

# Am I My Brother's Keeper?

**Text:** Genesis 4:1-9

## **Introduction:**

1. In Genesis 4 Cain kills Abel in the field. When confronted by God he asks, "Am I my brother's keeper?" He was trying to get out of trouble, but it did not work. As a result Cain was cursed of God and had to dwell in the land of Nod.
2. What about the question God asked Cain – what if we ask it of ourselves?

## **Discussion:**

### **I. Am I My Brother's Keeper in the Spiritual Realm?**

1. Proper love and honour...
  - (1) Leviticus 19:18
  - (2) Matthew 19:19
  - (3) Galatians 5:14
2. Deuteronomy 10:19 (such attitudes even apply to those in the world)
3. Do we look after our brothers and sisters in Christ?

### **II. Am I My Brother's Keeper in the Physical Realm?**

1. Proverbs 17:9 - may be as simple as the trust we show to one another
2. Galatians 6:2, 10 - or as deep as caring for one another's needs
3. Do we look after our brothers or sisters?

### **III. Do We Have the Example That We Need To Help Our Brothers?**

1. 1 Corinthians 4:9
2. Can we be that example? Jesus calls upon us to be! (John 13:35; Matthew 5:13-16)

## **Conclusion:**

1. As yourself, "Am I my brother's keeper?"
2. Also ask yourself, "Am I a good example?"