

# Parsha Bereisheet – An Age Old Question

Genesis 4:9

Then YHWH said to Cain, “Where is Abel, your brother?”

“I don’t know,” Cain said. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

# Having Fault With Your Brother

## Matthew 5

21 “You have heard it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever commits murder shall be subject to judgment.’

22 But I tell you that everyone who is angry with his brother shall be subject to judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca’ shall be subject to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be subject to fiery Gehenna.

23 “Therefore if you are presenting your offering upon the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

24 leave your offering there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

# When Your Brother Sins Against You

## Matthew 18

15 “Now if your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault while you’re with him alone. If he listens to you, you have won your brother.

16 But if he does not listen, take with you one or two more, so that ‘by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may stand.’

17 But if he refuses to listen to them, tell it to Messiah’s community. And if he refuses to listen even to Messiah’s community, let him be to you as a pagan and a tax collector.

# Am I my Brothers keeper?

- Even if that person has wronged me?
- Even if that person has spoken ill about me?
- Even if that person has spread rumors or gossiped about me?
- Even if that person has stolen from me?
- Even if that person has devised an evil plan against me?
- Even if that person didn't heed my advice and fell into calamity?
- Even if that person betrayed me in all ways possible?

# Watchmen On The Wall

## Ezekiel 3

17 “Son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman for the house of Israel. When you hear a word from My mouth, give them a warning from Me.

18 When I say to the wicked, ‘You will surely die,’ and you do not warn him or speak to warn the wicked of his wicked way, to save his life, that wicked person will die in his iniquity, but I will require his blood from your hand.

19 Yet you, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he will die in his iniquity, but you have delivered your soul.

# When Your Enemy Falls

## Proverbs 24

16 For though the righteous one may fall seven times, he gets up again, but the wicked stumble in adversity.

17 Do not rejoice when your enemy falls, or let your heart be glad when he stumbles,

18 or Adonai may see it as evil in His eyes and turn His wrath away from him.

# Watchmen On The Wall

## Ezekiel 33

6 But if the watchman sees the sword come and does not blow the shofar, the people are not warned. Then the sword does come and takes a person from among them—he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at the watchman's hand.'

11 Say to them: 'As I live'—it is a declaration of YHWH—'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Return, return from your evil ways. Why will you die, O house of Israel?'

# Warning Against Troubling Those Who Are Condemned Speaking on the coming destruction of Edom/Esau

## Obadiah 1

12 You should not look down on your brother on the day of his disaster, nor should you rejoice over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction. You should not speak proudly in the day of their distress.



# Even Your Enemy?

## Matthew 5

43 “You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

44 But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

45 so that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes His sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.

46 For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Even the tax collectors do the same, don’t they?

# Yes, Even Your Enemy

## Romans 12

18 If possible, so far as it depends on you, live in shalom with all people.

19 Never take your own revenge, loved ones, but give room for Yah's wrath—for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine; I will repay," says YHWH.

20 Rather, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him a drink. For by doing so you will heap coals of fire upon his head." (Proverbs 25:21 - 22)

21 Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

# Brotherly Love

1 John 4

20 If anyone says, “I love YHWH,” and hates his brother, he is a liar. For the one who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love YHWH, whom he has not seen.

21 And this commandment we have from Him: that the one who loves YHWH should also love his brother.

# Genesis 45      Joseph Reveals His Identity

1 Now Joseph could no longer restrain himself in front of all those who were standing by him, so he cried out, “Get everyone away from me!” So no one stood with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers.

2 But he gave his voice to weeping so that the Egyptians heard, and Pharaoh’s household heard.

3 Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph! Is my father still alive?” And his brothers were unable to answer him because they were terrified at his presence.

# Heart Dropping News

Genesis 45

4 Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Please come near me.” So they came near. “I’m Joseph, your brother—the one you sold to Egypt,” he said.

5 “So now, don’t be grieved and don’t be angry in your own eyes that you sold me here—since it was for preserving life that YHWH sent me here before you.

