Discerning the Spirits in People

Chapter 12

12.1 Cain or Abel

This is a hard one to go through. It is important for us to understand who we are dealing with.

We are all God's children, but as with all people there are all kinds. So it is important to understand who they are.

It is easy to understand that there are only really 2 types of people: Good and evil.

GE 4:1 "Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man." [2] Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.

Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. [3] In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. [4] But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, [5] but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast."

GE 4:6 "Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? [7] If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it."

GE 4:8 "Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.

> GE 4:9 "Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"

GE 4:10 "The LORD said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. [11] Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. [12] When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."

Here is what the Holy Spirit says about the life of Cain.

HEB 11:4 "By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

Evil has no faith in God.

1JN 3:11 "This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. [12] Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. [13] Do not be surprised, My brothers, if the world hates you. [14] We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. [15] Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him."

JUDE 1:5 "Though you already know all this, I want to remind you that the Lord delivered His people out of Egypt, but later destroyed those who did not believe. [6] And the angels who did not keep their positions of authority but abandoned their own home--these he has kept in darkness, bound with everlasting chains for judgment on the great Day. [7] In a similar way, Sodom and Gomorrah and the surrounding towns gave themselves up to sexual immorality and perversion. They serve as an example of those who suffer the punishment of eternal fire.

JUDE 1:8 "In the very same way, these dreamers pollute their own bodies, reject authority and slander celestial beings. [9] But even the archangel Michael, when he was disputing with the devil about the body of Moses, did not dare to bring a slanderous accusation against him, but said, "The Lord rebuke you!" [10] Yet these men speak abusively against whatever they do not understand; and what things they do understand by instinct, like unreasoning animals--these are the very things that destroy them.

JUDE 1:11 "Woe to them! They have taken the way of Cain; they have rushed for profit into Balaam's error; they have been destroyed in Korah's rebellion.

JUDE 1:12 "These men are blemishes at your love feasts, eating with you without the slightest qualm--shepherds who feed only themselves. They are clouds without rain, blown along by the wind; autumn trees, without fruit and uprooted--twice dead. [13] They are wild waves of the sea, foaming up their shame; wandering stars, for whom blackest darkness has been reserved forever.

JUDE 1:14 "Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men: "See, the Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones [15] to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him." [16] These men are grumblers and faultfinders; they follow their own evil desires; they boast about themselves and flatter others for their own advantage."

JUDE 1:17 "But, dear friends, remember what the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ foretold. [18] They said to you, "In the last times there will be scoffers who will follow their own ungodly desires." [19] These are the men who divide you, who follow mere natural instincts and do not have the Spirit.

JUDE 1:20 "But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit. [21] Keep yourselves in God's love as you wait for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to bring you to eternal life."

JUDE 1:22 "Be merciful to those who doubt; [23] snatch others from the fire and save them; to others show mercy, mixed with fear--hating even the clothing stained by corrupted flesh."

So we see here that people are born of God and others are not. So some are children of God and others are children of the devil—the evil one.

12.2 What happens to those who want to be Wicked—CAIN

RO 1:18 "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, [19] since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. [20] For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities--his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."

RO 1:21 "For although they knew God, they neither glorified Him as God nor gave thanks to Him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. [22] Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools [23] and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like mortal man and birds and animals and reptiles."

RO 1:24 "Therefore God gave them over in the sinful desires of their hearts to sexual impurity for the degrading of their bodies with one another. [25] They exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served created things rather than the Creator--who is forever praised. Amen."

RO 1:26 "Because of this, God gave them over to shameful lusts. Even their women exchanged natural relations for unnatural ones. [27] In the same way the men also abandoned natural relations with women and were inflamed with lust for one another. Men committed indecent acts with other men, and received in themselves the due penalty for their perversion." RO 1:28 "Furthermore, since they did not think it worthwhile to retain the knowledge of God, He gave them over to a depraved mind, to do what ought not to be done. [29] They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips, [30] slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of doing evil; they disobey their parents; [31] they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. [32] Although they know God's righteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also approve of those who practice them."

