



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### Praying Through Genesis 4:1-16

Dear Heavenly Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank You for the words of warning and encouragement that we find in the early chapters of Genesis and throughout the Holy Scriptures. Thank You for the grace You showed Adam and Eve, for despite their sins, You helped Eve in the birth of their children. We know about You and them today, for You also encouraged them to teach their children the truth about Your grace, love, mercy, and forgiveness. They taught about Your example of making a way for sinners who place their faith in You and seek to bless others. Thank You for preserving their testimony for us in Your Word written.

Thank you for recording the example that Cain left us so we might not go and do likewise. Thank You for giving Cain another opportunity to do well after he made an improper sacrifice. We thank You for this demonstration of Your love and grace. You even warned him of the consequences of refusing to turn his heart back to You. Help us learn to control ourselves so we do not let anger rule over us and lead us into greater sins and slavery to sin. Thank You for sending Jesus Christ into the world to justly save us from our sins by His death on the cross when we come to believe in Him, to free us from sin and death by His resurrection from the dead, and to give us the Holy Spirit so we could bear the fruit of self-control and other fruit.

Thank You for Abel and his good example, when from faith in You, he obeyed You and sacrificed his firstborn sheep to You. He gave You his best and trusted You would continue to provide all His needs. May we do as he did. We thank You that Abel remains an example today and shows that we can do right and still be persecuted by those who love themselves and the things of this world. May we trust in You, Your lovingkindness, and Your good plans for us. We seek to trust and obey You as Abel did, for You did not fail him and He honored You. Help us serve You according to Your will and trust the consequences to You. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

See Hebrews 11:4 — “By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.”