

“Story of Two Brothers”

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“But we raised our daughter properly in a Christian home, sent her to a Christian school, took her to church with us,” The pastor and his broken hearted wife lamented. “And now that she is of age she has left our home to move in with an ungodly man!”

While we have heard many such stories from disappointed parents over the years, one quite vividly sticks in our minds. It is the story of two brothers raised by godly parents, never divorced. Both sons were home schooled, and not in touch with the outside ungodly world – a near perfect environment.

Yet in spite of the godly upbringing and knowledge of the Holy received by each boy from their parents, at a specific time the older son rose up in a fit of anger and killed his younger brother! This is the story of Cain and Abel.



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On the Light Side: Good Counsel for Today
Make sure you test POSITIVE for FAITH.
Keep your DISTANCE from DOUBT.
And ISOLATE from FEAR.
And TRUST GOD through it all!
--Buchanan Baptist Church, Williamsport, PA

favorite RECIPES

Quick “n” Easy Cheesy Banana Pudding

3 Bananas (approximately 1 cup
8 oz. Cream Cheese
¼ cup Heavy Whipping Cream
1 Tbs. Chia Seeds (optional)
1-2 Tbs. Powered Sugar (or pure Maple Sugar)
Pinch of fine Sea Salt
6 Vanilla Wafer Cookies
TOPPING (Optional)
Fresh Banana Slices
Whipped Topping or Cool Whip
Chocolate Curls or Mini Chocolate Chips
In the bowl of an electric mixer, beat Bananas until mashed and only slightly lumpy. Add Cream Cheese and Heavy Cream. Beat on high speed until well blended, about 5 minutes. Scrape down sides, add Chia, Powdered Sugar or Maple Syrup and beat on high another 3 minutes. In the bottom of small dessert cups or a serving bowl place whole Vanilla Wafers. If using serving cups place ½ cup of pudding over top of Wafer. If using serving bowl spoon pudding on top of Wafers. Place pudding in refrigerator for at least two hours or overnight to chill.
Before serving, if desired, top with thinly sliced Bananas and a dollop of Cool Whip, then garnish with chocolate curls or mini Chocolate Chips. –Laura Kurella

3 principles we learn from the success and failure of sons of Adam.

By faith Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and by it he being dead yet speaks –Hebrews 11:4. Genesis 4:1-12

Abel’s sacrifice was by faith in God’s Word. “more excellent sacrifice” Abel’s sacrifice was strictly by faith. He had no written precedent since there is no other such recorded sacrifice. The only record was what God communicated to Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel’s parents. In Genesis 3:15 & 21 God spoke to Adam and Eve by His actions. Here is what He demonstrated to the first parents:

- 1) For a sinner to stand before God he needed a covering (clothes).
- 2) Clothing of *human manufacture* was worthless.
- 3) *God Himself* must provide a covering.
- 4) The necessary covering could *only* be obtained by death (blood).

Abel’s sacrifice was in the right object. “...he obtained witness that he was righteous...” The very first gospel messages ever preached. Life could only come out of death because of human sin. We or a substitute must pay the penalty for sin. Abel killed a lamb (?), offering it to God:

- 1) His sacrifice acknowledged God as righteous, separated from man.
- 2) His sacrifice acknowledged that he was guilty – due death.
- 3) His sacrifice acknowledged God was holy – must punish sin.
- 4) His sacrifice acknowledged God was merciful – a substitute needed.
- 5) His sacrifice acknowledged he was looking for acceptance with God.
- 6) His sacrifice acknowledged a faith in the lamb – Lamb of God, Jesus.

Cain’s Sacrifice was a sacrifice in the wrong object. Earth fruit.
Note: He came to God as a *believer* and *religious worshipper*. But he

absolutely refused to conform to God’s will. Note especially that:

- 1) Cain’s sacrifice (probably colorful) was a bloodless one. –Heb. 9:22
- 2) Cain’s sacrifice was the fruit of his own labor. –Titus 3:5
- 3) Cain ignored the revealed curse of God on the ground. –Gen. 3:17
- 4) Cain despised knowledge of God’s grace - God’s covering. –Gen.3:21

Cain refused to comply with the *revealed will* of God, even when given a *second chance* by the Lord –Gen. 4:6-7. Yet outwardly he came before the Lord to worship. This is called “the way of Cain” –Jude 11. It is the way of self-will, disobedience to God’s plan, and evidence of religious hypocrisy. Cain was sincere in his worship—but he was sincerely wrong! As a result of Cain’s arrogance and anger instead of finally doing right, he killed his righteous (accepted in God’s sight) younger brother. Contrary to popular opinion today, God is particular in what sacrifice He will receive. Jesus was very exclusive when He said: “...I am the way, the truth, and the life, no one comes to the Father except by me” –John 14:6.

