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6. Religion makes people mean

Gen 4:5b-8 And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. ⁶ So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."



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7. One of greatest hallmarks of religion: it persecutes and martyrs those who stand for God's truth.

Gen 4:8 Now Cain talked with Abel his brother; and it came to pass, when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.

- Cain's religion was too sophisticated to spill an animal's blood, but not too sophisticated to spill his brother's blood.
- Before Cain's religion was a day old, it had already produced history's first martyr.

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8. Religion offers a:

- Human scheme –
 - A. Cain's sacrifice may have cost him more than Abel's cost him
 - B. It was probably the best he had
 - C. It was the product of the ground God had cursed
 - D. It did not include one drop of blood
 - E. He brought an offering instead of a sacrifice
 - F. It was apparently not accompanied with any sense of sin, guilt, or repentance
 - G. It was the "way of Cain" (Jude 11) instead of the "way of the cross."

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- Human sacrifice –

Ex 12:13 Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

1 Jn 1:7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

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1 Pet 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Eph 2:8-9 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.

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- Human satisfaction –
 - A. Man can step back & with pride survey his efforts
 - A. God accepts a biblical sacrifice (Gen 4:4)
 - A. God rejects man's offering (Gen 4:5)

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9. God always gives opportunity for repentance

Gen 4:a Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?"

Gen 15:15-16 Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age. ¹⁶ But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

Rev 2:21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

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10. False religion propagates a gigantic lie & at its heart is deception and fraud – all in God's name

Gen 4:9b-10 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" ¹⁰ And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.

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11. God will one day judge all religion

Gen 4:11-12 So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you till the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth."

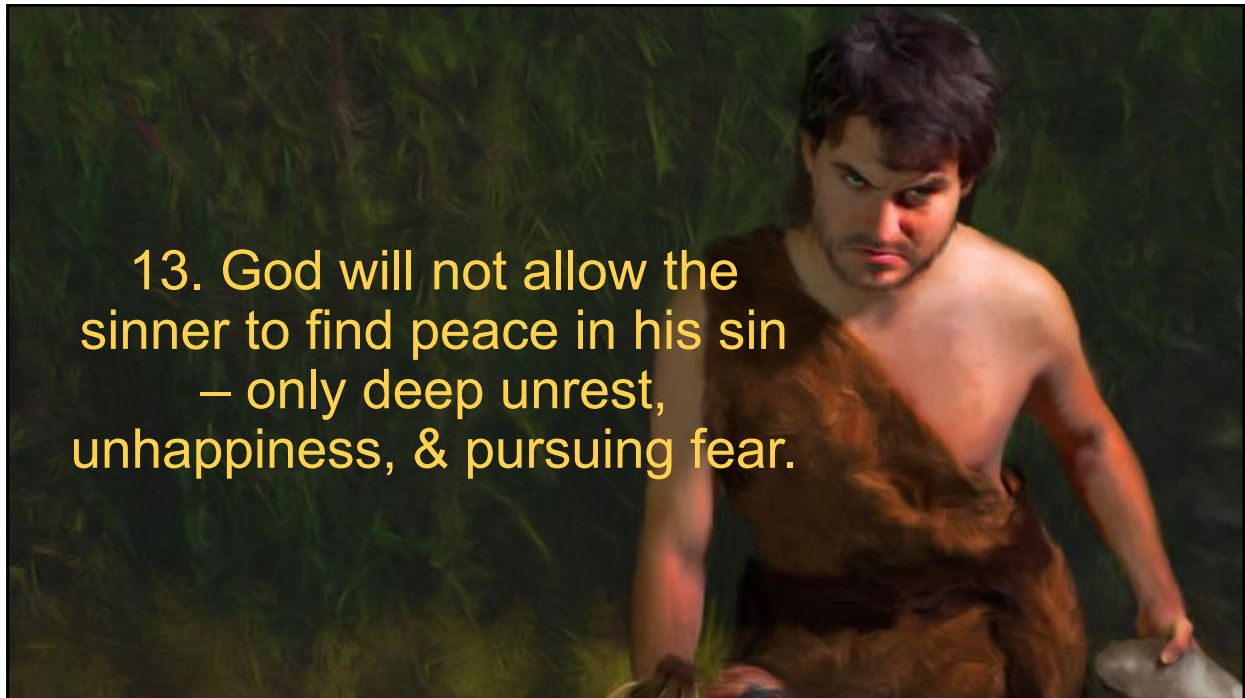
- True faith makes men "pilgrims & strangers"
- Religion makes men "fugitives & vagabonds"

