

The First Murder

LESSON 5

DEATH OF HABIL

After both brothers Habil and Qabil presented their sacrifices to Allah, only Habil's was accepted.



Qabil, filled with jealousy and anger, is **OUTRAGED** due to his sacrifice being rejected and **THREATENS TO MURDER** his brother, who says to him:

"IF YOU DO STRETCH YOUR HAND AGAINST ME TO KILL ME, I SHALL NEVER STRETCH MY HAND AGAINST YOU TO KILL YOU, FOR I FEAR ALLAH; THE LORD OF THE 'ALAMIN (MANKIND, JINNS, AND ALL THAT EXISTS)." "VERILY, I INTEND TO LET YOU DRAW MY SIN ON YOURSELF AS WELL AS YOURS, THEN YOU WILL BE ONE OF THE DWELLERS OF THE FIRE, AND THAT IS THE RECOMPENSE OF THE ZALIMUN (POLYTHEISTS AND WRONG-DOERS)."



[AL-QUR'AN 5:28-29]

Overwhelmed by rage and humiliation, Qabil justifies to himself the act of murder and carries out the unthinkable act of killing Habil, marking the **FIRST MURDER COMMITTED BY MANKIND ON EARTH.**



SO THE NAFS (SELF) OF THE OTHER (LATTER ONE) ENCOURAGED HIM AND MADE FAIR-SEEMING TO HIM THE MURDER OF HIS BROTHER; HE MURDERED HIM AND BECAME ONE OF THE LOSERS.

[AL-QUR'AN 5:30]

After Qabil **KILLS** his brother Habil, Qabil experiences panic, fear and regret and is uncertain about what steps to take next.

Qabil was unsure of how to hide his brother's body. Allah sent a crow which pecked on the ground. This was a **SIGN** to show him what to do with the body of Habil, and inevitably, how mankind would also **BURY THEIR FATHER.**



Once realising this, Qabil became from among those who **REGRETTED.**



THEN ALLAH SENT A CROW WHO SCRATCHED THE GROUND TO SHOW HIM TO HIDE THE DEAD BODY OF HIS BROTHER. HE (THE MURDERER) SAID: "WOE TO ME! AM I NOT EVEN ABLE TO BE AS THIS CROW AND TO HIDE THE DEAD BODY OF MY BROTHER?" THEN HE BECAME ONE OF THOSE WHO

REGRETTED.

[AL-QUR'AN 5:31]