Abel offered a more excellent sacrifice because it was offered in obedience to God’s plan. He offered it in *faith* in a *promise* of God, as he looked forward to the Lamb of God, who would take away sin of the world –John 1:29 (and Gen. 3:15 promise fulfilled). “...he being dead yet speaks.” A voice from before the flood testifies that mankind can only approach God through the death of an innocent substitute. Abel got it right and was murdered by his religious brother. A similar martyrdom would take place 4,000 years later as our Savior would be crucified by self-righteous religious people.

Yet, belief in God’s crucified Son is His exclusive salvation plan – Not our own labor, but in the Lamb of God who died for our sins. See Rom. 10:9, 10. Call upon the name of our Savior who died to save us! –Romans 10:13.



Although it is not wise to have a child wear clothing that reveals his or her name to strangers, a young child can carry an ID in an inconspicuous place, when out in public places. Attach a stick on label listing the child's name, mom's c-ph# inside the child's purse, tote bag or pocket. If a child is lost, a parent can be notified.

For your child's safety when bicycling, skating or skateboarding, make sure he/she carries identification including name, address, ph #.

A child with a medical condition should carry at all times identification, including medical condition, doctor's phone #, and details of medical condition or emergency treatment.

The following houseplants are poisonous if swallowed or chewed and should be kept out of the reach of children: poinsettia, mistletoe, holly berries, rhubarb leaves and roots, laurel, azalea, rhododendron, and daphne berries.

Don't let your hard earned life-savings go into a probate bureaucracy! NOT PLANNING is a plan, but it is NOT a very good plan! Leave a legacy for your family & favorite ministries. When planning a legacy, give Terry Balko a call at 404-229-1645 or email Mr. Balko for forms and details at terry@terrybalko.com.

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"My sheep hear my voice and I know them and they follow me. And I give unto them eternal life and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand."

-John 10:27-29

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Rev. David J. Bauer's September Itinerary



Aug. 30 Merson Church, Gobles, MI 10:45 a.m. EST

NOTE: Call us for scheduling a preacher to come to your church. We have several good pastors waiting for a call to go out and preach. Call us!

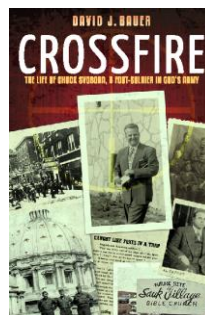
Never Felt Better

In a court in Tralee, deep in Kerry County, Ireland, this conversation is reported to have taken place:
Lawyer: 'At the scene of the accident, Mr. O'Brien, did you tell the officer that you had never felt better in your life?'

O'Brien the old farmer: 'That's right, sir.'

Lawyer: 'Well then, Mr. O'Brien, how is it that you are now claiming you were seriously injured when my client's car hit your cart?'

O'Brien the farmer: 'When the officer arrived, he went over to my horse, who had a broken leg, and shot him. Then he went over to Darcy, my dog, who was badly hurt, and shot him. When he asked me how I felt, I just thought under the circumstances, it was a wise choice of words to say I've never felt better in my life.'



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As Dolores mentioned in her letter, we know that our churches are opening once again. And with the return of our people, many situations have developed where we are called upon for help. Where we have people, we will have conflict, at least until the Lord comes back to rescue us all.

And if we think things are bad among God's people, we can look at the conflict in the streets of our major cities. This gives us a sample of what humankind is capable of without laws, or any civilized restraint. Thank God this is all temporary. We believers look for a kingdom which cannot be shaken for God's faithful people, as per Hebrews 12::27-29. Amen!

Rev. Bauer had a quickly scheduled preaching engagement at Roberts Road Bible Church August 16. It was a joy to be back in the pulpit morning and evening among many friends.

Smyrna Bible Church in Belding, MI has a new pastor! Rev. Roger Tahtinen and his wife, Jackie moved from Ohio to Michigan, beginning a ministry at Smyrna. We pray it will be a long and fruitful tenure, as they shepherd in the Belding area.

Prayers and sympathy go to the family of BRM Associate, Dr. Joe Stewart, upon the home-going of his mother, Alice Marie Stewart, July 15. Be in prayer for husband, James and extended family.

Special Prayer: During World War II an advisor to Winston Churchill organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour to pray for England, its safety, people and peace. Certainly this was key to victory! A group of people in America are organizing a similar thing. Do participate: Set your alarm on your watch or smart phone for 8:00 p.m. Central Standard Time. Immediately stop what you are doing and spend ONE MINUTE praying for safety of USA, our troops, our citizens and for a return to a Godly nation When the alarm rings, pray from 8:00-8:01 p.m. Pass this along to family and friends. Prayer is the most powerful asset we have!

Sincerely,

Rev. David J. Bauer --James 1:5; Jer. 33:3