

Moses 5:22–39

Moses 5:22–25 contains the Lord’s warning to Cain concerning the consequences of his choices. Read the Lord’s warning recorded in verse 23. You may want to mark the word *if* wherever it appears in this verse.

Based on what you have learned from verse 23, discuss how you might complete the following principle, and write your answer in the space provided:

If we hearken to the Lord’s warnings, then

Discuss the following question:

- How do the Lord’s warnings demonstrate His love for us?

Read Moses 5:26, looking for how Cain responded to the Lord’s warning. Then discuss the following question:

- Why do you think it was a mistake for Cain to respond to the Lord’s warning in this way?

After rejecting the Lord’s warning, Cain continued to listen to Satan. Read Moses 5:29–31, looking for what Satan offered Cain and how Cain responded to this offer.

You may want to mark the following phrases in your scriptures: “that thy father may not know it” (Moses 5:29) and “all these things were done in secret” (Moses 5:30).

Discuss the following questions:

- What did Satan offer Cain?
- How did Cain respond to Satan’s offer?
- Why do you think Satan’s promise to keep Cain’s sins secret appealed to Cain?
- How does the Lord’s way of dealing with sin (see Doctrine and Covenants 58:43) differ from Satan’s way recorded in Moses 5:30?

Moses 5:32–37 explains that Cain murdered his brother Abel and that the Lord held Cain accountable for his actions. Read Moses 5:38–39, looking for Cain’s response to the Lord.

In your scriptures, you may want to mark the following phrase in Cain’s response recorded in verse 39: “these things are not hid from the Lord.”

In the following space, write a principle we can learn from Moses 5:39 about the consequences of hearkening to Satan’s temptations:

