

# Exegetical Analysis – Genesis 4:4-7

**4-7 – Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering; [5] but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. [6] Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? [7] If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."**

דוֹקֵבֶל הָבִיא גַם־הוּא מִבְּכֹרוֹת צֹאֲנוֹ וּמִסְלֵבֵהֶן בְּיָשׁוּעַ יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי־הַבֶּל וְאֶל־מִנְחָתוֹ: הַוָּאֶל־קֵינוֹ וְאֶל־מִנְחָתוֹ לֹא שָׁעָה בְּעֵינֵי לַקְוֹן מֵאֲד וַיִּפְּלוּ פָנָיו: וַיֵּאמֶר יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵינוּ לְמִיָּה תִּקְרָה לָךְ וְלִמְיָה גִּפְלוּ פָנֶיךָ זִקְלוֹא אִם־תִּיטִיב שְׂאֵת וְאִם לֹא תִיטִיב לִפְתַּח סְטָאֵת רַבָּץ וְאֵלֶיךָ תִּשְׁוֹקְתוּ וְאַתָּה תִּמְשָׁל־בּוֹ:

Countenance:

H7613 - שָׂעָת

Transliteration: sē'eth

Pronunciation: seh·āth'

Part of Speech: feminine noun

Root Word (Etymology): From שָׂעָת (H5375)

Outline of Biblical Usage:

1. elevation, exaltation, dignity, swelling, uprising
2. dignity, exaltation, loftiness
3. swelling
4. uprising

Dignity has nothing to do with salvation. Of course, Cain could make a choice to do something well, he had chosen (according to his nature and desire) to do something not well [vs.5]. Nothing here speaks of salvation, nothing here speaks of coming to God...

1 John 3:12 NASB

not as Cain, who was of the evil one and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

No one can please God aside from faith...

Hebrews 11:6 NASB

And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.