



## “Really NEW Year”

Doing Well  
Genesis 4:8-16

We need a NEW view of:

### I. Normal – “sin lies at the door” (vs. 8-10)

Concerned about your:

A. **Reactions** – “rose up against Abel his brother”

B. **Responsibility** – “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

C. **Reputation** – “thy brother’s blood crieth”

### II. Employment – “when thou tillest the ground” (vs. 9-12)

Cognizant of how sin affects our :

A. **Selection** – “Cursed from the earth ”

B. **Success** - “shall not yield unto thee”

C. **Stability** – “a fugitive and a vagabond”

### III. Worship- “said unto the Lord ” (vs. 13-16)

Celebrating God’s :

A. **Power** – “is greater than I can bear”

B. **Pity** – “the Lord set a mark upon Cain”

C. **Presence** – “out from the presence of the Lord”

**God’s Presence is found: Garden of Eden, the whole world, the 2 or more in His name, the praises of His people, In prayer, the reading of His Word**

## 6 ways to practice the presence of God throughout your day (SLIDE)

- **1. Begin each day conscious of God through Music.**
  - Colossians 3:16, Ephesians 5:19
- **2. Read God’s Word. II Timothy 3:16**
- **3. Pray.**
  - Dedicate yourself to God’s service ([Romans 12:1](#)).
  - Confess any known sin and pray for your needs and the needs of others ([1 John 1:9](#); [James 5:16b](#)).
  - Speak to the Lord throughout the day
  - Don’t allow problems to cloud God’s presence ([Philippians 4:6-7](#)).
- **4. Be thankful in every situation.**
  - Learn to thank the Lord in every situation you face ([1 Thessalonians 5:18](#)). ([Romans 8:28](#)).
- **5. Be quiet in God’s presence.**
  - God’s words: “Be still, and know that I am God” ([Psalm 46:10](#)) .
- **6. At the close of the day, Meditate on His Word.**
  - Psalm 1:1-6 Meditate on His Word so that the last conscious thoughts on your mind are of His faithfulness.

- This is how we worship and get to know God better. To know Him is to Love Him. **You can only be loved to the extent that you are known.**

### Conclusion:

If it is true that, “you can only be loved to the extent that you are known,” How well do you know God?

### **INTRODUCTION:**

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR !!**

**Do we understand what we are even wishing? What is the meaning of NEW?**

**I would like to propose that we embrace the NEW year as a year that says New = *markedly different from what was before.***

### Exegesis

#### Some key words :

1. Brother = 6 times mentioned
2. Earth or Ground = Adamah (man making material) or erets (the world as we know it = universal)
3. Fugitive = nuwa = unstable or wander
4. Vagabond = nuwd = pitiful or evoke sympathy

### Verse 8

- Cain talked = said to his brother, notice:
  - Cain did not talk to God about what he was told to do
  - Cain did not talk to himself and think it through
  - Cain did lure his brother out to murder him = “Let us go out into the field” (Septuagint, Samaritan Pentateuch)
- Rose up and slew him = killed him

### Verse 9

- The Lord said :
  - To Cain = directly confronting his wrong behavior... He does the same with us
  - Where is Abel ? = Not like with Adam when he had sinned, “Where are you?”
  - Your brother = **YOUR OWN BROTHER!**
- And he (Cain) said:
  - I know not =
    - Flat out lie !
    - Plea of Ignorance
  - Am I my brother’s keeper?

- Questioning God's Fairness
- Questioning His Responsibility
  - as:
    - Kinfolk
    - Neighbor

### Verse 10

- What hast thou done? = Accountability !!!
- The voice of thy brother's blood crieth = Blood's voice --- Luke 11:50-51 = prophet; Hebrews 12:24 = Jesus blood speaks ?
- Unto me from the ground = God sees innocent human life and its blood as precious and is very aware of its passing.
  - *Connect to News article about abortion clinic in Md. That found over 30 babies in the freezer that were aborted nearly full term.*

### Verse 11

- And now art thou cursed = 1<sup>st</sup> time person is cursed ...snake, ground, but now Cain
- Which has open her mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand

### Verse 12 ~

- will not yield her strength = the normal results will not be normal for you...God has control over what works and what doesn't.

### Verse 13

- My punishment = my iniquity or consequences thereof.
- Greater than I can bear = I cant deal with it or overcome it.

### Verse 14

- Behold: = You have done this to me:
  - Driven me out = divorced me
  - From thy face shall I be hid = strange perspective of who is hiding from who
  - I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond = my life will be aimless and worthless
  - Every one that finds me shall slay me = A little over the top...egotistical or self absorbed

### Verse 15

- And the Lord set a mark upon Cain = better  
“for” Cain = God’s mercy and grace still  
flowing

### Verse 16

- Cain went out from the presence of the Lord =  
evidently was in the presence of the Lord  
before...perhaps indicating that Adam and  
Eve still enjoyed the presence of God even  
after being kicked out of the garden.
- At least from the record of Josephus...Cain  
became a man known for an insatiable desire for  
things and for power. He build up a community  
of violence and wealth.

### Sentence Sermon:

**"Doing Well in the *NEW* year will be  
directly connected to *Our Love of God* ."**

### Additional Verses

- *I John 3:12- Cain’s works were evil*
- *Luke 11:50-51 – Abel as a prophet?*
- *Hebrews 12:24- Christ blood contrasted to Abels*

- *II Thessalonians 1:7-10 = The end judgment includes*  
*separation from the presence of God.*
- **Music- Colossians 3:16; Ephesians 5:19**
- **Read the Word – II Timothy 3:16; Psalm 119:105**
- **Pray – Philippians 4:16; Romans 12:1; James 5:16; 4:15**
- **Be Thankful – I Thessalonians 5:18; Romans 8:28**
- **Be Quiet – Psalm 46:10; James 1:19**
- **Meditate – Psalm 1:1-6; Joshua 1:8**

### Questions to Ponder:

1. How many sins can you find in this passage?
2. What is the curse of verse of 11 and who is it on, on Cain or on the earth?
3. What is the meaning of being called a fugitive and a vagabond? Why do you suppose this will be an accurate description of Cain?
4. Was Cain driven out from the presence of the Lord or is this just his perception?