

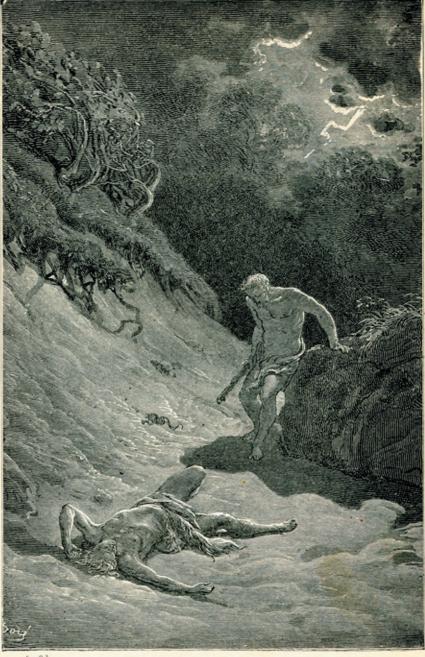
Envy and Jealousy.

IVE Solomon's words concerning the over-powering strength of envy.

"Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand be-

- 2. What scripture shows the exceeding cruelty of jealousy?
- "Jealousy is cruel as the grave: the coals thereof are coals of fire, which hath a most vehement flame." Cant. 8:6, last part.
- 3. What striking illustration do we find of this?
- "Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil and his brother's righteous."

 1 John 3:12. [527]



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RESULT OF CAIN'S ENVY.

- 4. Can a man be a murderer in spirit?
- "Whoso hateth his brother is a murderer." I John 3:15.
- Give other circumstances where men have been controlled by an envious spirit, and state the result.
- "And the patriarchs, moved with envy, sold Joseph into Egypt." Acts 7:9.

 "But when the Jews saw the multitudes, they were filled with envy, and spake against those things which were spoken by Paul, contradicting and blaspheming." Acts 13:45.
- 6. What is the condition of things where envy reigns?
- "For where envying and strife is, there is confusion and every evil work." James 3: 16.
- 7. What effect does envy have upon its possessor?
- "For wrath killeth the foolish man, and envy slayeth the silly one." Job 5:2.

 "A sound heart is the life of the flesh: but envy, the rottenness of the bones."

 Prov. 14:30.
- 8. Show the persistency of those who are actuated by envy.
- "Full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity, whisperers, . . . who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them." Rom. I: 29-32.
- 9. How free from malice should the child of God be, even toward an enemy?
- "Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth, and let not thine heart be glad when he stumbleth." Prov. 24: 17. "But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you." Matt. 5: 44.
- 10. Will any be saved who retain the spirit of envy in the heart?
- "Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God." Gal. 5:21.
- 11. Is this sentence just?
 - "But we are sure that the judgment of God is according to truth against them which commit such things." Rom. 2:2.
- 12. What is the fountain from which both good and evil spring?
 - "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil." Luke 6: 45.
- 13. Then why should the heart be watched closely?
 - "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life." Prov. 4:23.