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But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy; In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. (Psalm 47 : 6—7)

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Are you better than Cain?

We all know the story of Cain and Abel. How they offered sacrifices to God, and Abel's was accepted, and Cain's was not. We understand that because of this, Cain became angry and ultimately killed his brother. With all that said, I ask you, "Are you better than Cain?"

No, I am not asking you if you haven't killed your brother. I am not even asking you if you are giving God something less than what He asked for, or if you are doing it out of a lack of faith. But, I am asking you, "Are you better than Cain?"

Have you ever considered what God meant by asking Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" God knew where he was. God knew Cain knew where he was. Could it be that God was asking him something different?

The conversation that God has with Cain about his brother, is one that intrigues me. This morning we study God's question, but more importantly Cain's answer.

If we understand what Cain truly said, we can come to a conclusion on just how much we are or hopefully we aren't like Cain. Jude wrote that people had crept in unnoticed and had gone in the way of Cain. Paul tells us that we should learn from the past. Pray that none of us find ourselves in the way of Cain.

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* Jude 3-5, 11

The way of Cain...What is it?

* Paul says—For we walk by faith

James tells us , Faith & Works go hand in hand

Jesus told His apostles that they should
"Love one another."

* "How is Abel your brother?"

"I do not know; am I my brothers keeper?"

keeper 'shamar' (h) - a guard, to attend to

* Out of the heart a man speaks—Luke 6 : 45

What does it say about you, if you say, "am I my brother's keeper?"

* "How is _____ your brother(sister)?"

Do you know? Or have we used excuses.

* Ephesians 2 : 17—22

In Christ, we are no longer strangers.

* I Corinthians 12 : 25—26

Do we have the same care? Do you feel empathy

* Paul our great example?

His daily concern is for the churches.
What is your daily concern?