6 For there has been two years of famine in the land, and there will be five more years yet with no plowing or harvesting.

# YHWH's Provision

## Genesis 45

7 But YHWH sent me ahead of you to ensure a remnant in the land and to keep you alive for a great escape.

8 So now, it wasn't you, you didn't send me here, but YHWH! And He made me as a father to Pharaoh, lord over his whole house and ruler over the entire land of Egypt.

# Joseph's Commission To Them

## Genesis 45

9 “Go up quickly to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son, Joseph: God has made me lord over all Egypt. Come down to me. Don’t delay.

10 Then you’ll live in the land of Goshen, and be close to me, you and your children and your children’s children, your flocks and your cattle, and everything that belongs to you.

11 I’ll provide food for you there—for the famine will last another five years—otherwise you’ll lose everything, you and your household, and everything that belongs to you.’

# Even Pharaoh Honored Joseph's Brothers

## Genesis 45

16 When the commotion was heard in Pharaoh's house—"Joseph's brothers have come!"—it was good in the eyes of Pharaoh and his servants,

17 So Pharaoh said to Joseph, "Say to your brothers: 'Do this! Load your animals and go to the land of Canaan.

18 Then get your father, your households, and come to me. I'll give you the best of the land of Egypt, and you will eat the fat of the land.'

19 You are also commanded to say: "Do this! Take for yourselves wagons from the land of Egypt for your little children and for your wives, and pick up your father and come.

20 Don't be concerned about your goods, because the best of all the land of Egypt is yours.'"



# Power Of Your Words

Proverbs 18 TLV

20 From the fruit of his mouth a man's stomach is filled—  
with the harvest of his lips he is satisfied.

21 Death and life are in the control of the tongue.  
Those who indulge in it will eat its fruit.

## Genesis 41

37 Joseph's suggestions were well received by Pharaoh and his officials.  
38 So Pharaoh asked his officials, "Can we find anyone else like this man so obviously filled with the spirit of God?"

# Joseph's Report Of His Misfortune

Genesis 39

13 Within three days Pharaoh will lift you up and restore you to your position as his chief cup-bearer.

14 And please remember me and do me a favor when things go well for you. Mention me to Pharaoh, so he might let me out of this place.

***15 For I was kidnapped from my homeland, the land of the Hebrews, and now I'm here in prison, but I did nothing to deserve it."***

# Damages Of Callous Words

Proverbs 17

9 Whoever covers up an offense seeks love.

Whoever repeats a matter separates close friends.

# Words Destroy

## Proverbs 11

11 Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted,  
but by the mouth of the wicked it is destroyed.

12 One who despises his neighbor lacks sense,  
but one with discernment remains silent.

13 A gossip reveals secrets,  
but one who is trustworthy conceals a matter.

# It's A Matter Of The Heart

Luke 6

45 “Out of the good treasure of his heart the good man brings forth good, and out of evil the evil man brings forth evil. For from the overflow of the heart his mouth speaks.”

## Leviticus 19

16 “You are not to go up and down as a talebearer among your people. You are not to endanger the life of your neighbor.

I am YHWH.

17 “You are not to hate your brother in your heart. Instead, you are to firmly rebuke your neighbor, and not bear sin because of him.

18 You are not to take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of your people, but love your neighbor as yourself.

I am YHWH.

# Restoration Time

## Galatians 6

1 Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught doing something wrong, you who are directed by the Ruach, restore such a person in a spirit of gentleness—looking closely at yourself so you are not tempted also.

2 Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you fulfill the Torah of Messiah.



16 Six things YHWH hates, yes, seven are abominations to Him:

17 haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood,

18 a heart that plots wicked schemes, feet that run to evil,

19 a false witness who spouts lies, and one who stirs up strife among brothers.

Brotherly Love

Hebrews 13:1

Let brotherly love continue.

Isaiah 45

22 “Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth;  
for I am YHWH, and there is no other.