

1. Woe unto them...Verse 11

1. In destroying the souls of their brethren by their false doctrine, they have followed Cain in the murder of his brother. See 1 John 3:12
2. By misrepresenting the oracles (word) of God for the sake of gain, they have run far in the error of Balaam..... Numbers 22 - 34.
3. They have perished in the gain-saying of Korah because he rebelled against divine authority.
 1. Korah rebelled against divine authority. Numbers 16:1-35
4. These three well-known Old Testament characters are used by the writer Jude to impress upon all the fact and truth that habitual disobedience leads to disaster.

2. So in this lesson we consider the way of Cain.

1. Cain comes before us in sacrifice and fades away in murder.
2. The "way" of Cain stands as opposed to the way of God. Isaiah 55:8, 9; "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways saith the Lord. 9-For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts."

3. The way of Cain is:1. The way of mere human opinion.

1. He offered the first fruit of the ground. May have been the best that he had.
2. The modern Cainite will say: "If a man does the best he can, what more can he do?"
 1. The best we can do is to take God's way.
 2. Previous instructions implied. Heb. 11:4

2. The way of willful ignorance.

1. Cain must have known, from the fact that he Gen. 3:7 was born outside of Eden, from the example of his father and mother that he was a sinner
2. God cannot accept our Thankoffering as long Jhn. 1:29 as we refuse to acknowledge His sin-offering.

3. The way of disobedience. Gen. 4:7

1. 1 Sam. 15:22; "Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams."

The way of Cain continued: THE WAY OF CAIN IS:4. The way of utter rejection.

1. "Unto Cain and his offering God had not respect" (Gen. 4:5).
 1. The offering and the offerer must always stand or fall together.

5. The Way of Unyielding Pride.

1. "And Cain was very wroth and his countenance fell" (Gen. 4:5).
2. The way Cain would come to God was of his own choosing.
3. A sin-offering lay at the door of Cain, waiting for his reception and ready for his use, but he would not. (Gen. 4:7; Jno. 5:40)

6. The Way of Manifest Hatred. "And 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 slew him" (Gen. 4:8).
1. The quarrel between good and evil is an old one. Acts 5:38, 39; "...if this work be of men, it will come to naught: 39-But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found to fight against God."
 1. Fighting against God an old game that has always failed.
 2. Fighting against God is perilous business
 3. Men fight against God when they oppose or reject the gospel of Christ.
 4. Men fight against God when they contend with His word.
 5. Hate is that venom that will destroy.
 6. Hate is that soul-killing spiritual cancer that Satan would have us believe is harmless.

FINALLY:7. The way of Cain is the way of hopeless despair.

1. "My punishment is greater than I can bear" (Gen. 4:13).
2. The real cause of his despair is the severity of his punishment under which he reels and staggers. (Gen. 4:16)
3. He went out from the presence of the Lord.

