

Adam's Sons

LESSON 4

HABIL & QABIL (ABEL & CAIN)

As the children of Adam and Hawwa grew older, they were commanded to marry, establishing the union of family and the **PROPAGATION** of mankind.



Adam (AS) married one male from a set of twins to the female of another set, resulting in Qabil and Habil (Abel & Cain) marrying the other set of twins.



It was said that Qabil had **JEALOUSY** towards his brother because he desired to marry his own twin sister as she was more beautiful and he was older, but Habil refused to engage in the dispute with his brother.

According to the Tafsir of Ibn Kathir, due to this dispute, Adam [AS] advised his sons' to **OFFER A SACRIFICE** to Allah to resolve the dispute. Whomever's sacrifice was accepted, would be evidence that they were in the right. In ancient times, a fire would come from the heavens to accept a sacrifice. On this occasion Habil's sacrifice was consumed and accepted by a fire, whilst Qabil's was not.

AND (O MUHAMMAD SAW) RECITE TO THEM (THE JEWS) THE STORY OF THE TWO SONS OF ADAM [HABIL (ABEL) AND QABIL (CAIN)] IN TRUTH; WHEN EACH OFFERED A SACRIFICE (TO ALLAH), IT WAS ACCEPTED FROM THE ONE BUT NOT FROM THE OTHER. THE LATTER SAID TO THE FORMER: "I WILL SURELY KILL YOU." THE FORMER SAID: "VERILY, ALLAH ACCEPTS ONLY FROM THOSE WHO ARE AL-MUTTAQUN (THE PIOUS)."

[AL-QUR'AN 5:27]

According to **THE PEOPLE OF THE BOOK** (Ahlul-Kitaab), it was said due to Qabil's arrogant manner, he refused to provide a sufficient sacrifice and had included some old wheat that were from the worst crops he had grown, whilst Habil provided a Ram.

PEOPLE OF THE BOOK (Ahlul-Kitaab): refers to **JEWS** and **CHRISTIANS** who are recognised in Islam as having received earlier divine revelations, specifically the **TAURAT** (Torah) and the **INJEEL** (Gospel). They are considered distinct from **POLYTHEISTS**, as they follow **MONOTHEISTIC** religions with scriptural foundations. However, Islam is the final and complete revelation, abrogating all earlier scriptures where they conflict with Islamic teachings.