

Man's way or God's way?

**Jude 5-11**

*What sorrow awaits them! For they follow in the footsteps of Cain, Jude 11a*

What does that mean?

**Genesis 4:1-5**

Cain gave because of pure formalism. [it was the time and custom.]

Able gave his best---pure devout worship.

I. FORMALISTIC WORSHIP IS OF NO VALUE IN GOD'S EYES!

**Amos 5:21-24**

The determining factor in Worship is attitude! God weighs the heart!!

a. God rejected Cain's offering because Cain only offered the works of his HANDS!

b. God accepted Abel's offering because Able gave from his HEART!

Able loved God!

**Matthew 22:36-38**

II. CAIN'S REACTION TO GOD'S DISPROVAL!

His reaction clearly shows that he didn't love God.

Cain became exceedingly angry and refused to listen to God.

**Genesis 4:6, 7**

1. God's displeasure:

a. revealed to Cain the true condition of his own heart.

b. was also a gracious divine warning.

2. God's offer of mercy:

*"You will be accepted if you do what is right!"*

III. WHAT HIS REBELLION LED TO!

**Genesis 4:8, 9**

a. He killed Abel, the picture of righteousness.

b. He was so hardened, that he wouldn't repent and beg for mercy.

The unrenewed heart is desperately wicked!

Don't trust it!!

c. Man's way is not God's way!

**Proverbs 14:12**

God is in love with you!!!

Are you in love with him?

If not, why not?