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### Upcoming Events

Two-Day Revival Meeting, Nov 20-21 (Fri-Sat) at Metro

Week of Fasting Dec 25 - 31 at Metro

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### Weekly Schedule

Tues, Oct 27th (Carrollton) Pr. AM Georgekutty & Molly's residence (7 PM )

Fri, Oct 30th (Mesquite) Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM )

Sat, Oct 31st (Irving) Fasting Prayer @ Joshua & Susan's residence  
(10:30 AM - 7 PM)

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### Words of Wisdom: The Call of God

The call of God can never be understood absolutely or explained externally; it is a call that can only be perceived and understood internally by our true inner-nature. The call of God is like the call of the sea— no one hears it except the person who has the nature of the sea in him. What God calls us to cannot be definitely stated, because His call is simply to be His friend to accomplish His own purposes. Our real test is in truly believing that God knows what He desires. The things that happen do not happen by chance— they happen entirely by the decree of God. God is sovereignly working out His own purposes.

*-Oswald Chambers*

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### Prayer for the Nations: Rwanda (Africa)\*

- The Tutsi minority have been politically powerful in Rwanda for over 500 years and were overthrown by a Hutu revolt in 1959. Extreme tension and violence between Hutu and Tutsi came to a head in 1994 when Hutu extremists carried out a planned mass genocide of Tutsi. In only 100 days 800,000 people died and over a million Hutu fled the country and became refugees.
- A temporary government has tried to reduce the enormous hatred felt between the two groups and establish more stability.
- An estimated 11% of the population are HIV positive.
- Half a million children have been orphaned through war, genocide or AIDS.
- The genocide that caused the death of a million men, women and children shocked the world and left Rwanda traumatised. Pray that the country can find a peace that ends the centuries of hatred.
- Pray for the people who are seeking to bring justice – the task is huge and many of those responsible for the mass killings are still on the loose.
- Pray that the church in Rwanda can recover from the murder of thousands of Christian leaders. Pray that Christians can live out the message of love, forgiveness and reconciliation that Rwanda needs.

\* [http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country\\_id=91](http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=91)

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*Celebrating the Presence of God  
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Educating the People of God*

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Thou hast a mighty arm: strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand. Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face. (Ps 89:13,14)

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# Welcome

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# Sermon Notes

“Where is Abel your brother?”... I do not know; Am I my brother’s keeper”  
(Gen 4: 9)

Praise the Lord. It gives us immense pleasure in welcoming you all to the house of the Lord for a time of worship. It’s our prayer that the Almighty God will meet you at the point of your need today.

The above mentioned questions are one of the earliest questions in the Bible. We know who asked this to whom. We also are aware of the response. This response has been used down the centuries as a means of exhorting and challenging human beings to understand their God given mandate to fellow human beings. This verse is significant in many ways.

First of all note that in God’s question we see his concern for each individual. He not only knows us by name, he is also concerned about our life. It may be argued that could not have God prevented Abel from this cruel ending. This may be the question many time that we ask when we are confronted with small children being killed by the evilness of some other human beings or freak accident which claims the lives of innocent people. Or we may even ask why not God prevented the happenings of 911. Does God really care? Yes, every time that you point that to God, he will point you back to the cross. He let his own son die on the cross- brutal and vicious death. So, he does understand what it means to die and suffer in like manner.

Secondly, Cain’s response speaks of evil at its zenith. He responds by saying that I do not know. This is the most degrading aspect of human rebelliousness. When confronted with sin, the sinner just ignores and walks as if nothing has happened. It is deliberative stubbornness and refusal to accept things as they stand. It is a denial of wanting to know the consequences of one’s sin. It shows Cain’s scant regard for the life of his brother because sin had so blinded him. It is sin feigning ignorance. It is the most self-centered answer.

Thirdly, in the response of Cain we see an attempt to rid oneself of any wrongdoing. His response is this: Who gave me authority? Why should I care? Am I responsible for my fellow brother and sister? What right do I have? Should I need to know? I am not responsible for anybody. I only live for myself. This is the response of self-righteous autonomous man. For him others are means to an end. The value of others stands in as much as they could help him in his personal pleasure and programs. He needs others only for his vain glory and building his own empire. Once he achieves that he may throw others out as garbage. Such a person is far away from the kingdom of God. God brings peoples in our lives not to be used as commodity but to be loved and cherished.

Are you your brother’s keeper? Where is your brother? Have you lately made any attempt to reach out to him? Why are you so cold in relationships? If you are asking these questions to yourselves then you have gained. But if you think that these are meant for someone you know then you have not still understood the concern and care of God.

In Christ Alone,  
Pastor Satish Kumar