

Are you better than Cain?

Are you better than Cain?

Jude 3 – 5, 11

What has Jude accused these men of doing?

“...gone in the way of Cain...”

What is the way of Cain?

Murder? – No

James 4 : 1 – 2

Were they actually murdering? – No

What is the way of Cain?

Hebrews 11 : 4

“By faith Abel offered to God...”

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” (II Corinthians 5 : 7)

Are you better than Cain?

For we walk by faith...

“Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not yet seen.” (Hebrews 11 : 1)

“...so faith without works is dead also.” (James 2 : 26)

John 13 : 34 – 35

“...love one another.”

John 15 : 12, 17

“...love one another as I have loved you.”

Are you better than Cain?

Genesis 4 : 1 – 9

What question did God ask of Cain?

“Where is Abel your brother?”

‘ay’ (h) – where? hence how?

hence – as an inference

“How is Abel your brother?”

How is he doing?

How is he feeling?

Cain’s answer:

“I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”

‘shamar’ (h) – to hedge about, that is, guard, generally to protect, attend to.

Are you better than Cain?

“I do not know; am I my brother’s keeper?”

Luke 6 : 45

Out of the heart a man speaks

Matthew 5 : 21 – 22, 27 – 28

Sin begins in the heart

“But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed.” (James 1 : 14)

What does it say about you, if you say, “am I my brother’s keeper?”

Are you your brother’s keeper?

Are you better than Cain?

“How is _____ your brother(sister)?”

Excuses we use:

I'm busy.

I'm tired.

When I get home, I don't think about it.

So-and-So is so much better than me at this, I'll let them do it, and I'll ask them.

Am I my brothers guard, do I have a hedge about them, do I need to protect or attend to them?

Are you better than Cain?

“How is _____ your brother(sister)?”

Ephesians 2 : 17 – 22

Because of Christ, we are no longer strangers and foreigners
We should know each other.

I Corinthians 12 : 25 – 26

If we are one body, then we have the same care for one another.
Is this true?

If one of us is suffering, we should all be suffering, and visa-versa.
How many of us feel empathy towards our brethren?

Are you better than Cain?

“How is _____ your brother(sister)?”

Paul is our example

II Corinthians 11 : 23 – 28

In all he deals with everyday, what is his concern?

“...daily...concern for all the churches.”

“Where is your daily concern focused on?”

“Do I have the same care for my brethren, as myself?”

“Do I love my brethren as Christ loved me?”

Philippians 2 : 2 – 3