



When Sin Crouches at the Door

“The Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is for you but you must rule over it.” Genesis 4:6-7

Satan is unrelenting as is the sin and temptation by which he engages us. When it comes to sin, we are victims only because of our own choices. The consequences of how we deal with a difficult matter (it may be our own sin) can often perpetuate and compound the sin. As another has said, “It is not what happens to you that messes you up; it is how you handle what happens to you that messes you up!”



When one’s relationship with God is fractured, what is the root cause? It is sin (Isaiah 59:1-2). It has been so from the beginning. The relationship between Cain and Abel was fractured long before Cain murdered Abel. Cain was angry because he did not do right before God. Jehovah had warned him that if he didn’t do right, sin was going to have the power over him. In other words, he was going to compound his failure and make a bigger mess. That is what sin does — it makes a mess! It makes a mess of relationships, whether between man and God or between brothers; it makes a mess of you — your personality, perception, thinking, actions, *et al.* Here is the bottom line: When you sin (you don’t do right), you fracture your relationship with God; and if you don’t deal with that, it will have an impact on you and other relationships. *Continued on next page*

