

reached the cross? But an angel appeared to Him, strengthening Him, for had He died in the garden, the devil could have plucked Abel out of heaven, for all who have entered there, from Abel to the last one saved, are there by virtue of His death. He went to the cross and bore the sin, and never came down until He could say, "It is finished," until He could be both "Just and the Justifier of them that believe," and until He had fulfilled all types and all Scripture.

As you hear these truths taught from Jewish lips, remember that if yours is a bloodless religion, it is dead; there must be substitution, there must be shedding of blood, there must be atonement; and the one all-sufficient atonement is the death of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now turn again to Cain. When God rejected him and his offering, we read that "he was very wroth, and his countenance fell." He was indeed angry, for he was a proud man and a self-righteous one. Then God comes to him and says, "Why art thou wroth, and why is thy countenance fallen?" Now the next verse is mistranslated; it should read, "If thou offerest correctly, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou offerest not correctly, the sin-offering (i.e., the Lamb) croucheth at the door." Remember that in Cain's offering there was not only no blood, but no thought of substitution, and it was as if God said to him, "If you have made a mistake in the past, go out and bring in the lamb and I will accept thee." But Cain was too proud to do this and he turned away from God.

The Lord is here to-night and is saying to every man and woman, if you have made a mistake in the past by offering your own good works, come now and trust Christ, the Lamb of God! Proud man; you must come down from your pedestal of pride and acknowledge that the atonement of Jesus Christ was made for you and on your behalf. I beseech you, do not reject God's offer of mercy, do not go the way of Cain; Jesus says, I am the way, and there is "none other name under heaven given among men, whereby ye must be saved." It is no use admiring the character of Christ, no use calling Him a good man, and saying He died a martyr's death. No! no! He was not a martyr! He was the God-given substitute, "the Lamb slain from before the foundation of the world," and nothing else can find any acceptance with God. There is no other remedy for sin; but if you accept Christ your sin will separate from you once and forever, and you will be justified in Him. Oh! what a joy and rest, after one has been striving