

OUR LONG WAR AGAINST  
GOD'S IMAGE

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Genesis 4:8–10

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Genesis 4:8



# The Roots of Cain's Actions

The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. <sup>6</sup> Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup> If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.”

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# Our Long History of Violence

Lamech said to his wives, “Adah and Zillah, listen to me; wives of Lamech, hear my words. **I have killed a man for wounding me, a young man for injuring me. <sup>24</sup> If Cain is avenged seven times, then Lamech seventy-seven times.**”

Genesis 4:23–24



# Our Long History of Violence

Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was **full of violence**.<sup>12</sup> God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways.<sup>13</sup> So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for **the earth is filled with violence** because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth.

Genesis 6:11–13



# The Culmination of Sin

You disowned the Holy and Righteous One and asked that a murderer be released to you. <sup>15</sup> You killed the author of life, but God raised him from the dead.

Acts 3:14–15

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