

Am I My Brother's Keeper?

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Genesis 4:9, "And the LORD said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: Am I my brother's keeper?"

This question was asked by Cain who had killed his brother Abel. God asked Cain where his brother was, knowing that he had killed him. Cain had no trouble lying to the Lord, saying, "I know not, am I my brother's keeper?" He was saying that he was not responsible for him or to him. While each person is responsible for himself to God, we have some responsibilities to one another.

Each person will give account of himself unto God at the judgment as we find in Romans 14:11-12, For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. However we will be responsible for how we treated our brother in our life on earth. Our treatment of each other can either bring someone closer to the Lord, or drive them away from him. It has been said that our relationship with the Lord is shown by the way that we

treat people that we meet. Jesus said in Matthew 25:40, "Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." This is important and not to be ignored by anyone. We can't treat people in a bad way and be right with God.

People have many different thoughts about other people. Some look at a person and think that that person is not worth much, or isn't as good as himself. The Lord tells us that we have a responsibility to our neighbor. We are to do them good and not to do that which would harm them in any way. Romans 14: 21 It is good neither to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor any thing whereby thy brother stumbleth, or is offended, or is made weak.

Our brother will give account of himself as the scripture says, but then so will you and I.

It is easy to get into the way of saying that each person is accountable for himself and therefore we have no responsibility for what he does. While that may be true in a sense, what we are accountable for is how we treated those who we had contact with. The question at the judgment may be, "Did we treat them as we would like to be treated, did we shun them, or even drive them away?"

We can't believe for someone else, or make decisions for them. That lies with the individual and he will make his own decisions, but how you and I treat a person may influence him to decide to trust in God, or to reject him. So we have a part to play in the life of those we meet and it can be for good or bad.

It is a good feeling to see someone place their trust in the Lord and confess him and see him obey the plan of salvation. This is especially true if you have had a part in some way of helping by witnessing, or helping in some other way. On the other hand it would be so sad to see someone go farther away from God because of our actions and words.

While we may not be our brother's keeper, we should be his helper. We are all children of God and we should try to help each other as we go along life's road. Siblings in a family are expected to get along and to love one another. It is a hurtful thing to the parents when there is bad feelings between their children. In the same way God wants his children to get along and to help and support each other. That does not mean that we will agree on everything, or even like everything that our brother does. The Lord didn't like everything that man has done, far from it, but still he loved us enough to send a Savior to redeem us from sin.

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SAMUEL AND SAUL

SAMUEL, THE GREAT PROPHET, HAS LED ISRAEL WISELY AND WELL, NOW, IN HIS OLD AGE, THE PEOPLE BEGIN TO WORRY - WHO WILL LEAD THEM WHEN SAMUEL HAS PASSED AWAY?!

THERE IS NO ONE TO TAKE SAMUEL'S PLACE!

NOT EVEN SAMUEL'S TWO SONS ARE GOOD PRIESTS!

THIS IS TRUE! THEY DO EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD!

WHAT THEN SHALL WE DO WHEN SAMUEL IS GONE - WHO SHALL LEAD US?

EVEN NOW THE PHILISTINES MOVE TO MAKE WAR UPON US, AND SAMUEL IS TOO OLD!

OTHER PEOPLE HAVE KINGS TO LEAD THEM - KINGS TO FIGHT FOR THEM!

LET US ASK SAMUEL FOR A KING - A KING TO LEAD ISRAEL IN BATTLE!

AND SO, IN HIS HOME AT RAMAH, THE PEOPLE COME TO SAMUEL TO ASK FOR A KING - TO LEAD THEM IN A MANNER IN WHICH NONE OF THE PRIESTS NOR OLD SAMUEL ARE QUALIFIED!

SAMUEL, GIVE US A KING!

LET US HAVE A KING WHO WILL BE JUDGE OVER US!

ISRAEL NEEDS A KING TO FIGHT AGAINST THOSE WHO WOULD DO US EVIL!

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