

A cosmic background featuring a view of Earth from space, with the Moon in the upper center. The scene is filled with stars, nebulae, and galaxies, creating a deep blue and purple color palette. The text is centered over this background.

THE BOOK OF
GENESIS

THE SEVERITY OF SIN

GENESIS 4:6-15

The temptation to sin may seem right. **PROV. 16:24**

- What happens when you harden your heart to God's Word?
- Why do any of us choose the way of Cain?
- Cain was not forced to sin, nor is any temptation so severe as to leave no way out. **1 COR. 10:13**
- Rebellious thoughts always lead to sin. **PROV. 21:4**

THE RESULTS OF THE SIN OF REBELLION

God withholding His good from us! **JER. 5:23-25**

- The seeds of sin—pride, envy and hatred—bore their bitter fruit. **1 JOHN 3:10-12**
- The seed of the Serpent was quickly declaring war by striking at the Seed of the woman.
- Instead of reacting in humility and fear of God, Cain boldly questioned God's right to ask such a question!

WHAT WAS CAIN REALLY QUESTIONING?

- **God's Word**
- **God's Omniscience**
- **God's Omnipresence**
- **God's Omnipotence**
- **God's Loving Nature**
- **God's Faithfulness**

Cain did not trust in God. Cain trusted in himself.

WHERE DID ABEL GO?

Like all others who died in faith not having seen the promised Messiah, Abel was the first human inhabitant of Sheol—“*Paradise.*” **LUKE 16:19-31**

- That place in the heart of the earth where the spirits of those who died in faith were to await the coming of the Savior. **MATT. 12:39-40; 1 PETER 3:18-20**
- The abode of the righteous dead prior to the resurrection of the Lord! **ISA. 61:1; EPH. 4:7-10; PS. 16:10-11**

WHY DO WE NEED TO REPENT?

Make no mistake, God will give you what you ask for! He does not want to give judgment, but He will if we persist in unrepentant sin!

- But confession and repentance brings forgiveness and healing of the stain. **1 JOHN 1:7-9**

CRUSHING OR CLEANSING—THE CHOICE IS OURS

- Sin is always knocking at the door, but it can only come in if you open the door!

SIN IS VERY COSTLY!

Cain was *“driven out from the presence of the Lord.”*

- Exactly the same fate awaits those who willingly reject the gospel message and will *“be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord.”*

2 THESSALONIANS 1:9

God has been faithful to warn all mankind of the gravity of choosing wrongly. **GEN. 9:5; JOB 16:18; PSALM 9:12; EZE. 3:18**

Answer: Don't sin . . . it's too costly.