

Where Cain Lived



- We are introduced to Cain as one who worshiped in the presence of the Lord.
- *And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord. 4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering, 5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell. Gen. 4:3-5*



Where Cain Moved

- When God did not give Cain what he thought he deserved, he moved away.
- *Then Cain went out from the presence of the Lord and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden. Gen 4:16*
- How can someone do that?
- *The wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts. Ps 10:4*

Where Cain Moved



- **Multitudes have imitated Cain:**
- *For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, 21 because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Rom. 1:20-22*

Where Enoch Lived



- **First Enoch lived, then Enoch walked with God in His presence.**
- *Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. 22 After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. Gen 5:21-24*

Where Enoch Lived



- **Multitudes have imitated Cain:**
- *By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. Heb. 11:5-6*
- **Enoch wanted to draw near to God. He was willing to change anything to remain in God's presence. He pleased God because he wanted to walk with God.**

Where Do We Live?



Do we seek to live in God's presence?

Are we always aware He is with us, watching, loving, listening, waiting?

Are we doing all within our power to be friends?

It is Impossible



“In him we live, move, have our being”

Acts 17:28

Can Only be a State of Mind

- Some don't want there to be a God, but that does not cause Him to cease to exist.
- Some don't believe there is a God, but that too does not wipe Him out of existence.
- There is nothing we can do about God.
 - We can ignore Him.
 - We can pretend He is not there.
 - We can even be angry with Him.
- But we will always live, more and have our being in His presence.

This is What James Seeks To Reveal

- *Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.*
Jas. 4:8
- It is in our best interests to draw near to God.
- It is the true reality of life:
- *As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people." 17 Therefore "Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you." 18 'I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters, Says the Lord Almighty.' 2 Cor 6:16-18*

Those who lived In His Presence

- *Enoch walked with God Gen 5:24*
- *Noah found favor Gen 6:8*
- *Abraham my friend Isa 41:8; Jas 2:23*
- *Daniel greatly beloved Dan 10:11*
- *Job - None like him Job 1:8*
- *Moses faithful in all my house Num 12:7-8*
- *as a man to his friend Ex 33: 11*
- *David after God's own heart. I Sam 13:14*
- *Clearly it is possible; just need to want it!*

Those who lived in His Presence

- *all died in faith Heb 11:13-16*
- *confessed they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth.*
- *Seeking a country of their own.*
- *If mindful of country they left had opportunity to return.*
- *God is not ashamed to be called their God, prepared a city for them.*

Why Would We Ignore Him?

- *Walk humbly with your God. Mic 6:6-8*
- *Jehovah is near them that are of a broken heart and contrite spirit. Ps 34:18*
- *I dwell with him that is of a humble and contrite spirit. Isa 57:15*
- *To this man will I look; to him that is poor and has a contrite spirit and trembles at my word Isa 66:2*
- *If we confess our sins he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us of all unrighteousness. I Jn 1:8*



God Wants to be our Friend

● *Now all things are of God, who has **reconciled** us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us the ministry of **reconciliation**, 19 that is, that God was in Christ **reconciling** the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and has committed to us the word of **reconciliation**. 20 Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be **reconciled** to God. 21 For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2Cor 5:17-21*

Where Do we want to live?



With God for all Eternity?
Out of God's Presence for
All Eternity?