

Q. Significance of the Cain and Abel story .

Ans: In the biblical Book of Genesis, Cain and Abel are the first two sons of Adam and Eve. The brothers made sacrifices to God, each of his own produce, but God favored Abel's sacrifice instead of Cain's. Cain then murdered Abel, whereupon God punished Cain by condemning him to a life of wandering.

The theme of Cain and Abel is good vs evil. Cain represents evil and Abel represents good. It would appear that evil wins but the Lord intervenes to punish Cain and teach him that he can choose the path of goodness over evil. Because Cain betrayed Abel.

The mark of Cain is God's promise to offer Cain divine protection from premature death with the stated purpose of preventing anyone from killing him. It is not known what the mark was, but it is assumed that the mark was visible.

The meaning and significance of the story of Cain and Abel can be summarized into two points.

First, it tells the competing ways of life of the two brothers, which are farming and herding – one who made no time for God and the other who made ample time.

It tells us that even though we are busy making a living, paying bills, and raising households, we should never lose time to communicate with God, for God is our ultimate provider.

Second, is the fact that mankind sins first against God and then against each other.

This fact is significant because it tells us to be grateful to our Lord Jesus Christ for saving us from both these sins and reminds us of the two very important commandments – to love God and to love our neighbors.