

A CHARACTER OF BLESSING OR CURSE? MONDAY, 15 FEBRUARY 2021, WEEK VI, YEAR I

GENESIS 4:1-15,25; PSALM 50; MARK 8:11-13.

In the first reading of today, we have the account of the first murder ever committed in human history. Cain killed his brother Abel out of jealousy. Cain was angry because his brother's sacrifice was accepted by God whereas his own was not.

In this story, we see the danger of spiritual jealousy, we see that nothing we do can escape the attention of God (Heb 4:13), we see that God is the defender of the defenceless, we see that the persecution of the godly is nothing new, we see that there is a consequence for all our actions.

An important message for us today is that we can attract blessing or curse to ourselves through the way we treat other people. Cain attracted curse to himself by his envy, anger and wickedness to the innocent.

Wickedness and cruelty, injustice, discrimination, humiliation and malice towards the innocent, the unsuspecting, the defenceless, the godly can bring disaster on the perpetrator.

Love, patience and kindness to others attract God's blessings. Let us choose that which will bring us blessing and not curse.