- JUDE 11-13 Lesson notes for Auditorium class at Johnson City, Texas Sunday 7-18-76
- 1. Woe unto them...Verse 11
 - 1. In destroying the souls of their brethren by their false doctrine, they have followed Gain in the murder of his brother. See 1 John 3:12
 - By misrepresenting the oracles (word) of God for the sake of gain, they have run far in the error of Balaam.... Numbers 22 - 34.
 - They have perished in the gain-saying of Korah because he rebelled against divine authority.
 Korah rebelled agains 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. <u>Isaiah 55:8, 9;</u> "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.
 - I. 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.

 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
God cannot accept our <u>Thankoffering</u> 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."

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The way of Cain continued: THE WAY OF CAIN IS:

- 4. The way of utter rejection.
 - "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 Unyeilding Pride.
 - 1. "And Cain was very wroth and his countenance fell" (Gen (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. (<u>Gen. 4:7;Jno. 5:40</u>)
- 6. The Way of Manifest Hatred. "And Cain talked with Abel his bro-

ther: 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 nought: 39-But if it be of God, ye cannot overthrow it; lest haply ye be found to fight against God."

- 1. Fighting againt God an old game that has alwys 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).
 - The real cause of his dispair is the severit of his punishment under which he reals and staggers. (Gen. 4:16)
 - 3. He went out from the presence of the Lord.

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