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**WORD WITH  
SHARAD AND PREMA**  
**"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"**



"And the LORD said unto Cain, where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: am I my brother's keeper?" (Genesis 4:9).

I am always amazed to read this passage of Scriptures. It makes my heart sad to know that the drastic affect of the fall of man on the whole mankind. How true it is that whenever the head of the family or any member of the family is in sin that will affect whole family. We see here that how Cain became prey to the hatred and jealousy and finally committed murder of his own brother. Horrible!

Good God showed the family of Adam that through sacrifice of the animal, lamb they should come before Him to worship Him. But in Cain disobeyed and worshiped the Lord God by offering Him fruit of the ground (Genesis 4:3). But Abel worshiped the Lord God by offering Him firstling of his flock (Genesis 4:4). Of course the offering of Abel was accepted but the offering of Cain was rejected and we see that Cain was very angry to see this (Genesis 4:4b-5).

God Almighty comes to him and warns, "6. And the LORD said unto Cain, why art thou wroth? And why is thy countenance fallen? 7. If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door. And unto thee shall be his desire, and thou shalt rule over him" (Genesis 4:6-7).

We can learn two lessons from this portion of Scripture. **1). We need to do that which is good, and walk humbly with God** (According to the Word of God), "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God" (Micah 6:8).

**2) We need to care for our brother.** We are accountable for our brother's life and other people's lives as well. We cannot escape it. Somehow God has made us like that way. I am surprised to see the resentment of Cain, answering God when God asked him where is thy brother after Cain killed Abel, "**Am I my brother's keeper?**" In other words it is not my concern, why should I be bothered about him? I do not know. Really should we be taking care of our brother and other people's lives? Yes, we should. When we see that our brother or any other people are in problem we need to help them. Our Lord commanded us to love others as ourselves. Our faith life-style cannot work without we walking in love of the Lord, "...but faith which worketh by love" (Galatians 5:6). "**But whoso hath this world's good, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?**" (I John 3:17)). Jesus told the story of Good Samaritan for loving others when they are in trouble. But at the same time we are responsible for the salvation of their souls when we are saved people.

We as His children cannot avoid this truth but live by it. We are created in that way, "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" (Ephesians 2:10).

May our good Lord continue to bless you and your families! Prema and I love you so dearly and pray for you daily! Write us for we love to hear from you!

Remember, **Jesus is Lord** and take with you **the Word of God and Faith**, excellent traveling Companions. (Psalms 119:105; II Corinthians 5:7).

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