As we have said many times, you are what you want to be, if you want to be like Able, then God will use all of His efforts to bring you into the Kingdom of God and be adopted as a Child of God, but if you want to be evil—wicked, then He will all you to be like Cain, and He will give you over to the evil ways, the perverted, evil, greedy and deprave ways of your new father the **DEVIL**!

12.3 We are like Sheep

Another analogy of God is that we are His sheep.

MT 10:5 "These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not go among the Gentiles or enter any town of the Samaritans. [6] **Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel.** [7] As you go, preach this message: `The kingdom of heaven is near.' [8] Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. [9] Do not take along any gold or silver or copper in your belts; [10] take no bag for the journey, or extra tunic, or sandals or a staff; for the worker is worth his keep.

MT 25:31 "When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His throne in heavenly glory. [32] All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate the people one from another as a **shepherd separates the sheep** from the goats. [33] He will put the sheep on His right and the goats on His left."

JN 10:1 "I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. [2] The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of His sheep. [3] The watchman opens the gate for Him, and the sheep listen to His voice. He calls His own sheep by name and leads them out. [4] When He has brought out all His own, He goes on ahead of them, and His sheep follow Him because they know His voice. [5] But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice." [6] Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what He was telling them."

JN 10:7 "Therefore Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. [8] All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the

sheep did not listen to them. [9] I am the gate; whoever enters through Me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture. [10] The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

JN 10:11 "I am the Good Shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the **sheep**. [12] The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the **sheep**. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. [13] The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep."

JN 10:14 "I am the Good Shepherd; I know My sheep and My sheep know me-- [15] just as the Father knows Me and I know the Father--and I lay down My life for the sheep. [16] I have other sheep that are not of this sheep pen. I must bring them also. They too will listen to My voice, and there shall be one flock and one shepherd. [17] The reason My Father loves Me is that I lay down My life--only to take it up again. [18] No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of My own accord. I have authority to lay it down and authority to take it up again. This command I received from My Father."

- JN 21:15 "When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love Me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you." Jesus said, "Feed My lambs."
- JN 21:16 "Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love Me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you." Jesus said, "**Take care of My sheep**."

JN 21:17 "The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love Me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love Me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "**Feed My sheep.** [18] I tell you the truth, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." [19] Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow Me!"

HEB 13:20 "May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, **that great Shepherd of the sheep**, [21] equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen."

So God will separate all people into 2 groups: sheep and goats. His children are the sheep and the children of the devil are the goats.

12.4 Children of God

But in full truth we are the Children of God.

JN 1:10 "He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. [11] He came to that which was His own, but His own did not receive Him. [12] **Yet to all who received Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God--** [13] children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God."

RO 8:12 "Therefore, brothers, we have an obligation--but it is not to the sinful nature, to live according to it. [13] For if you live according to the sinful nature, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live, [14] because those who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. [15] For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father." [16] The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are **God's children**. [17] Now if we are children, then we are heirs--heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in His sufferings in order that we may also share in His glory."

RO 8:18 "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. [19] The creation waits in eager expectation for the **sons of God** to be revealed. [20] For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope [21] that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the glorious freedom of the children of God."

RO 8:22 "We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. [23] Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24] For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what he already has? [25] But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently."

PHP 2:12 "Therefore, My dear friends, as you have always obeyed--not only in My presence, but now much more in My absence--continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, [13] for it is God who works in you to will and to act according to his good purpose."

PHP 2:14 "Do everything without complaining or arguing, [15] so that you may become blameless and pure, **children of God** without fault in a crooked and depraved generation, in which you shine like stars in the universe [16] as you

hold out the word of life--in order that I may boast on the day of Christ that I did not run or labor for nothing. [17] But even if I am being poured out like a drink offering on the sacrifice and service coming from your faith, I am glad and rejoice with all of you. [18] So you too should be glad and rejoice with me."

1JN 2:28 "And now, dear children, continue in Him, so that when He appears we may be confident and unashamed before Him at his coming."

