

A lost achievement

“Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes”, Luke 19:42.

Let us, for a minute, consider Cain and Abel.

Cain brought an offering to God from a cursed earth.

Abel, who was a shepherd brought a ‘first born’, one of his innocent cattle.

Cain became angry, and sin was waiting at the door to greet him.

Abel became the first martyr.

The question now arises, ‘Are we better than Cain?’

If we look at the behaviour of Cain and Abel, we find that their actions impact more than any words.

Many Christians,

By their actions, they demonstrate their level of faith.

By their speech, “I am so glad so-and-so was here your sermon, you must have written it just for them!”

By their comments to many ministers I know, and also to myself, have blatantly lied. Their comments consisted of words’ that they, in their minds believed they were the words we wanted to hear.

Friends, it is not too late to look at our own lives. Cain was jealous, and refused to allow God to let His Favour descend on him.

When God’s Holy Spirit gives us that gentle spiritual nudge to reassess our attitude, there is only one way to proceed – REPENT! The choice is yours.

For many to day, the question is, “Are we offering the right sacrifice to God?”

King David acknowledged that a ‘gained achievement’ is a gift from God, “Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust”, Psalm 16:1.

Why, then, when events start going bad in our lives do we only expect

them to get worse?

Many at that point will assume that the event has got to become the 'worst' .

Let us, before we go any further, remember that at the Tower of Babel, God changed the languages of mankind.

We all know that God knows all things that will happen in the future, and I like to think that the following was part of His Plan.

Let us look at the Oxford English dictionary's definitions of 'worse' and 'worst' .

1. Worse, 'Of a poorer quality or lower standard; less good or more unpleasant' ,
2. Worst, 'Of the poorest quality or lowest standard' .

However, in between those two words we have

Worship, 'The practice of showing respect for God or by saying prayers, etc' .

Friend, remember when everything seems to be going in the wrong direction, remember that worship comes after 'worse' , and can stop 'WORSE' from becoming 'WORST' !

True worship adjusts our attitude toward God.

When life des go topsy-turvy - as it often does, humans have a great tendency to blame God.

Yet King David who lived under the Law, said, "Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust" , Psalm 16:1.

For the Christian to day living in the period of Grace, doing our best is greater than being the best.

Abel gave of the flock Cain brought an offering to God from a cursed earth.

A lot of Christians to day never offer God their best. They bring to God what is little more than their 'left overs' , and then wonder why they do not get blessed in their day to day living or their finances,