

Which Way are You Going Genesis 4

*You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.
(John 8:44 NKJV)*

For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. (1 John 3:11-12 NKJV)

Spirit of this world or the Spirit of God
(1 Corinthians 2:12 NKJV) Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God ...

Natural or Spiritual
*A natural man does not accept the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; but he who is spiritual appraises all things.
(1 Corinthians 2:14-15 NASB)*

Broad way or the Narrow way
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. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. (Matthew 7:13-14 NKJV)

Condemned or Not condemned
He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already. (John 3:18 NKJV)

Darkness or Light

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. (Eph. 5:8 NKJV)

Death or Life

And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins. (Ephesians 2:1 NKJV)

Lost or Found

For this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found. (Luke 15:24 NKJV)

By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous ... (Hebrews 11:4 NKJV)

I. The Contrasts

(A) The Way of Cain

...they have gone in the way of Cain ... (Jude 11)

(1) His offering was bloodless

(2) His offering was an act of rebellion

(3) His offering was a result of his efforts

But God forbid that I should boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Galatians 6:14 NKJV)

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

(4) His offering was based on his perceived goodness

There is none who does good, no, not one. (Romans 3:12 NKJV)

(B) The Way of Christ

Jesus said to him, I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. (John 14:6 NKJV)

II. The Consequences

(A) Separation

(B) Persecution

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (2 Timothy 3:12 NKJV)