

Old Testament Lesson 5

“IF THOU DOEST WELL, THOU SHALT BE ACCEPTED”

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1. Adam and Eve Serve God, Have Children and Begin to Populate the Earth.

A. *Moses 5:1*: Adam “began to eat his bread by the sweat of his brow,” . . . Eve “did labor with him.” [*Not in the Bible.*]

B. *Moses 5:2-3*: “Adam knew his wife, and she bare unto him sons and daughters, and they began to multiply and to replenish the earth.” The sons and daughters “began to divide two and two in the land, . . . and they also begat sons and daughters.” [*Not in the Bible.*]

C. *Moses 5:4-5*: Adam and Eve called upon the name of the Lord, . . . and “he gave unto them commandments, that they should (1) worship the Lord their God, and should (2) offer the firstlings of their flocks, for an offering unto the Lord. And Adam was obedient unto the commandments of the Lord.” [*Not in the Bible.*]

D. *Moses 5:6-8*: After many days an angel appeared to Adam and taught him what God desired of him. *Concerning sacrifices*: “This thing is a similitude of the sacrifice of the Only Begotten of the Father.” *Concerning commandments*: (1) “thou shalt do all that thou doest in the name of the Son, and (2) thou shalt repent and (3) call upon God in the name of the Son forevermore.” [*Not in the Bible.*]

E. *Moses 5:9*: “The Holy Ghost fell upon Adam,” bore record of the Father and the Son, and taught that he and all mankind may be redeemed from the fall. [*Not in the Bible.*] See also vv. 14, 58.

F. *Moses 5:10-11*: Adam and Eve prophesied concerning the results of the fall and atonement: *Adam*: (1) because of my transgression my eyes are opened, (2) in this life I shall have joy, (3) again in the flesh I shall see God. *Eve*: (1) were it not for the transgression we never should have had seed, (2) never should have known good and evil, (3) never should have had the joy of our redemption, and (4) never would have eternal life which God gives to the obedient. [*Not in the Bible.*]

G. *Moses 5:12*: “Adam and Eve blessed the name of God, and they made all things known unto their sons and their daughters.” [*Not in the Bible.*]

2. Cain’s Offering is Rejected, Abel’s is Accepted

A. *Moses 5:13*: “Satan came among them, saying: (1) I am also a son of God: and (2) he commanded them, saying: Believe it not.” [*Not in the Bible.*]

B. *Moses 5:13*: They loved Satan more than God. Men became, from that time forth, (1) carnal, (2) sensual, and (3) devilish. [*Not in the Bible.*]

C. *Moses 5:14-15*: “The Lord called upon men by the Holy Ghost everywhere and commanded them that they should repent.” *God’s firm decree that must be fulfilled*: (1) “As many as believed in the Son, and repented of their sins, should be saved; and (2) as many as believed not and repented not, should be damned.” [*Not in the Bible.*]

D. *Moses 5:16-17; Gen. 4:1-2*: “Adam knew Eve his wife” and she bare Cain and then Abel. “Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.”

E. *Moses 5:16-17*: “Cain hearkened not, saying: Who is the Lord that I should know him?” . . . Abel hearkened unto the voice of the Lord.” [*Not in the Bible.*]

F. *Moses 5:18*: “Cain loved Satan more than God. And Satan commanded him, saying, Make an offering unto the Lord.” *Unwritten but implied*: “You’re a farmer. Offer up some of the crops you’ve raised.” Satan knew the commandment was to “offer the firstlings of their flocks” [*Moses 5:5*] so Cain’s offering wouldn’t be acceptable to the Lord. [*Not in the Bible.*]

G. *Moses 5:19-21; Gen. 4:3-5*: Cain brought an offering of “the fruit of the ground”; Abel brought “of the firstlings of his flock, and the fat thereof.” The Lord “had respect” of Abel’s offering but “he had

not respect” for Cain’s offering. [Moses 5:21: *Not in the Bible*: “Satan knew this, and it pleased him.”] “Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.”