GAL 3:23 "Before this faith came, we were held prisoners by the law, locked up until faith should be revealed. [24] So the law was put in charge to lead us to Christ that we might be justified by faith. [25] Now that faith has come, we are no longer under the supervision of the law."

GAL 3:26 "You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, [27] for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. [28] There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. [29] If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

GAL 4:1 "What I am saying is that as long as the **heir is a child**, he is no different from a slave, although he owns the whole estate. [2] He is subject to guardians and trustees until the time set by his father. [3] So also, when we were children, we were in slavery under the basic principles of the world. [4] But when the time had fully come, God sent His Son, born of a woman, born under law, [5] to redeem those under law, that we might **receive the full rights of sons**. [6] Because you are sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." [7] So you are no longer a slave, **but a son**; and since you are a son, **God has made you also an heir.**"

1JN 2:29 "If you know that He is righteous, you know that everyone who does what is right has been born of Him."

1JN 3:1 "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called **children of God**! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. [2] Dear friends, now we are **children of God**, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when He appears, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is. [3] Everyone who has this hope in Him purifies himself, just as He is pure."

1JN 3:4 "Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. [5] But you know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins. And in Him is no sin. [6] No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him."

1JN 3:7 "Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as He is righteous. [8] He who does what is sinful is

of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. [9] No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in Him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. [10] This is how we know who the **children of God are** and **who the children of the devil are**: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother."

1JN 5:1 "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves the father loves **His child as well**. [2] This is how we know that we love the **children of God**: by loving God and carrying out his commands. [3] This is love for God: to obey His commands. And His commands are not burdensome, [4] for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith. [5] Who is it that overcomes the world? Only he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God."

1JN 5:6 "This is the one who came by water and blood--Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. [7] For there are three that testify: [8] the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement. [9] We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which He has given about His Son. [10] Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made Him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son. [11] And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. [12] He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life."

Now God has given lots of laws in the old testament about how to deal with the ungodly. But the main one that I remember is this:

Here is how God sees His repentant children.

LK 15:17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! [18] I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. [19] I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' [20] So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."

LK 15:21 "The son said to him, `Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. '

LK 15:22 "But the father said to his servants, `Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. [23] Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let's have a feast and celebrate. [24] For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.' So they began to celebrate."

MT 18:10 "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father in heaven."

MT 18:12 "What do you think? If a man owns a hundred sheep, and one of them wanders away, will he not leave the ninety-nine on the hills and go to look for the one that wandered off? [13] And if he finds it, I tell you the truth, he is happier about that one sheep than about the ninety-nine that did not wander off. [14] In the same way your Father in heaven is not willing that any of these little ones should be lost."

Or

LK 15:3 "Then Jesus told them this parable: [4] "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? [5] And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders [6] and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found My lost sheep.' [7] I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

LK 15:8 "Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins and loses one. Does she not light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? [9] And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, `Rejoice with me; I have found My lost coin.' [10] In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

LK 15:11 "Jesus continued: "There was a man who had two sons. [12] The younger one said to his father, 'Father, give me my share of the estate.' So he divided his property between them."

LK 15:13 "Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. [14] After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. [15] So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. [16] He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything." LK 15:17 "When he came to his senses, he said, 'How many of my father's hired men have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! [18] I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. [19] I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired men.' [20] So he got up and went to his father. "But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him."

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LK 15:25 "Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. [26] So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. [27] 'Your brother has come,' he replied, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.""

God is very happy to have back on of His lost children. Because He is the King and so He treats us as the Prince and Princess.

12.5 We must live

Remember above in Chapter 12.2, who Cains are, they are evil, God knows that they cannot be saved, that is why He gave them to their father the DEVIL! They are evil, and so He knows that we cannot save them, and so we are not to appease them and/or die for them. We are to live for His Children, to save them and protect them.

EX 22:18 "Do not allow a sorceress to live" or in the King James version, "Suffer not a witch to live."

LEV 20:6 " 'I will set My face against the person who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute himself by following them, and I will cut him off from his people."

