



## Progressive Revelation: The Inherited Nature of Sin

**Introduction:** The record presented in chapter four of Genesis is critical to the doctrine of Original Sin. The doctrine of Original Sin in its most simplified form is: the sin of Adam has been inherited by all who have come from Adam. Since all of humanity has come from Adam all are guilty of sin before God. Chapter four is designed to answer numerous questions. We will dive into a few questions in this study and many more in the upcoming Fellowship Groups.

**Instructions:** Gain an overview of chapter four by reading through the entire chapter. The activity is designed to establish the general overview in the mind of the reader. State the obvious and make comparisons between chapter three and chapter four. This study will cover verses 1 through 12.

**Activity:** Answer the following questions:

1. What are the first 2 verses about? **Hint:** In answering the question start with why Adam and Eve are immediately mentioned at the beginning of the chapter.

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2. What are verses 4-5 about? **Helpful question to ask and answer:** Why did Cain and Abel bring an offering to the Lord? How did they know to bring an offering to the Lord? What kind of offering was it? If necessary, use your Bible's center cross reference to look up other verses to help answer the question.

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3. What are verses 6-7 about? **Focus** on what the Lord has revealed to Cain. **For example:** The Lord said anger resided in Cain's heart. What else did the Lord reveal? What contrasts are being made? What is required of Cain?

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4. What are verses 8-10 about? **Make notes** along the way. **For example:** Notice how the scene of the Lord interacting with Cain unfolds in a similar manner as with Adam his father. Also not the differences between Cain's interaction with the Lord and Adam's. Are they the same? Are they different?

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5. What are verses 11-12 about? Use the hints in question 4 to examine the difference between Cain's sin and Adam's sin and how they responded to the Lord and how the Lord responded to them.

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