

Sinners Against the Brethren

TEXT: Gen. 4:9-10

INTRODUCTION:

- A. MANY DIFFERENT ONES AGAINST WHOM WE MIGHT SIN.
1. A child(**Gen. 42:22**). 3. King against his servant(**1 Sam. 19:4,5**).
2. Neighbor(**2 Chron. 6:22**). 4. The Lord(**1 Sam. 14:33**).

B. A SHAMEFUL THING TO SIN AGAINST A BROTHER.

1. Cain and Abel(**Gen. 4**), Joseph's brethren(**Gen. 42:21-22**).
2. A sin against a brother is a sin against Jesus(**1 Cor. 8:11-12**).

C. HOW MIGHT ONE SIN AGAINST HIS BROTHER?

I. BY DOING MATERIAL HARM TO HIM.

- A. YOU DON'T HAVE TO COMMIT MURDER TO SIN(**Matt. 5:22**).
B. ALL ABUSE IS CONDEMNED(**Jas. 5:6; 1 Cor. 6:8**).

II. BY FORSAKING BROTHER WHEN HE IS IN TROUBLE.

- A. JESUS COMMENDS THE "GOOD SAMARITAN"(**Luke. 10:27-37**).
1. Showing mercy commended example(vs. 37).
2. The Priest and Levite were guilty because of their failure to act(**vs. 31-32**).
B. LAZARUS AND THE RICH MAN(**Luke 16:19-23**).
C. THE MEASURE OF JUDGMENT(**Matt. 25:31-46**).
D. WE ARE TO BEAR ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS(**Gal. 6:2**).
E. ACTION SPEAKS LOUDER THAN WORDS(**1 John. 3:16-17**).

III. BY FAILING TO PRAY FOR A BROTHER.

- A. WE ARE COMMANDED TO PRAY(**Jas. 5:16; 1 John. 5:16**).
1. Paul fervently prayed for the welfare of his brethren (**Phil. 1:9-11**).
2. He earnestly desired their prayers on his behalf(**2 Thess. 3:1**).
B. SAMUEL RECOGNIZED THE NEED TO INTERCEDE(**1 Sam. 12:23**).

IV. BY SETTING THE WRONG EXAMPLE.

- A. NO MAN IS AN ISLAND(**Rom. 14:7, 15, 21**).
B. JESUS WARNS US(**Matt. 18:6, 7**).
C. TAKE HEED(**1 Tim. 4:12, 16**).

V. FAILING TO RESTORE A BROTHER.

- A. WHEN A BROTHER SINS(**Matt. 18:15-17**).
B. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?(**Gal. 6:1; Jude 23**).
C. THERE MUST BE AN EFFORT TO FIND THE LOST. TO SIMPLY TAKE THEM OFF THE MEMBERSHIP LIST IS A SIN AGAINST THEM.
1. Our object(**Matt. 18:15**).
2. Sometimes we must go farther(**2 Thess. 3:6**).
3. There is a divine purpose(**2 Thess. 3:14-15**).
4. Is our glorying good? There is danger!(**1 Cor. 5:6-8**).

VI. REFUSING TO FORGIVE WHEN HE SEEKS IT.

- A. JESUS TAUGHT HIS DISCIPLES(**Matt. 6:12-15**).
B. HOW OFTEN DO WE FORGIVE?(**Matt. 18:21-22**).
C. WHAT ABOUT THE PENITENT ERRING BROTHER(**2 Cor. 2:5-9**).

VII. EXPRESSING ILL-WILL FOR BROTHER.

- A. WE ARE COMMANDED TO LOVE EACH OTHER(**1 John. 4:11-12; 20-21**).
B. WE HAVE THESE WARNINGS(**James. 4:11; Gal. 5:15**).

VIII. FAILING TO TEACH HIM THE GOSPEL.

- A. THE GOSPEL IS GOD'S POWER TO SAVE(**Rom. 1:16-17**).
B. THE GREATEST WORK(**James 5:19-20**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. I AM MY BROTHER'S KEEPER.
B. DO I SIN AGAINST HIM?