

## They Keep the Way of the Lord

Previously, we saw how Satan uses religion and politics to deceive mankind. In this Brief we will examine his attack on the family unit, and the importance of “*godly education*” for our youth as an essential counter measure.

Many decades ago, values that strengthened the family unit were embraced by the majority of people. Now, because liberal or lawless people make the loudest noises, and politicians believe they need their votes, these values have been systematically dismantled and the family unit is the victim. Therefore, single parent households are now regarded as normal, and the importance of a loving father leading his family has been denigrated. At the same time, motherhood is often regarded as an impediment to a successful career. To compound problems further, the education system has been repurposed to teach that many different “sexual preferences” are normal for children, even though this trend will also contribute to breaking the traditional family apart; not to mention creating more mentally confused young adults.

After he had successfully deceived Eve, causing harm to the family unit was Satan’s next priority. And, because Eve was still deceived, she believed her firstborn son



### Training and Admonition of the Lord

Apparently, Cain was considered “*a special child*”, while his brother Abel was viewed as less important. This explains why Abel’s Hebrew name means “*nothing*”, or “*transitory*”. No doubt Cain did not appreciate Abel’s sacrifice of “*the firstlings of the flock*” which prefigured a Messiah that would be born at a future date (cf. Gen. 4:4), thus bringing into question Cain’s preeminence. Logically, this contributed to Cain’s anger and led to the murder his brother.

Consequently, the first religious war was orchestrated by Satan (cf. Gen. 4:6-7), who Christ said was a murderer from the beginning (cf. Jn. 8:44a).

The question is whether Adam had a “*hands off approach*” to teaching and disciplining his children. After all, he did not intervene to save his future wife from Satan’s deception in Genesis 3:1-6. The truth is that each “*head of household*” has the responsibility to teach and, when necessary, discipline their children,

*And you, fathers, do not provoke your children to wrath, but bring them up in the training and admonition of the Lord* (Ephesians 6:4; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; emphasis added).

*For I (God) have known him (Abraham), in order that he may command his children and his household after him, that they keep the way of the Lord, to do righteousness and justice....* (Genesis 18:19; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added)

Because we are failing to obey God’s word as a society, the consequence will eventually led to the destruction of our civilization, as previous studies have covered. However, this

Cain was the promised Messiah who would reconcile sinners to Almighty God,

*Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, and said, "I have gotten a man, even Jehovah* (Genesis 4:1; The Companion Bible; footnote on p. 8; emphasis added).

mistake will not be made after Christ's return to restore this planet. One of the first programs to be introduced will involve the ancient prophet Elijah, who will be resurrected at Christ's return and inducted into the office of Education Minister,

*Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord (the period of judgment at the end of Christ's millennial rule; cf. Rev. 20:11-14).<sup>6</sup> And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse* (similar to the one we are collectively heading toward right now) (Malachi 4:5-6; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

In The Brief #112, we will review "*the mechanics*" of how Satan "*connects*" with human beings in order to deceive them into breaking God's word. Cain is a "*case study*" in this regard.

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