

GENESIS

## 19. The Punishment of Cain

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1. Summarize the event of Cain's sin from [Genesis 4](#).
2. What was Cain's reaction to God's question regarding Abel and how does this relate to the immediate impact of sin on our relationship with God?
3. Summarize Cain's punishment and its impact on him.
4. Why did God allow intermarriage between family members and polygamy?
5. Read [Genesis 4:17-22](#) and summarize the different ways the descendants of Cain changed life.
6. Why does God allow the writers of scripture to include the sins and weaknesses of mankind?
7. Read [Genesis 3:11-13](#) and [Genesis 4:9](#) and answer the following questions.
  1. What are the similarities between the reaction of Adam and Eve when God confronted them for their sin, and the reaction of Cain when he was confronted?
  2. Defend the idea that if Adam and Eve or Cain had responded differently by repenting before God that God would have forgiven them rather than punishing them.
  3. What does the example of Adam and Eve and Cain's reaction teach us?
8. Compare Cain's statement in [Genesis 4:13-14](#) and that of our Lord in [Matthew 27:46](#).
9. How can you use this lesson to grow spiritually and help others come into a relationship with Jesus?