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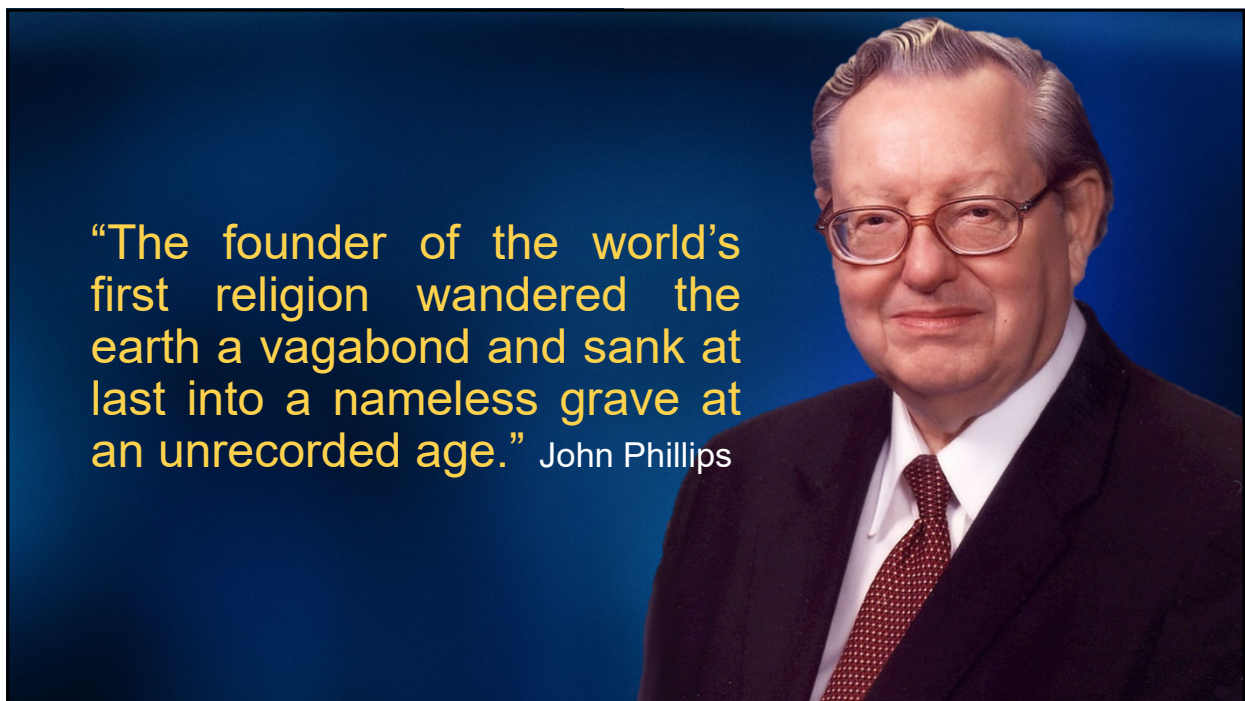
12. There was no remorse or repentance in Cain's heart, just resentment against his punishment.

Gen 4:13-15 And Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is greater than I can bear! ¹⁴ Surely You have driven me out this day from the face of the ground; I shall be hidden from Your face; I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, and it will happen that anyone who finds me will kill me." ¹⁵ And the Lord said to him, "Therefore, whoever kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold." And the Lord set a mark on Cain, lest anyone finding him should kill him.

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Mt 7:13-14 "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. ¹⁴ Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it.

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The Worldly

Gen 4:16-24

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1. The worldly cannot abide God's presence

Gen 4:16 Then Cain went out from the presence of
the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

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Rom 1:28-32 And even as they did not like to **retain God in their knowledge**, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting; ²⁹ being filled with all unrighteousness, sexual immorality, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil-mindedness; they are whisperers, ³⁰ backbiters, haters of God, violent, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, ³¹ undiscerning, untrustworthy, unloving, unforgiving, unmerciful; ³² who, knowing the righteous judgment of God, that those who practice such things are deserving of death, not only do the same but also approve of those who practice them.

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2. Where did Cain get his wife?

Gen 4:17a And Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch.

She would have either been his sister or niece

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3. Cain replaced God's garden with man's city

Gen 4:17b And he built a city, and called the name of the city after the name of his son – Enoch.

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4. Man can forget God in a few generations

Gen 4:18 To Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begot Mehujael, and Mehujael begot Methushael, and Methushael begot Lamech.

- **Enoch** – initiated or inauguration
- **Irada** – fugitive or wild ass
- **Mehujael** – smitten of God or blot out that Jah is God
- **Methushael** – man who is of God or they died enquiring
- **Lamech** – powerful, conqueror, or wild man

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5. Worldly man always perverts marriage and the family

Gen 4:19 Then Lamech took for himself two wives: the name of one was Adah, and the name of the second was Zillah.

Mt 19:4-6 And He answered and said to them, "Have you not read that He who made them at the beginning 'made them male and female,' ⁵ and said, 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh'? ⁶ So then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate."

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6. The worldly man's hopes are all on this world

Gen 4:20-22 And Adah bore Jabal. He was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ²¹ His brother's name was Jubal. He was the father of all those who play the harp and flute. ²² And as for Zillah, she also bore Tubal-Cain, an instructor of every craftsman in bronze and iron. And the sister of Tubal-Cain was Naamah.

- **Jabal:** the founder of ranching/farming industry
- **Jubal:** the founder of the entertainment industry
- **Tubal-Cain:** the founder of the metallurgy industry

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Mt 6:19-21 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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7. Life without God inevitably produces murder & pride

Gen 4:23-24 Then Lamech said to his wives: “Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; wives of Lamech, listen to my speech! For I have killed a man for wounding me, Even a young man for hurting me. ²⁴ If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, then Lamech seventy-sevenfold.”

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