



## Ignoring Advanced Warning

### Genesis 4:1-16

**Listen!** Here is the choice you have today. Would you like to have what is behind:

- Door One: A brand new, 2006, full sized Humvee? Or,
- Door Two: A brand new, 2006, gas BBQ grill?

**Why talk about this?** There are profound, tragic, and powerful ways in our lives in which we are consistently taking Door Two—thus walking away with something good while losing something that is far superior.

#### Thinking Thru the Passage :

- Flocks vs. ground:
- Firstlings of his flock and their fat portions:
- Regard for his offering:
- Anger:
- Do well or not do well:
- Sin is crouching:
- You must master it:
- Rose up and killed Cain:
- Am I my brother's keeper:
- Blood is crying to Me from the ground:
- You are cursed from the ground:
- My punishment is too great to bear:
- Driven me from the face of the ground:
- Driven me from Your face:
- A vagrant and a wanderer:
- Out of the presence of The Lord:
- In the land of Nod:

**Idea:** People of faith strive for the presence of God...above every good thing.

#### Good Principles from a Bad Example:

1. People of faith go above and beyond to achieve quality \_\_\_\_\_. (v 4)
2. People of faith know that disobedience makes us \_\_\_\_\_ to the crouching demon of sin. (v 7)
3. People of faith know that we have the resources to \_\_\_\_\_ the crouching demon of sin. (v 7)

4. People of faith know that we are our brother's \_\_\_\_\_ . (v 9)
5. People of faith know that any good thing, away from the \_\_\_\_\_ of God, is pure sadness. (v 16)

**For Instance:**

**Application:**

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## Walking Papers

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

**Idea:** When I doubt.

Please take time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today:** Prayerfully ask this question of God the Holy Spirit: “What do I need to do to improve the quality of my worship?”
- **Monday:** Prayerfully ask this question of God the Holy Spirit: “How am I being disobedient and thus making myself vulnerable to crouching sin?”
- **Tuesday:** Prayerfully ask this question of God the Holy Spirit: “What resources am I not using to master the crouching demon of sin?”
- **Wednesday:** “What do we live for, if not to make the world less difficult for each other?” George Eliot. “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.” God. What do you need to change in your relationships?
- **Thursday:** Prayerfully ask this question of God the Holy Spirit: “What good things in my life are taking me away from the presence of God?” And, “Do I need to cut some things out?”
- **Friday:** Prayerfully ask this question of God the Holy Spirit: “How can I live more consistently in the presence of God?”
- **Saturday:** For tomorrow read and reflect on Genesis 4:17-26.

***“The nearness of God is my good.” Psalm 73:28***