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Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's Day
"The Voice That Still Cries Out"

Texts:

- Genesis 4:8–10 – “Your brother’s blood cries out from the ground.”
- Hebrews 11:4 – “Though he died, he still speaks.”

Introduction: In Genesis 4, Abel is murdered, yet God declares that Abel’s blood still has a voice. Death did not silence him. His life, his righteousness, and even his suffering continued to speak. God hears the voice of the injured, the marginalized, and the mistreated.

Later, in **Exodus 3:7**, God tells Moses that He has *seen* the suffering of His people and has *heard* their cry. Divine action was triggered by observation and by voice.

In that same tradition, **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. stands as a modern reflection of Moses**—a man called by God in response to a people whose suffering God observed and whose cries God heard.

Like Abel’s blood crying out from the ground, **Dr. King’s assassination did not silence his voice**. His voice still cries out. It still calls for justice. It still reminds the world that we are still here, and we will not become extinct.

There is something powerful about a people whose voices cannot be silenced—even when the enemy and hostile circumstances try to shut them down. Your mouth doesn’t have to be open for God to hear your voice. God always listens. This leads us to our first truth.

1. Righteous lives expose unrighteous hearts.
 - Abel did right — and it made Cain angry.
 - Dr. King lived for justice — and it made others afraid.
 - Truth doesn’t create hatred; truth reveals it.
Point: *Light doesn’t cause darkness — light exposes it*
2. Resistance resorts to ruthless violence.
 - Cain killed Abel instead of changing himself.
 - Dr. King was killed because his message could not be defeated morally.
 - Violence is the language of those who have no righteous argument left.
Point: *When truth can’t be defeated, it is attacked.*
3. A redeeming God hears what the world tries to silence.
 - Abel’s blood cried out to God.
 - King’s voice still cries out through history, laws, and conscience.
 - God never ignores innocent suffering or the need for redeeming all.
Point: *What the world buries, God broadcasts.*

Conclusion: God asked Cain — not for information, but for responsibility. We are responsible for how we respond to injustice today. Honoring Dr. King means living his message, not just quoting him.

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