Is Anger Your Response? Linville Dunaway, Corinth Christian Church

Genesis 4:5-6, "But unto Cain and to his offering he had

not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. 6. And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? "

We may read, or hear, the Word of God, but, either way, we will be affected by it in some way. A person may take correction, instruction, comfort, and/or guidance from the message. Some will reject what they are told and walk away from it, others will gladly obey, and still others will actually get angry at the message, the messenger, and maybe, even at God.

Cain is the first man that we see become angry at what God has said, and done. He presented an offering to God and saw it rejected and his brother's offering was accepted. Men have wondered and guestioned these offerings and why Able was ac-

cepted, while Cain was rejected. Hebrews 11:4 says that Able eral people in the Bible who asked for directions from God and offered his sacrifice by faith. Faith is not mentioned with Cain's went away sad because they were not told what they wanted to offering. In the same chapter the sixth verse says that without hear. faith it is impossible to please God. Jesus said that they that worship God must do so in spirit and in truth. Cain appears to have us what He wants us to do. If we are serious about living for the lacked both of these qualifications.

We can worship and serve God, for that is what man is made God speaks to us and we will have a response to the word. to do. However, we can not do this just any way that man dreams up. Idols didn't tell their worshippers how to worship, so men made up religions that suited them. Our God is the true and living God and He has told man how to live, worship, and how to serve God. It is not left up to man to devise a pattern for worship, yet we see in so many dominations that man wants to have it his own way. People sometimes go away from church, angry at the preacher, or someone else, who has disagreed with them. Maybe would not speak to each other. Anger, grudges, and such things the message from the Bible told them things that they didn't want are not in the Will of God. If we find ourselves getting angry, we to hear. God will speak to us through His Word and it may not need to look at the Bible and see if we need our change our at-

God is not going to cater to man's wants, the Lord will tell Lord, we will gladly do what we are told to do. Those who get angry at God's message are really angry at God. They may not say it, but they are. Usually they will try to fuss at the preacher and act like it is all his fault. The truth is that they don't want to face the fact that they are not in harmony with God. People will sometimes leave a church and go somewhere else seeking to find a place that will teach like they want it to be. At other times they may stay and not speak to those who they don't like. I have heard of those who went to the same church for many years, yet always be what we thought He would tell us. You can see sev-titudes. The problem might be with us, not with someone else.

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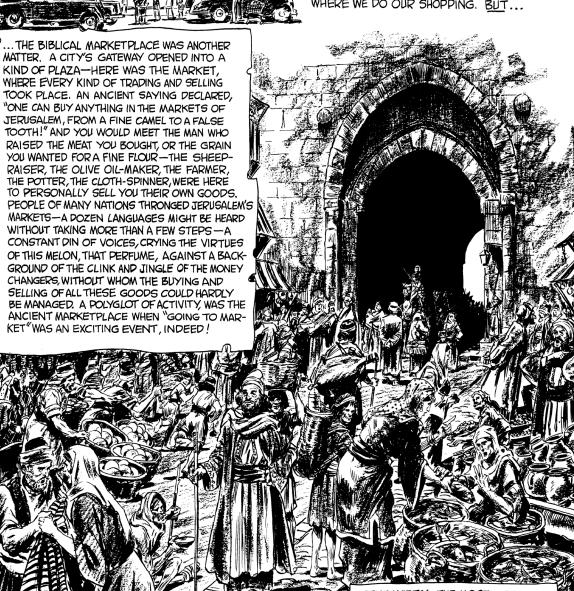
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