

# THE WAY OF CAIN

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- Woe to them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, have run greedily in the error of Balaam for profit, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

## 2 WAYS

- **Matthew 7:13-14** <sup>13</sup> "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. <sup>14</sup> Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.
- We will follow the way of Cain or the way of Able

# THE WAY OF CAIN IS THE WAY OF - - -

- **Human Opinion**

- **Isaiah 55:8-9** <sup>8</sup> "For My thoughts *are* not your thoughts, Nor *are* your ways My ways," says the LORD. <sup>9</sup> "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.
- **Jeremiah 10:23** O LORD, I know the way of man *is* not in himself; *It is* not in man who walks to direct his own steps.

# THE WAY OF CAIN IS THE WAY OF - - -

- **Human Opinion**

- **Matthew 15:8-9** <sup>8</sup> *'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. <sup>9</sup> And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.'* "

# THE WAY OF CAIN IS THE WAY OF - - -

- **Willful Ignorance**

- **2 Peter 3:5** For this they willfully forget: that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of water and in the water
- God will not accept our “thank” offering when we refuse to make a “sin” offering.

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- **Willful Ignorance**

- **John 6:66** From that *time* many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more.
- **Acts 7:57** Then they cried out with a loud voice, stopped their ears, and ran at him with one accord

# THE WAY OF CAIN IS THE WAY OF - - -

- **Unyielding Pride**

- **Genesis 4:5** but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.
- There was no repentance or regret
- **1 John 3: 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.

THE WAY OF CAIN IS THE WAY OF - - -

- **Divine Condemnation**

- **Why was Cain's offering rejected?**
  - Prompted by evil – 1 John 3:12
  - Not by faith – Hebrews 11:4
  - He did not do well – Genesis 4:7

THE WAY OF CAIN IS THE WAY OF - - -

- **Divine Condemnation**

- **Lessons to Learn**

- **Offering & offeror stand or fall together**
- **We ought to love one another**
- **We are our brother's keeper – 1 John 3:14**
- **Faith was the difference**

## THE WAY OF CAIN TODAY

- **Jude 12** These are (1) spots in your love feasts, while they feast with you without fear, (2) serving only themselves. They are (3) clouds without water, carried about by the winds; late autumn trees (4) without fruit, (5) twice dead, (6) pulled up by the roots
- **Jude 13** raging waves of the sea, foaming up (7) their own shame; (8) wandering stars for whom is reserved the (9) blackness of darkness forever.

# THE WAY OF CAIN TODAY

- Jude 11 Woe to them! For they have gone in **the way of Cain**
- Are you following the way of Cain?
- You have a choice today – follow Cain OR follow Able. Which will you decide?