3. The Lord Presents Alternatives to Cain.

A. *Moses 5:22-23; Gen. 4:6-7*: The Lord’s alternatives presented to Cain [and by extension, to all mankind]: *Righteousness*: “If thou doest well, thou shalt be accepted.” *Wickedness*: “If thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door, and Satan desireth to have thee; and except thou shalt hearken unto my commandments, I will deliver thee up, and it shall be unto thee according to his desire.” [*Paraphrased*: “You’ll have to do what Satan wants you to do.” *But see below.*]

B. *Genesis 4:7*: [*An incomplete, convoluted verse; impossible to understand without Moses 5:23-31*] “. . . if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door, and unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him.”

C. *Moses 5:23-31*: The Lord warns both Satan and Cain of potential punishments: [At this point, the situation is still conditional, for the Lord says to Cain, “This is a cursing which I *will* put upon thee, *except thou repent.*” [v. 25]

1. [23] “It shall be unto thee [Cain] according to his [Satan’s] desire.”

2. [24] “Thou [Cain] shall rule over him [Satan].”

3. [24] “From this time forth thou [Cain] shall be the father of his [Satan’s] lies.”

4. [24] “Thou [Cain] shall be called *Perdition*. [“lost” - See *Jn. 17:12.*] (Satan [Lucifer] is also called *Perdition* because he was “thrust down from the presence of God - D&C 76:25-27. Those who follow Satan and Cain and are truly lost are called “sons of *Perdition.*”)

5. [25] “It shall be said in time to come—That these abominations were had from Cain; for he rejected the greater counsel which was had from God.” [*Not in the Bible.*]

D. *Moses 5:26*: “Cain was wroth, and listened not any more to the voice of the Lord, neither to Abel, his brother, who walked in holiness before the Lord.” [*Not in the Bible.*]

E. *Moses 5:27*: “Adam and his wife mourned before the Lord, because of Cain and his brethren.” [*Not in the Bible.*]

4. Satan Tempts Cain, Cain and his followers Covenant With Satan, Cain Kills Abel.

A. *Moses 5:29*: Satan made Cain and his brethren swear they would die rather than tell the secret [of murder] which Satan would reveal to Cain. [*Not in the Bible.*]

B. *Moses 5:30*: [Satan relinquished leadership control to Cain.] “Satan swore that he [Satan] would do according to his [Cain’s] commands.” [*Not in the Bible.*]

C. *Moses 5:31, 33*: [“Cain gloried in his wickedness.”] “Truly I am Mahan, the master of this great secret, that I may murder and get gain. Wherefore, Cain was called Master Mahan.” [*Not in the Bible.*] Cain also gloried, saying “I am free,” thought his brother’s flocks would become his. [v. 33]

5. Cain Kills Abel, and Is Punished.

A. *Moses 5:32-35; Gen. 4:8-10*: Cain murders Abel. When the Lord asks Cain where Abel is, Cain replies, “*Am I my brother’s keeper?*”

: B. *Moses 5:36-40; Gen. 4:11-15*: (1) *The ground won’t yield her strength to you* [v. 37]; (2) *you’ll be a fugitive* (3) *and a vagabond* [vv. 37, 39]; (4) *he feared for his life, so the Lord put a “mark” upon him so others wouldn’t kill him* [vv. 39-40]; (5) *he was “shut out from the presence of the Lord”* [vv. 41, 39].

C. See Apostle David Patten’s account of meeting Cain. [*The Miracle of Forgiveness*, pp. 127-28].

6. Two Genealogical Lines: One Wicked, One Righteous.

A. *Cain’s wicked line*: Cain married his niece; they loved Satan. [Moses 5:28] Cain’s generations: (1) Enoch; (2) Irad; (3) Mahujael; (4) Methusael; (5) Lamech; (6) Jabal, Jubal, and Tubal Cain [vv. 42-46]. Lamech slew Irad and was cast out. [vv. 47-56] There was a secret combination [vv. 51-52]; “and thus the

works of darkness began to prevail among all the sons of men.” [vv. 55-56] See Moses 6:15, 27-29.

B. *Adam's righteous generations*: (1) Seth; (2) Enos; (3) Cainan; (4) Mahalaleel; (5) Jared; (6) Enoch; (7) Methusaleh; (8) Lamech; (9) Noah; (10) Ham, Shem, Japheth. (Moses 6:1-25; 8:1-12. Genesis 5:1-32]

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