



World Victory Church

“Protecting the Glory” part 5 Sun Mar 17, 2019

I. **Genesis 4:1-9**

A. The Power of Emotions (Feelings)

1. *“Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.”*

- Anger: A strong feeling of displeasure and belligerence aroused when you think someone has done you wrong.
- Scripture reveals to us the power of this emotion in the positive as well as the negative: Jesus used this powerful emotion structured with the Holy Spirit to fight against Satan and his objective (temple, demons, disciples); but the negative side of anger is dangerous and deadly (***Ephesians 4:26***)

2. Cain was consumed by his feelings (his countenance fell); Cain allowed his feelings to overrule good judgment!

B. *“If you do well, shall you not be accepted?”*

1. *The literal Hebrew translation: “And Cain glowed greatly with anger, and his face fell. And Jehovah said to Cain, Why have you angrily glowed, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, is there not exaltation? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is toward you; but you should rule over it.”*

2. When your focus is right, then your acceptance will always be assured; but when your eyes look in the wrong direction (on others), your emotions will become unstable.

II. **Matthew 11:1-6**

A. The Offended Soul – Satan’s best weapon against the church today

1. Do not allow your emotions to change what you know: **John 1:29-34**

2. Powerful understanding: *“Blessed is He whosoever shall not be offended in me.”* Most Christians are offended at God just like John was! And the sad truth is, THEY DON’T EVEN KNOW IT! (When you think God should have done something different, or that He didn’t come through for you like you thought he should, you are offended at Him...plain and simple)

3. The opposite of the blessing is the curse: Offence brings one thing: The curse

4. **Proverbs 18:19** *“A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city.”*

B. How do I overcome these feelings? (anger, jealousy, fear, sadness, etc.)

1. **Luke 6:22-23** Choose JOY – the most powerful weapon of the Spirit

- It takes faith to have joy when you would rather be mad!
- Joy releases the power of God to set you free: *“Count it all joy...”*

2. **Philippians 4:4** *“Rejoice (full of cheer & joy) in the Lord always....”*

3. **Habakkuk 3:17-19** (Your victory is in this promise)