

## QUESTIONS, QUESTIONS *Genesis 4:8-12*

It is God's nature to ask \_\_\_\_\_ and God the Son asked 305 \_\_\_\_\_ recorded in the gospel accounts

### I. THE FIRST \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the First Crime

- 1) When Adam & Eve sinned, God asked, "Where are you?" God asked Cain, " \_\_\_\_\_ is Abel?"
- 2) Often what parents permit in our lives, our children take to extremes: sowing & reaping is \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Abel's murder was the logical result of Cain's \_\_\_\_\_: the baby tiger of anger grows to a man-eater

#### B. The Psychology of the First \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) Abel's murder was "a very terrible experiment"—Cain must have been \_\_\_\_\_ by his own act
- 2) Cain reacted as we all react: he was fearful of being \_\_\_\_\_ out—fearful of the consequences
- 3) Based on God's words in v.10, it is probable that Cain \_\_\_\_\_ his dead brother's body to hide it

### II. THE FIRST \_\_\_\_\_

#### A. The Psychology of the First Crime (Continued)

- 1) Once Cain buried Abel's body, he began to \_\_\_\_\_ that he was going to get away with his crime
- 2) It was not easy for Cain to hide his feelings, but he put on a brave face in front of his \_\_\_\_\_
- 3) Perhaps because Cain succeeded in deceiving his parents, he believed he could lie to \_\_\_\_\_ Himself

#### B. The \_\_\_\_\_ of the First Crime

- 1) Remember, Cain was unregenerate; His wicked heart \_\_\_\_\_ him into thinking he could lie to God
- 2) Even David deceived himself and sought to hide his adultery & murder from God for nearly a \_\_\_\_\_

### III. THE FIRST \_\_\_\_\_: "Am I my brother's keeper?"

"Keeper" is used of keeping \_\_\_\_\_: Cain was saying, "Am I supposed to be the shepherd's shepherd?"

#### A. NO

- 1) We cannot exercise \_\_\_\_\_ for another person, repent of sin for them or keep them from \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) Parents must let their children \_\_\_\_\_ to make their own decisions, the most important decisions in life
- 3) Gal.6:2 teaches that no one can stand in \_\_\_\_\_ for another person at the Judgment Seat

#### B. YES

##### 1) The Responsibility of \_\_\_\_\_ Saints

- a) Jesus quoted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Greatest \_\_\_\_\_, "Love your neighbor as yourself" from Lev.19:18
- b) The Law of Moses included specific commandments to care for \_\_\_\_\_ who were in need
- c) A brother was to play the part of the kinsman- \_\_\_\_\_, even marrying his dead brother's wife

##### 2) The Responsibility of \_\_\_\_\_ Saints

- a) Our primary responsibility to other human beings is to proclaim the \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ to them;  
We must not be like Cain—careless of the souls of others who will die eternal \_\_\_\_\_ in hell
- b) We also have a responsibility to meet the material/financial needs of \_\_\_\_\_ who are destitute
- c) Believers also have a responsibility to share with those outside the \_\_\_\_\_ who are in need