

## 5-Redeeming Cain

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### INTRO:

#### I. **Genesis 4:1-16**

*And Adam “knew” his wife Chavah, and she conceived a bore Qayin. And she said, “I have **redeemed** a man from YHWH.” Later she gave birth to his brother Havel. And it was that Havel was a keeper of sheep, Qayin was a worker of the **ground**.*

*→ 3 In the course of time Qayin brought some of the fruits of the **ground** as an offering to YHWH. And Havel also brought from the firstlings of his flock, and the fat portions. But YHWH showed regard to Havel and his offering, but to Qayin and his offering he did not show regard.*

*→ 5 So this angered Qayin very much, and his face was downcast. Then the YHWH said to Qayin, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do well will you not be **raised up**? (But if you do not do well, **sin** is crouching at your door) His **desire** would be for you, and you would **rule** over him?”*

*→ 8 Now Qayin spoke to his brother Havel, and while they were in the field, Qayin **rose up** against Havel his brother and killed him. Then YHWH said to Qayin, “Where is Havel your brother?” And he said “I do not know, am I my brother’s **keeper**?”*

*→ 10 And YHWH said, “What have you done? Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the **ground**. Now you are under a curse and driven from the **ground**, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the **ground**, it will no longer yield its crops for you.”*

*→ You will be a vagabond and a **wanderer** on the earth. Qayin said to YHWH, “My **iniquity** is more than I can bear. Today you have **driven** me from the **presence** of the ground, and I will be hidden from your **presence**. I will be a a vagabond and a **wanderer** on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”*

*→ But YHWH said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Qayin will suffer **sevenfold** vengeance.” Then YHWH put a **mark** on Qayin so that no*

one who found him would kill him. So Qayin went out from YHWH's presence, and lived in the land of **Wander**, east of Eden.

## BODY:

### I. Free from Jealousy

6 Then the YHWH said to Qayin, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you **do well** will you not be raised up? His desire would be for you, and you would rule over him?"

A. Jealousy rises up when we compare ourselves to others.

1) **1 John 3:12-13**

*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.*

2) TOM FERGUSON—SHAMMAH AND HIS PEA PATCH

B. If we focus on our own actions the rest takes care of itself.

1) **Galatians 6:4**

*Each one should test their own actions. Then they can take pride in themselves alone, without comparing themselves to someone else.*

2) GETTING TO KNOW STEVE MICKEL

### II. Free from Resentment

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. When you work the **ground**, it will no longer yield its crops for you."

A. Resentment poisons the very ground we walk upon.

1) **James 3:14-16**

*But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth . . . For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.*

2) GETTING RID OF THE ETHENOL IN MY CARBS

B. If our heart is willing we can hear wisdom from the past.

1) **Hebrews 11:4**

*By faith Abel brought God a better offering than Cain did. By faith he was commended as righteous, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith Abel still speaks, even though he is dead.*

2) **THE FIRE THAT FUELS THE GAZA STRIP**

- a) 1956 Suez Crisis removes Britain as a power
- b) 1967 Six Days War put Israel in charge of Gaza
- c) 1973 Yom Kippur War make US the new target
- b) 1981 Anwar Saddat assassinated

### **III. Free from Isolation**

13 Qayin said to YHWH, "My **punishment** is more than I can bear. Today you have driven me from the face of the ground, and I will be hidden from **your presence**. I will be a a vagabond and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me."

A. Guilt keeps us from enjoying the presence of the Lord.

1) **Ephesians 4:18**

*They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.*

2) **ENJOYING THE DIVE AFTER THE AIR WAS RESTORED**

B. God's love finds us no matter how far we have wandered.

1) **1 John 4:18**

*There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

2) **FINDING MY SON BY LOVE A PERSERVERANCE**