

I Am My Brother's Keeper

Genesis 1:3-9

Biblical problem: Cain, Moses hitting the rock, two spies versus ten spies, Judas: they all gave up and failed to think of and take care of their brothers.

Modern Problem: "I don't give a darn (damn,) drugs, free sex, a Chicago rape scene where no one would lift a finger in defense of the woman, street people wandering around cold, hungry, and preyed upon without others offering to help. People escape from beggars, they feel uncomfortable about giving and must look away.

The body of Christ must have a cosmic awareness of all humanity, and the oneness of God and creation. "I hurt – we all hurt." The body is dismembered and diseased, ailing, in pain, and suffering. Denominationalism blocks the body from being whole and fulfilled. How can God be happy with us, His children? Genesis 1:31 – "It is very good"; yet after the fall, Genesis 6:6, God repented that He had created man, the sick body of God.

Solution: Be as Jesus was to the people, never quit thinking of them, not just your own family. Jesus said, "Love your enemies." That means all types of people you wouldn't normally deal with.

Individual salvation is lonely. Salvation doesn't mean "me," it means my family, my society, my nation, my world. What you sow so shall you reap, what is bound on earth is bound in heaven. Lonely heaven or full, glorious heaven? We determine our life by what we give to others. We must exercise the life-style of Christ who washed the feet of his disciples; he got down below them and served them. He took care of those who were needy and suffering.

Cain cannot go to heaven without Abel and Abel cannot go to heaven without Cain. If we take care of our brothers then joyfully we can go together.