

YOUR ATTITUDE MAKES A DIFFERENCE

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GENESIS 4:7 NKJV – (7) If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire *is* for you, but you should rule over it."

God asks Cain to adjust his understanding of what is good to God's understanding of goodness. If Cain does well by God's standard, *God will accept him*. In other words, there is no reason for Cain to be *angry* about God's rejection. The cure for that rejection is obedience: if Cain does what is right, God will accept him.

If Cain insists on setting his own standards for what is acceptable, sin "is crouching at the door." That poetic phrase captures the nature of our rebellion against God. Sin desires to own us, and our refusal to let God set the standard for right and wrong in our lives is the fast track to sin.

God acknowledges the reality of human nature. We are locked in a battle with sin's desire for us (*or our desire to sin*). God tells Cain he is responsible to win that battle, to rule over his sin. Remember your attitude makes a difference.

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 10:35

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: How you respond makes a difference.