

# Flames Of Faith Ascending Prayers

*And the smoke of the incense,  
the saints, ascended up before*



*which came with the prayers of  
God out of the angel's hand.*

*Revelation 8:4*

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*It's hard to believe that December is already here. On our Gregorian calendar we are in the 12th month. Did you know that there are actually seven different Jewish calendars. How confusing is that? No wonder we follow a pagan calendar. Just kidding. I actually keep track on two of the Jewish calendars. One simply because it gives me "This day in History," and the other because it is based on computer calculated dates from the first day of creation. Regardless, we are approximately 3 months away from the fulfillment of the year 6000 from creation. That is incredible. Does that remind you of a scripture that one day is as a thousand years and a thousand years as one day? On top of that, we are coming upon the first of four blood moons that just happens to fall on Passover this coming April. In case you didn't know about the four blood moons it is worth your time to learn about them.*

*This has only happened three times in the past 500 years and each time was significant. Here are the dates: 1492, 1948, and 1967. Do these ring a bell? And, it's fixin' to happen again only this time . . . Well, I'll let you search it out.*

*This past year has shown us how quickly things can change. Our country is barely recognizable. Fukushima, radiation, dead fish and whales on our western shores and no internet communication coming from Japan. Wars and rumors of wars, earthquakes and raging oceans seem almost common place anymore. The end of this age is upon this generation. Are you watching as the Lord told us to do? Look up for your redemption draws nigh. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*

*-Jewells-*

## *The Lion of Judah Triumphant*



*For the Lord will not cast off His people, neither will he forsake His inheritance.  
But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart will follow it.*

*Who will rise up for Me against the evildoers?*

*Who will stand up for Me against the workers of iniquity?*

*Psalm 94:14-16*

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*Oh Lord, Fill my heart with truth  
That I might ride the wind of Your Spirit.  
Let only Your righteousness be my covering.  
I will not trust in my sword  
But in Your Word alone for its blade pierces the depth of darkness.  
The entrance of Your Word brings Light.  
You only are my shield and strength.  
And I will not look to the right or to the left.  
My God, my Lord, my King.*

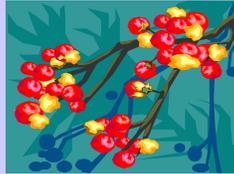
*-J. Ellen Wells -*

*Here is the next portion Of “The Gardener’s Heir.” Thanks for the emails, they mean more to me than I can tell you. Let me know if you would like the links to the Creation Calendar and/or the links for information on the coming four blood moons. Love to you all.—Jewells (Jody). jewells218@gmail.com*

The



Gardener’s



Heir

### Chapter Three The Splitting of Heirs

I believe it was a sad day when Adam and Eve had to leave the garden. They suddenly found themselves facing the unknown. It is no different for us I suppose. And, it is no different than what our parents tried to tell us and as we try to tell our children or those we mentor. It is this; to have the consequence of a potential action described is not the same as the understanding of the knowledge of the experience of it. Understanding the knowledge of something makes your knowledge complete in that area. Yet, knowledge and understanding are two different things. It is also a fact that it takes faith to believe what we are told without actually experiencing it. This is where many go wrong. It is a serious problem for those individuals who will not believe unless they see or experience for themselves. For them, it often comes with unpleasant results. Thus we have another dividing line between those who will believe and those who won’t.

So into the earth the man and woman went to face the consequences of their choice. They had chosen to go a different way than the Father wanted for them. Unfortunately, the decision they made changed the course of their children and their children's children for generations to come. Adam and Eve must have been devastated when they had to face the hard reality of their sin manifest in their children. What a hard lesson.

Cain and Abel were twins. Cain was born first and then Abel. The order of birth is significant throughout the scriptures from start to finish. Take notice of the way the Lord God states *Genesis 4:1-2*.

***Genesis 4:1-2***

***And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. And again she bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.***

The scripture puts Cain before Abel in the correct order of birth. But, please notice that the next part of these scriptures speaks of Abel first and then of Cain. In this text they are separated by the word "but."

***Abel was a keeper of sheep, "but" Cain was a tiller of the ground.***

The word "but" means "on the other hand" or "in contrast." So, the Lord is showing us a contrast. The contrast is not between two individuals. Always remember that God is not a respecter (Strong's Greek # 4381 – does not show partiality) of persons (Acts 10:34.) The contrast the Lord is showing us is the distinct difference between a heart of good and a heart of evil. These are fruits of what we eat spiritually from the fruit on *the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:9.)*

***Genesis 4:2***

***...Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.***

So here we see Abel first. He was a "keeper" of sheep. This is the first mention of the word "keeper" in scripture. It is used in other places but here it is specific and significant. It describes the heart of Abel.

