

A Persecuted Faith in an Angry World **Genesis 4:1 – 13**

Cain's offering was flawed for at least one of three reasons:

- It wasn't a blood offering.
- It wasn't his first fruits.
- He had a bad attitude and didn't want to give it.

God is at work in every single life in at least three ways:

- He wants to have a loving relationship with you.
- He wants you to live in love and harmony with your brother.
- He wants you to understand how to have His blessing.

Cain's response is replicated over and over again as a worldly pattern of thinking and living.

- The world is hostile toward God.
- The world will take it out on God's children.
- The proof of the hostility is found in preferring hate over love.

The world's pattern increases in intensity like birth pains:

- You will be hated by all nations for my Name's sake.
- People who claimed to believe in Christ will fall away.
- The love of many will grow cold.