



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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'AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?'

We all know the story of Cain and Abel. From childhood, we learn the awful story of how Cain out of anger and jealousy killed his own brother. Cain was the world's first murderer. He is one of the most infamous villains in the history of the world. Yet there may be more of Cain in us than we might like to admit to ourselves.

After Cain murdered Abel, God tried to get a confession from him. **Genesis 4:9** says, "*Then the LORD said to Cain, 'Where is Abel your brother?' And he said, 'I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?'"* Cain obviously didn't think so, but God thought otherwise! He punished Cain severely for his terrible sin.

The apostle John used the story of Cain and Abel to teach us that we really are our brother's keeper. In **I John 3:11-12**, we read, "*For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous.*" Then in **I John 3:15-18**, we learn, "*Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and truth.*"

If we hate our brother, God's word says we are just as guilty of murder as Cain was! And in contrast to Cain, let us learn we are our brother's keeper and treat them accordingly.

Travis Quertermous

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT YOUR SOUL?

Via Livingston church of Christ, Livingston, TN

Have you ever stopped to wonder
What this life is all about?
Why you're here and where you're going,
When your lease on time runs out?
Maybe you've been far too busy
Trying hard to reach your goal;
Would you let me ask you kindly,
Have you thought about your soul?
You may reach the highest portals,
And your dreams may all come true:
Wealth and fame may be your portion,
And success may shine on you,
All your friends may sing your praises,
Not a care on you may roll;
What about the great tomorrow
Have you thought about your soul?
Don't forget your days are numbered,
Though you may be riding high,
But like all of us poor mortals,
Someday you'll just up and die.
Your success and fame and glory
Won't be worth the bell they toll;
Let me ask you just one question,
Have you thought about your soul?
If you've never thought it over,
Spend a little time today,
There is nothing more important,
That will ever come your way
Than the joy of sins forgiven,
And to know you've been made whole,
In the name of Christ the Savior
Have you thought about your soul?