**Keeper** – Strong’s #7462 – Hebrew – to tend a flock, to pasture it, to graze, to rule, to associate with as with a friend, companion, keep company with, keep sheep, pastor, shepherd.

In contrast, Cain was a “tiller” of the ground. This word is used only one time in the entire Word of God and this is it. It is a warning to us to pay special attention.

**Tiller** – Strong’s #5647 – Hebrew – to work, to enslave, keep in bondage, be bondman, compel, execute, cause to serve, till, transgress.

The heart of Cain was bent on transgressing and enslaving others. He had taken on the character of the object of his admiration...the enemy.

We know the rest of this story as well. Cain brings an offering to God from the fruit of the ground. Abel brings the offering of the first of his flock.

#### **Genesis 4:3-5**

*And in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.*

Cain and Abel lived in the shadow of opposing forces. One sought to serve God and the other to serve himself. As their parents did before them, they each made a choice.

The heart of Abel cried for the promise given to his parents of a redeemer and so he brought to the Lord the representation of the atonement. The Lord looked at his offering with “respect.” Strong’s # 8159 describes the respect with which the Lord looked at Abel’s offering.

**Respect** – Strong’s #8159 – Hebrew - to gaze, consider, inspect, to look with amazement, and bewilderment.

Then we see that the Lord had “not respect” unto Cain’s offering. So what did Cain’s offering represent? It was the fruit of the cursed ground. We know this but what else did it represent? The fruit of the ground can never be the atonement for sin! Cain was without excuse. He knew the same thing that Abel knew. Cain presented himself before the Lord with the attitude of “my will” be done instead of “Thy will” be done. He wanted to receive the Lord’s approval based on his

own merits and not by the righteousness of faith. He tried to come before the Lord with an empty heart.

What is the lesson in this? The Lord God could not look or gaze upon Cain or Abel without the atoning sacrifice. Abel's acceptance of this by faith amazed the Lord and He had respect toward Abel and his offering because of it.

***Hebrews 11:4***

***By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaks.***

We know that Cain chose to follow our Father's enemy which is also our enemy. Cain became filled in his heart with the anger of jealousy and hatred and when he acted upon it, he murdered his own brother. Thus Abel's blood was the first blood of mankind to be spilled upon the earth. And, the first blood of mankind to be spilled upon the earth was spilled by the hand of another man. They were born equal. They were both heirs to the promise given to their parents. Yet they became divided.

***Genesis 4:9***

***And the Lord said to Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: am I my brother's keeper (Strong's#8104 – protector and guard)?***

I can only imagine what this must have done to the heart of Adam and Eve. The tears they must surely have shed. And what could any of us say about the heart of our Heavenly Father as He watched this happen? But He knew that we would one day be learning from these things and He speaks to us even now from His Word.

***I John 3:7-16***

***Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous. He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.***

*Whosoever is born of God does not commit sin; for His seed remains in Him: and he cannot sin because he is born of God. In this is the children of God manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever does not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loves not his brother.*

*For this is the message that we heard from the beginning, that we should love one another.*

*Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and his brother's righteous. Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you. We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren.*

*He that loves not his brother abides in death. Whosoever hates his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. Hereby perceive we the love of God, because He laid down His life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.*

Here in the history of Cain we discover how certainly mankind was driven out from the face of God by doing the will of the enemy. And for the first time we have a new word introduced. It is found in **Genesis 4:13** and that word is "punishment." In spite of the darkness that had entered there was still a ray of light to be found by faith. And it was within the promise made in the presence of Adam and Eve.

### **Genesis 3:15**

*And I will put enmity between thee and the woman and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.*

This promise was the hope of Adam and Eve and the hope of their generations to follow. Had they learned the lesson of faith? There is nothing that I can see written that speaks to that question directly. But, I do see something wonderful in the life and death of our brother Abel. He was a man of faith. He believed in the integrity of the Word of God. He knew he had to hold fast to what he believed. And he believed that the Seed would come.

I wonder if the Lord told Abel that one day his story would be written in a great book and that he would have as many brothers and sisters as the stars of the heavens? I wonder if the Lord revealed to him the words that would be written in **Hebrews 12:24** about The Seed?

*And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaks better things than that of Abel.*

And maybe one day it will come to be that I will ask Abel if he understood why there had to be *“the splitting of heirs?”*

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*If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen? And this commandment have we from Him, That he who loveth God love his brother also (I John 4:20-21.)*

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