **very angry**, and his countenance fell **(Self Righteousness fell)**.

⁶ So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it."

⁸ Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

- Jesus worn the crown of thorns to redeem us from the curse
- First murder is over approach to God
- Innocent Lamp for the guilty = Jesus for you and me

Sacrifice

- You laid hand on the Lamp
- You are the Lamp
- Lamp is you

The Lamb of God

John 1:29

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²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, “**Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!**”

Don't need to go for course which says steps to hear God

Genesis 4:5-6

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⁵ but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And **Cain was very angry**, and his countenance fell.

⁶ So **the Lord said to Cain**, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?”

What is doing well?

- If you offer well, will you not be accepted?

Genesis 4:6-7

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⁶ So the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ **If you do well, will you not be accepted?** And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it.”

- Cain didn’t do well. Cain didn’t believe on the righteousness by Faith
- Righteousness by faith.
 - Doing well : you are practicing Righteousness.

Sin lies at the door

- Personification of an animal lying at the door of the tabernacle where God’s presence is
 - I believe there was a tabernacle.
- At the gate of Eden presence of God was there.
- They brought the offering to the gate.

Hebrew

- Crouching : Male form
- Animal : Female form
- can also mean sin and also sin offering

What God did for Cain?

- God brought a lamp all the way to the door of Cain
- “sin offering lying at the door”
- “sin offering desire is for you”
- “it’s wants to be sacrificed”
- “you will rule over it, it won’t run away”

Genesis 4:7

Young’s Literal Translation (YLT)

⁷ Is there not, if thou dost well, acceptance? and if thou dost not well, at the opening **a sin-offering is crouching**, and unto thee its desire, and thou rulest over it.'

“God make things really hard” - Is it true?

- Is it hard to be saved?

Romans 10:8-9

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⁸ But what does it say? “The word is **near you, in your mouth** and **in your heart**” (that is, the word of faith which we preach): ⁹ that if **you confess** with your mouth the Lord Jesus and **believe** in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, **you will be saved**.

End result of Self Righteousness

- Bitter
- Angry
- Jealous

“Love of the Father” was in John

- John was the only one who stood near the foot of the cross.
- Told himself “Disciple whom Jesus loved” – Practiced God’s love for Him
 - 5 Time “Disciple whom Jesus loved” being used.
 - You find John loving Jesus
 - That is the time he was loving Jesus most.
 - But John wan’t conscious of Him loving Jesus the most.
- John is full of “Beloved”
 - Reference : <http://biblehub.com/greek/27.htm>
 - Beloved in Greek : agapétos

- agapétos means “you loved ones”, “as beloved by God, Christ, and one another”
- Remind one another they they are loved.
 - Family
 - Friends

Be Patient

Love’s first Characteristic

- Love suffers long

1 Corinthians 13:4-6

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⁴ **Love suffers long and is kind**; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; ⁵ does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil; ⁶ does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth;

Ephesians 5:25

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²⁵ Husbands, **love your wives**, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her,