

Begin at the Beginning

**Reflecting Our Creator God:
Progression of Sin and Mercy**

Genesis 4

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the mercy of God

God's loving kindness toward people who continue and progress in rebellion against him.

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The progression of sin and mercy in . . .

Cain's story	1-7
Cain's sons stories	8-24
Seth's story	25-26

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How sin progresses as a force in your personal life:

Your **love for God** – reduced to token, external worship.

Your **response to God** – defensive, angry when provoked.

Your **respect for God** – hurt others to protect your way.

Your **honesty with God** – deny responsibility, hard heart.

Your **fear of God** – protest consequences and
punishment.

How sin progresses as a force in your world.

We build our cities.

formalize our independence from God

We set our own standards.

marriage and family our way

We develop our abilities and creativity.

civilization for our purposes

We celebrate our individuality.

endorse personal freedoms and power

The forces of sin and mercy

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God mercifully appeals to the sinner.

6-7

God mercifully punishes the sinner.

9-15

God mercifully points to his promise.

25-26

I am listening Lord . . .

I humbly repent . . .

I gratefully believe . . .

I joyfully sing . . .