

Communion Meditation – Jesus in Genesis

Genesis 4.1-10 Jesus and the Blood May 30th, 2010

Say “It’s the Thought that Counts...”

- Parents say this to their kids when a “*bad*” gift is received
 - Perhaps an 11-year old boy gets a picture book ~ or a girl’s bike
 - !!!: Newlyweds special gift ~ “*wind up hamster in plastic ball*”
- Perhaps kids have biblical justification to be disappointed ~ God was . . .
- Cain brought “*fruit of the ground*” ~ Abel brought “*firstborn of his flock*”
 - “God did not respect Cain and his offering”
 - Abel offered what was required ~ Cain offered what was convenient
 - Cain’s gift reflected his character ~ God had no respect for Cain

Cain was Outraged

- Cain was outraged at being slighted by God ~ “*very angry*”
- Cain did not hide his emotions ~ “*his countenance fell*”
- Cain lured Abel out into the field on a pretense and killed him
- Cain could not kill God so he killed Abel instead (*God’s image bearer*)

The Blood of Abel

- God says “*The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me . . .*”
 - For what does Abel’s blood cry out? ~ vengeance
- **Read Num 35.33** ~ “*blood defiles the land, and no atonement can be made for the land, for the blood that is shed on it, except by the blood of him who shed it.”*
 - We who’ve been forgiven have shed blood ~ think of abortion

The Blood of Jesus

- **Read Deut 32.43** ~ “*Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people.”*
- **Read Hebrews 12:24** ~ “[*You have come*] to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.”

The blood of Abel cries out from the ground for vengeance . . .

The blood of Jesus cries out from the ground for mercy . . .