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WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

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A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste

GENESIS 4: 1-16 NKJV – (1) Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD." (2) Then she bore again, this time his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. (3) And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the LORD. (4) Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the LORD respected Abel and his offering, (5) but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. (6) So the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? (7) If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it." (8) Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him. (9) Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" (10) And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground. (11) So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. (12) When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth." (13) And Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! (14) Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me." (15) And the LORD said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him. (16) Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

Sounds like a lovely story until we get to verse (5). What went wrong? All I know is that God is omniscient (knows everything) and He was not pleased at all with what Cain had to sacrifice. Much of this is going on in our churches today. When God informs us that our sacrifice is unacceptable, we have the nerve to get a negative attitude with Him and after being told, we insist on making it work. A person of such is in denial!. Could it be that we are living a disobedient life and then we come into His house with a form of godliness (2 **TIMOTHY 3:5**)? So we are mad because we are exposed. Evil spirits are all over us! Your language, your thinking, your walk, **YOUR ATTITUDE!** My brother and sister, "**A Mind Is A Terrible Thing To Waste!**" So what will a negative attitude do besides deflate your walk with Christ?

- (1) A negative attitude will result in one not giving their best. (Vs. 3-5)
- (2) A negative attitude will result to one becoming spiritually deaf. (Vs. 6-7)
- (3) A negative attitude will result to one making bad decisions. (Vs. 8-9)
- (4) A negative attitude will result to Divine Discipline. (Vs. 10-14)
- (5) A negative attitude will result to little or no fellowship with God. (Vs. 15)

God who loved Cain so much, He even took the time to counsel him in **verse 6-7**. But Cain ignored Him! This is the story of many Christians today. What is my application to you? Again, **verse 6-7**. Don't live your life living your way and think God will accept **your** holiness. There is no darkness in Him. Sin is not to be measured. For He is pleased with no sin! Get your mindset right before it's too late.

SCRIPTURE READING

MATTHEW 25:1-13

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Love...All comes from it, only to return to it.