

Message: The stumbling blocks to prayers

Day 19: Shedding innocent blood

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Hymn: Amazing grace

1 John 3:15 KJV Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Genesis 4:1-13 KJV And Adam knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. [2] And she again bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. [3] And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the Lord. [4] And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering: [5] But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. [6] And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? [7] If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him. [8] And 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 slew him. [9] And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper? [10] And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. [11] And now art thou cursed from the earth, which hath opened her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand; [12] When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee her strength; a fugitive and a vagabond shalt thou be in the earth. [13] And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear.

Shedding innocent blood is another stumbling block to prayers and the bible warned us that they that killed by the sword shall die also by the sword as seen in **Revelation 13:10 KJV** He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. Also that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him.

Cain was punished for killing Abel his brother so also shall God punish all those that are shedding innocent blood. To shed the blood of the innocent does not necessarily mean physical killing but also spiritual.

- When you murder the character of your neighbour
- When you bear false witnesses
- When you deliberately put your neighbour in problem
- When you hate your brother
- Sitting with the wasters and destroyers to plot evil against the innocent

Prayer

- O lord my father I thank you for you alone is worthy to be praised accept my thanks in the name of Jesus.
- Merciful father I surrender all forgive me and have mercy in the name of Jesus
- Create in me a new heart and renew your spirit within me in the name of Jesus
- Father Lord remove hatred and bitterness from my heart in the name of Jesus
- Fill me O Lord with the holy spirit in the name of Jesus.
- O lord my father fill my heart with agape love in the name of Jesus
- Father Lord give me the heart of love in the name of Jesus.
- As the Lord lives I shall not be a murderer in the name of Jesus.
- Sword of the wicked shall not end my life in the name of Jesus
- O God arise and shame all those planning to shed my blood in the name of Jesus.