

Tale Of Two Families Genesis 4 (ESV)

The Gospel Is The Story Of Two Families

1. The Children of **DISOBEDIENCE AND WRATH.**

Ephesians 2:1-3 *And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience-- ³among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.*

2. The Children of **GOD.**

Ephesians 2:4-9 *But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ--by grace you have been saved-- ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.*

John 1:12 *But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,*

How Do These Two Families Compare?

1. Both families have **HOPEFUL BEGINNINGS.**

Genesis 4:1-2 *Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, "I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD." ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground.*

2. The Family of God worships **IN TRUTH;** the family of wrath offers **UNACCEPTABLE WORSHIP.**

Genesis 4:3-5 *In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock*

and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. . .

3. The Family of God loves **GOD AND OTHERS;** the family of wrath **RESENTS AND HATES TRUE** worshippers.

Genesis 4:5. . . . *So Cain was very angry, and his face fell.*

4. The Family of God loves **GOD'S WORD;** the family of wrath **REJECTS THE WORD OF GOD.**

Genesis 4:6-8 *The LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it." ⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him.*

5. The Family of God **REPENTS;** the family of wrath **HIDES FROM AND HIDES THEIR SIN.**

Genesis 4:9 *Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?"*

6. The Family of God receives **GRACE AND FORGIVENESS;** the family of wrath is **INDICTED BY GOD.**

Genesis 4:10-16 *And the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, "My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, "Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.*

Are You A Member Of The Family Of God Or Of The Family Of Wrath?