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Eve. 4:1-12. A 6,000 yr. old drama!

1. Occurred in a family setting - impetus.
2. Discussion: Matter of religion - chime!
3. 1st sin was pride & self-will!
4. 2nd sin was bad attitude - hate, wrath.
5. 3rd sin was evil act - murder.

Human nature changed much?

3. Ex. 22:5. Stock eat neighbors' grain!
5. If steal an ox or sheep, pay 5! Ex. 22:1.

Cove. Man WAS his brother's keeper in Old Law of the Jews.

Who is My Brother? Change in N.T.?


Jew. San Antonio boy and crippled brother: treated his brother like a neighbor - love, and his neighbor treated like a brother.
A San Antonio preacher drove his new car downtown and parked. When he returned to his car, he found a small, very dirty, urchin admiring the car and softly rubbing his hand over the brand new finish.

"Do you like it?" the preacher asked, "Yes, sir," the boy replied. "Is it yours?" "Yes," said the preacher. "My brother gave it to me."

The boy hesitated, then unexpectedly replied: "I wish I COULD BE a brother like that."

The preacher was nonplussed because he had certainly expected the lad to say, "I wish I HAD a brother like that."

The preacher, his heart melting, then asked the boy if he would like to take a ride. But the boy answered: "I am too dirty." "You may be dirty on the outside, but you are mighty clean on the inside," the preacher responded. "I think it would do my car good for you to ride in it."

They got in the car and soon the boy began to urge that the preacher take certain streets. The lad wanted the preacher to drive through his neighborhood. So the preacher complied and soon found himself in an alley outside of a run-down garage apartment.

The boy jumped out of the car and ran quickly up the steps. In a short while the preacher heard footsteps returning. They were far more labored than when they were going up. The first thing he saw were the dirty bare feet of his little street friend and the next were the lifeless, withered legs of another boy, whom he learned was his little friend's brother, begin carried down the steps.

Seating his brother on the bottom step, the boy said: "Harry see, it's just like I told you. One day I am going to buy a car just like that." He then explained: "You see, mister, Harry can't walk. I go downtown and look at all the nice things in the store window, and come home and try to tell Harry what it is all about, but I can't tell it very good. Some day I am going to make enough money to buy a car for Harry so he can see for himself."

Told Mid McKnight

Some feel glily pious until they meet the real test. Have an enemy! Who, like man who boasted, if I had a million I'd give it to God. Friend: If I had $2 million, give 1/2? Yes. Friend: If I had $4 million, give 1/4? Yes, sure! Friend: If I had 20 pigs give 1/2? Give 10! Reply: Unfair! Knew I had 20 pigs! Unfair: You knew I have an enemy!

Muck My brother have been a reprobate, gross sinner and weak--Christian for me to care?

2. Pray for all! Good too! I Tim. 2:1-5.
3. All. 6:1-2. The Apr. care!

A. Ill. Andy Jackson spent fortune to clear his name.

5. Brothers look for the good! Sir Walter Scott.
How convinced you are Brother's Keeper!


Now can SHOW and TELL a brother what's best for his soul.

1. He can safely believe what you believe. God's truth!
2. He can safely follow your lead. I Cor. 11:17.
3. Your example your greatest proof you are your brother's keeper.