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- ▶ What were the differences between Cain and Able's offering? How does their gift indicate what is going on in their heart and their view of God?

II. TWO FAMILIES DISTINGUISHED BY DEFIANCE

- ▶ How do you see Cain's levels of defiance through Genesis 4:6-9?
- ▶ What is your reaction when God uses someone to point out your sin? Are you more quick to react with minimizing, defensiveness, self-justification or anger or with listening and wanting the Holy Spirit to search your heart?
- ▶ Jesus said in Matt. 5:22 that even our anger brings judgment. Where do you see unrighteous anger in your life? Do you need to repent to anyone?

III. TWO FAMILIES DISTINGUISHED BY TRAJECTORY

- ▶ Through Genesis 4:19, 23-24, how do you see the implications of defiance before God on future family members?
- ▶ How have you seen redemption to your family line because of Christ in your life?

IV. TWO FAMILIES DISTINGUISHED BY

- ▶ Read Hebrews 12:24. What "words" do the blood of Jesus "speak" to God on our behalf?
- ▶ What are the implications you find most valuable from being sprinkled with the blood of Jesus?

What is one main take-away you want to apply in your life this week?

"The way of Cain" describes any religious system that attempts to earn God's favor by works and rituals rather than reliance on God's grace."

- Robert Jeffress

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