

January 3rd Bulletin

Prelude

Announcements (will be on Facebook Live screen)

Call to Worship:

Pastor: Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked

People: Or take the path that sinners tread

Pastor: But their delight is in the law of the Lord

People: And on his law they meditate day and night.

Opening Hymn #26 *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

Opening Prayer and Prayer of Confession

Scripture: Genesis 4:1-16 OT page 3

Sermon: Cain and Abel

Time of Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil:

for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Communion

Closing Hymn #118 *“We Will Glorify”*

Offering Reminder (*online giving is available at www.cedarvilleunited.org*)

Benediction

Postlude

Sermon Notes:

INTRODUCTION

- By now, we have read Genesis 1:1-6:8, Psalms 1-3.
- Using several study aids:
 - *With The Word* by Warren Wiersbe
 - *How to Read the Bible Book by Book* by Gordon Fee
 - *Unlocking the Bible* by David Pawson
- Genesis is a book of begetting, believing, and becoming.

CAIN AND ABEL

- Abel had learned from his parents that the only sacrifice worthy of God was a blood sacrifice.
- Cain brought fruit and vegetables.
- Cain murders Abel and disowns him.
- Pattern: bad people hate good people, and the ungodly are envious of the godly.

FOR US TODAY

- From *With the Word* for Chapter 4:
 - Satan is a serpent that deceives and a lion that devours.
 - Cain brought the wrong sacrifice and had the wrong attitude.
 - Cain's anger became envy and hatred, and then it led to murder.

Consider calling someone in the congregation or making a small group on Zoom to discuss further. This is one way we can stay more connected as a congregation right now.

Questions To Discuss:

1. When we sin, do we try to blame someone else or do we take responsibility for it? What is an example of when we have tried to blame someone else for our own sin?
2. Take a look at our anger. Is it righteous or unrighteous? Is there someone we need to forgive? Is there someone from whom we need to ask forgiveness?

Opening Hymn #26 *“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Praise Him for his grace and favor to all people in distress.
Praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in his faithfulness!

Father-like, he tends and spares us; all our hopes and fears he knows.
In his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely as his mercy flows!

Angels, help us to adore him, you behold him face to face.
Sun and moon bow down before him; all who dwell in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace!

Closing Hymn #118 *“We Will Glorify”*

We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
we will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.

Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty, we will bow before his throne;
we will worship him in righteousness, we will worship him alone.

He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live;
he is Lord above the universe, all praise to him we give.

Hallelujah to the King of kings, hallelujah to the Lamb;
hallelujah to the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.