

Am I My Brother's Keeper?

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?"

Yes, we are our brother's keeper. So, who are we to keep & what does this involve?

Who Is My Brother?

When I say, "my brother," this is also inclusive of "my sisters" as well. My brother is a person who has the same spiritual kinship & like precious faith as I do. Listen to your Bible! In **2 Peter 1:1**, the Bible reads, "**Simon Peter, a servant and an apostle of Jesus Christ, to them that have obtained like precious faith with us through the righteousness of God and our Savior Jesus Christ.**" My brother is a person who has the same spiritual Father as I do. In **Malachi 2:10**, the Bible reads, "**Have we not all one father? Hath not one God created us? Why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?**" Satan is a father who also has children. Listen to your Bible! In **John 8:44**, the Bible reads, "**Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.**" My brother is a person who does the will of God, according to **Matthew 12:46-50**. My brother is a person who is saved & believes the truth. In **2 Thessalonians 2:13**, the Bible reads, "**But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.**"

What Is Involved In Being My Brother's Keeper?

What does it mean to be a keeper? To "keep" means "to guard, to protect, to attend to, to preserve, to save, to watch." God is our keeper & this is what He does for us. Therefore, we are to do it for one another. Listen to your Bible! In **Psalms 121:5**, the Bible reads, "**The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.**" As my brother's keeper, I am not to lay a hand on him physically or spiritually. Listen to your Bible! In **1 Timothy 5:22**, the Bible reads, "**Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.**" As my brother's keeper, I am not to allow someone else to lay a hand on him physically or spiritually. In **Exodus 2:11-12**, the Bible reads, "**And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he spied an Egyptian smiting an Hebrew, one of his brethren. And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he slew the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand.**" As my brother's keeper, I am to help him during his time of adversity. Listen to your Bible! In **Proverbs 17:17**, the Bible reads, "**A friend loveth at all times, and a brother is born for adversity.**" As my brother's keeper, I am to stick close to him. In **Proverbs 18:24**, the Bible reads, "**A man that hath friends must shew himself friendly: and there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.**" As my brother's keeper, I am to believe in him & have confidence in him. Listen to your Bible! In **John 7:5**, the Bible reads, "**For neither did his brethren believe in him.**" Also, in **1 Corinthians 13:7**, the Bible reads, "**Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.**"

The Conclusion Of The Whole Matter

By being my brother's keeper, I am displaying love & not hate according to **1 John 2:9-11**. By being my brother's keeper, I am promoting peace & tranquility among them. Listen to your Bible! In **Psalms 133:1**, the Bible reads, "**Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!**" By being my brother's keeper, I am pleasing to God by not sowing discord & animosity among them according to **Proverbs 6:16-19**. By being my brother's keeper, I avoid being put to shame by my heavenly Father, God. In **Isaiah 66:5**, the Bible reads, "**Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble at his word; Your brethren that hated you, that cast you out for my name's sake, said, Let the Lord be glorified: but he shall appear to your joy, and they shall be ashamed.**" Are we being keepers of our brethren?