

“My Brother's Keeper”

Gen. 4:1-9

Introduction

- I. The account of Cain and Abel shows us what can happen when someone deviates from what God commands.
- II. Having already shown his disdain for the Lord's will, Cain further demonstrated his character by trying to disassociate himself from Abel.
- III. Let us answer Cain's question, and make applications appropriately.

Discussion

- I. Who is my brother?
 - A. Every man alive today is a physical descendant of Adam and Noah (Mal. 2:10; Isa. 64:8; Acts 17:26).
 - B. Spiritually speaking, my brother is a fellow child of God (Rom. 12:5; Matt. 12:48-50).
- II. Should I be my brother's keeper?
 - A. There are some people who believe that I should live my own life without being intricately involved in my brother's life.
 - B. The Bible teaches that, yes, I should be my brother's keeper (Gen. 4:9; 13:8).
 - C. I must be involved in my brother's life in order to encourage him to obey God (2 Thess. 1:7-9; Matt. 25:31-46).
- III. What is stopping me from being my brother's keeper?
 - A. Envy and jealousy (1 John 3:10-12; Matt. 27:18; Prov. 14:30).
 - B. Selfishness (1 Cor. 10:24; Phil. 2:4).
 - C. Apathy (Luke 10:29-37).
- IV. What actions can I take so that I am my brother's keeper?
 - A. Teach my brother the Word of God (Mark 16:15).
 - B. Love him as I love myself (Matt. 22:39; 1 John 3:17).
 - C. Help restore him when he fails/falls (Gal. 6:1; James 5:19-20).
 - D. Bearing burdens and rejoicing in hope (Gal. 6:2; Rom. 12:15).
 - E. Doing good to him and helping his needs (Gal. 6:10; Eph. 4:28).
 - F. Practicing “the golden rule” (Matt. 7:12).

Conclusion

- I. Am I my brother's keeper? YES!
- II. Am I living my life in such a way that I am demonstrating such?