LEV 20:27 " `A man or woman who is a medium or spiritist among you must be put to death. You are to stone them; their blood will be on their own heads.' "

RO 1:18 "The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, [19] since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made

it plain to them. [20] For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities-his eternal power and divine nature--have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse."

This means that we are not to suffer or have pain or loss of trying to save a witch or sorceress. This person is a little different than others in that they know and have decided to follow their father the devil. This is a person who is dedicated to the devil and the Lord does not want that any of His holy, pure, good and righteous children to suffer for a person whose father that they have chosen to serve, the devil.

God has given lots of mandates in Deuteronomy and exodus regarding how to deal with people who do evil, but this one is different in that it is for the one who is evil. I do not believe that He is telling us to be Buffy the Vampire Slayer in that we are to seek out and kill them but that we are not to have any mercy on them and if there is choice between one of God's children and a witch is to live, the result will always be God's children will come first.

However, we cannot do our job for God if we die for Cains. God says to bend over backwards for Abels but not Cains.

MT 5:38 "You have heard that it was said, 'Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.' [39] But I tell you, Do not resist an evil person. If someone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also. [40] And if someone wants to sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. [41] If someone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles. [42] Give to the one who asks you, and do not turn away from the one who wants to borrow from you.

MT 5:43 "You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' [44] But I tell you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, [45] that you may be sons of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous. [46] If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? [47] And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that? [48] Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Here He is giving the general rule of how to treat people who are going evil to you, because they did not understand the decrement of the spirits, to know if the person doing evil is a Cain or Abel, but we have the Holy Spirit who will help us to discern. This also gives God a cause to use against these evil people. But for us we walk through the shadow of the valley and we fear no evil, because He is with us. And doing this allows God to be God and to be the one to protect us, such as a gun misfiring or other miracles.

Here is Luke's version of it.

LK 6:27 "But I tell you who hear me: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, [28] bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. [29] If someone strikes you on one cheek, turn to him the other also. If someone takes your cloak, do not stop him from taking your tunic. [30] Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. [31] Do to others as you would have them do to you.

LK 6:32 "If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' love those who love them. [33] And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' do that. [34] And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even 'sinners' lend to 'sinners,' expecting to be repaid in full. [35] But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, because He is kind to the ungrateful and wicked. [36] Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

LK 6:37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. [38] Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

LK 6:39 "He also told them this parable: "Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? [40] A student is not above his teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like his teacher.

Paul summarizes it wonderfully:

RO 12:17 "Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everybody. [18] If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. [19] Do not take revenge, My friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord. [20] On the contrary:

"If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head."

RO 12:21 "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

This is because we do not know if that person doing evil is a Abel or a Cain. So in doing this the Abel will be convicted by the Holy Spirit, turn to God and you will have saved him.

JN 16:5 "Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' [6] Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief. [7] But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. [8] When He comes, He will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and **righteousness and judgment:** [9] in regard to sin, because men do not believe in Me; [10] in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see Me no longer; [11] and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned."

But this does not work with Cains. They will try to destroy you no matter what.

But of the end days He says:

LK 22:35 "Then Jesus asked them, "When I sent you without purse, bag or sandals, did you lack anything?"

"Nothing," they answered.

LK 22:36 "He said to them, "But now if you have a purse, take it, and also a bag; and if you don't have a sword, sell your cloak and buy one. [37] It is written: **`And He was numbered with the transgressors'**; and I tell you that this must be fulfilled in Me. Yes, what is written about Me is reaching its fulfillment."

LK 22:38 "The disciples said, "See, Lord, here are two swords." "That is enough," He replied."

Because in the end days we will be going against many evil things. Read Ezekiel 5, & 14

EZE 14:12 "The word of the LORD came to me: [13] "Son of man, if a country sins against me by being unfaithful and I stretch out My hand against it to cut off its food supply and send famine upon it and kill its men and their animals, [14] even if these three men--Noah, Daniel and Job--were in it, they could save only themselves by their righteousness, declares the Sovereign LORD.

EZE 14:15 "Or if I send wild beasts through that country and they leave it childless and it becomes desolate so that no one can pass through it because of the beasts, [16] as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, even if these three men were in it, they could not save their own sons or daughters. They alone would be saved, but the land would be desolate.

EZE 14:17 "Or if I bring a sword against that country and say, `Let the sword pass throughout the land,' and I kill its men and their animals, [18] as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, even if these three men were in it, they could not save their own sons or daughters. They alone would be saved.

EZE 14:19 "Or if I send a plague into that land and pour out My wrath upon it through bloodshed, killing its men and their animals, [20] as surely as I live, declares the Sovereign LORD, even if Noah, Daniel and Job were in it, they could save neither son nor daughter. They would save only themselves by their righteousness. EZE 14:21 "For this is what the Sovereign LORD says: How much worse will it be when I send against Jerusalem My four dreadful judgments--sword and famine and wild beasts and plague--to kill its men and their animals! [22] Yet there will be some survivors--sons and daughters who will be brought out of it. They will come to you, and when you see their conduct and their actions, you will be consoled regarding the disaster I have brought upon Jerusalem--every disaster I have brought upon it. [23] You will be consoled when you see their conduct and their actions, for you will know that I have done nothing in it without cause, declares the Sovereign LORD."

REV 6:7 "When the Lamb opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature say, "Come!" [8] I looked, and there before me was a pale horse! Its rider was named Death, and Hades was following close behind him. They were given power over a fourth of the earth to kill by sword, famine and plague, and by the wild beasts of the earth."

Lately the Lord has explained that the "wild beasts" means the same as people being lawless or being full of lawlessness—a terrible evil spirit.

2TH 2:1 "Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to Him, we ask you, brothers, [2] not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. [3] Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed, the man doomed to destruction. [4] He will oppose and will exalt himself over everything that is called God or is worshiped, so that he sets himself up in God's temple, proclaiming himself to be God.

2TH 2:5 "Don't you remember that when I was with you I used to tell you these things? [6] And now you know what is holding him back, so that he may be revealed at the proper time. [7] For the secret power of lawlessness is already at work; but the one who now holds it back will continue to do so till he is taken out of the way. [8] And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will overthrow with the breath of His mouth and destroy by the splendor of His coming. [9] The coming of the lawless one will be in accordance with the work of Satan displayed in all kinds of counterfeit miracles, signs and wonders, [10] and in every sort of evil that deceives those who are perishing. They perish because they refused to love the truth and so be saved. [11] For this reason God sends them a powerful delusion so that they will believe the lie [12] and so that all will be condemned who have not believed the truth but have delighted in wickedness."

This lawless person is a witch. This is why the Lord told us to have swords or a means of defending our families and ourselves.

12.6 Conclusion

In conclusion, do not feel sorry for the evil ones like Cain, but rather the children of God. They are the ones we are to take care of and support; not the Cain's only the Abel's.

MT 18:10 "See that you do not look down on one of these little ones. For I tell you that their angels in heaven always see the face of My Father in heaven."

LK 17:1" Jesus said to his disciples: "Things that cause people to sin are bound to come, but woe to that person through whom they come. [2] It would be better for him to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around his neck than for him to cause one of these little ones to sin. [3] So watch yourselves. "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him. [4] If he sins against you seven times in a day, and seven times comes back to you and says, `I repent,' forgive him."

Also with this in mind, remember that what is to come is mostly for judgment against Cains and as a witness to the Abels of God's love, mercy and power.

Now you ask as to how to determine the people of God and the people of the devil:

1JN 4:1 "Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. [2] This is how you can recognize the Spirit of God: Every spirit that acknowledges that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, [3] but every spirit that does not acknowledge Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming and even now is already in the world."

1JN 4:4 "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the One who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world. [5] They are from the world and therefore speak from the viewpoint of the world, and the world listens to them. [6] We are from God, and whoever knows God listens to us; but whoever is not from God does not listen to us. This is how we recognize the Spirit of truth and the spirit of falsehood." People