

Genesis 3:20-4:15

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Gen 3:23 "...the LORD God **sent him out** of the garden of Eden..."

Gen 3:24 "So He **drove the man out....**"
"...He stationed **the cherubim** and the **flaming sword** which **turned every direction** to guard the way to the tree of life."

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"...the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction..." Gen 3:24

Ezekiel 1:4 "As I looked, behold, a storm wind was coming from the north, a great cloud **with fire flashing forth** continually and bright light around it, and in its midst something like **glowing metal in the midst of the fire.**"

Ezekiel 1:17 "Whenever they moved, **they moved in any of their four directions** without turning as they moved."

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Ezekiel 1:26-27 "...on that which resembled a throne, high up, was a figure with **the appearance of a man**. Then I noticed from the appearance of His loins and upward something like **glowing metal that looked like fire** all around within it, and from the appearance of His loins and downward I saw **something like fire....**"

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Artist's rendering
of Ezekiel's Vision,
Ezekiel Chapter 1



Exodus 25:18-22 **Description of the Mercy Seat**

“You shall make **two cherubim** of gold, make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat....You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark....**There I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim** which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.”

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Mercy Seat on the Ark of the Covenant

Gen 3:24

“...at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed **the cherubim and the flaming sword** which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.”

Cherubim
with swords
guarding the
way to the
tree of life



Hebrews 11:4

“By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that **he was righteous**, God testifying about his gifts, and **through faith**, though he is dead, **he still speaks**.”

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I John 3:11-12

“...we should love one another; **not as Cain**, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? **Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous**.”

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Isaiah 29:13 “...this people **draw near with their words** and honor Me with their lip service, **but they remove their hearts far from Me**, and their reverence for Me consists of tradition learned by rote.”

Ezekiel 33:31 “They come to you as people come, and sit before you as My people and **hear your words, but they do not do them**...”

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How did God show His “regard” for their offerings?

Perhaps by having fire consume it:

- **Lev 9:23-24** (consecration of the priests at the tabernacle)
- **I Kings 18:38** (Elijah on Mt Carmel)
- **II Chron 7:1** (dedication of the temple)
- **Judges 6:17-24** (Gideon);
13:15-20 (Manoah, re:Samson)

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Gen 4:6 “Why are you angry?”

*“Questions prick the conscience,
while accusations close the spirit.”*

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I Peter 5:8

“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, **the devil, prowls** around like a roaring lion, **seeking someone to devour.**”

Ephesians 4: 27

“...**do not give the devil an opportunity.**”

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Gen 4:10 “**The voice of you brother’s blood is crying to Me** from the ground”

Luke 11:47-51 “Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets, and it was your fathers who killed them.....so that **the blood of all the prophets**, shed since the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, **from the blood of Abel** to the blood of Zechariah....” (Mt 23:35)

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Gen 4:16 “Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD”

- **Abel** heads the list of **martyred prophets** in Luke 11:51.
- **Cain** heads the list of **false prophets** in Jude 11.
- **Abel** is the **first example of acting in faith** in Hebrews 11:4
- **Cain** is remembered for his **wicked works** in I John 3:12

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Lessons:

1. In worship, we must come to God on His terms, according to what He has revealed in Scripture.
2. Failing to respond to God’s rebuke will lead to further, deeper sin.
3. Satan is a real adversary who wants to tempt us to sin.
4. God wants to restore us when we sin, but we must respond to Him.

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