

Pastor Makarios Darawi
Mrs. Susan Harrison, Choir Director and Organist

11:00 A.M.

August 30, 2009

We welcome all who are worshipping with us, especially guests and newcomers. We invite you to take part in worship, to engage in the activities of the church and make this your home church.

PRELUDE
CALL TO WORSHIP

***HYMNS** – #70 “Anywhere With Jesus I Can Safely Go” (Vv. 1,2,4)
#233 “Faith Is The Victory” (Vv. 1,2,3)

***RESPONSIVE READING – #350 “Sing With Joy”**

PASTOR: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the lands!

PEOPLE: **Serve the Lord with gladness!**

PASTOR: Come into his presence with singing!

PEOPLE: **Know that the Lord is God! It is he that made us, and we are his.**

PASTOR: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

PEOPLE: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him, bless his name!**

UNISON: **For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures for ever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

PRAYER

SCRIPTURE IN ENGLISH: *Matthew 8:1-13 (P. 1507)*

MESSAGE IN ENGLISH: “Two Healings”

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY
CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER
OFFERING

***HYMN** – #85 “Fairest Lord Jesus” (Vv. 1,2)

SCRIPTURE IN ARMENIAN: *Genesis 4:1-16 (Pp. 6,7)*

MESSAGE IN ARMENIAN: “Cain and Abel”

REMINDERS

***HAYR MER** – #133

***BENEDICTION**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:** “*Park K0ez D0er, Asdvadz M0er*”

POSTLUDE

****Congregation is requested to stand***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FELLOWSHIP HOUR this morning is sponsored by Pastor Mak and Mrs. Jennifer Darawi in honor of their 10th wedding anniversary.

RALLY SUNDAY. Come join us on Sunday, September 13, as we kickoff the 2009/2010 Sunday School year with children’s registration before worship service, Sunday School Staff commissioning during the worship service, and a complimentary fellowship luncheon following the worship service.

ACC CHOIR Our first rehearsal is September 10. We rehearse 7:00-8:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month, and also on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. before worship. Each voice is needed to add to the beautiful sound, glorifying the Lord and encouraging His people. New members are very welcome, so please join us and sing to the Lord!

MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY. We invite all men and women to join us on Wednesday, September 23, at 7:00 p.m. as we continue to study God’s Word together. Why not join us for the first time?

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY.

Pray for Mrs. Marie Arslanian, Marion Artinian, Anahid Haroutunian, and Herbert Jernukian.

Synopsis of the Armenian Message

The story of Cain and Abel represents two people who had a ruptured relationship. They should have lived close to each other. They were brothers. But sin, according to the Genesis record, separated man from his fellow man. It marred basic human relationships. Looking at Cain's life we can discover why his relationship was broken with Abel, his brother.

1. Because Worship was Ignored

Abel was a shepherd, and Cain was a farmer. In the course of their lives, each man brought an offering to God. Cain brought produce from the ground, and Abel brought a sheep. God accepted Abel's offering, but he refused Cain's offering. We are not sure why, but Cain should have known better because his parents had most likely taught him what was acceptable and what was not.

1. Because Divine Counsel was Rejected

Cain disobeyed God's counsel. When God rejected Cain's offering, Cain jealous because God had accepted Abel's offering, acted in bitter resentment toward God. Sin crouched like a wild beast ready to devour him. Cain had an opportunity to check his resentment and jealousy (vv. 6,7), but he did not.

2. Because Brotherly Love was Ignored

Because Cain ignored God's counsel, he failed to treat Abel as a brother. God had intended that Cain and Abel live together in brotherly love. It was not God's will for Cain to have jealousy and resentment for his brother. It was certainly not God's will for Cain to murder his brother. God appealed to Cain immediately after Cain murdered Abel. "Then the Lord said to Cain, 'Where is your brother Abel?' I don't know, he replied. Am I my brother's keeper?" (v. 4:9). Cain felt no responsibility for his brother.

Friends, some valuable lessons can be learned from the mistakes of Cain's life. Look carefully at his mistakes and learn from them. If applied correctly, you will be able to have better relationships in life.