

## **School of Prayer: Ancient Deceptions** **“Am I My Brother’s Keeper?”**

### **Original Design**

- Life given—Good (sacrificial benevolence for the sake of the other)
- Eating from the wrong tree reoriented from God/others—to Self
- Discipline/Discipling to regain and retrain the fallen

### **Self-Focus—Becomes Self Destruction**

- God declares once more what is good
- Cain’s self-focus won’t receive correction
- Mastery of sin is forfeited by refusal of discipline
- Discipline differs from punishment—designed to re-train our free-will (Her 12:4-13)
- God’s way leads to union
- Jealousy and envy breed destruction

### **Am I My Brother’s Keeper**

- Definition of keeper: keep safe, guard, put a hedge around
- God’s Kingdom built on self-less love and not personal achievement
- Corinth—correct attitude toward brethren ( I For 12:12-25)
- Even as Cain acted from rejection—we are tempted in same deception

### **Case Study: Cherie**

- There are many voices competing for our attention (John 10:1-18)
- “To learn to recognize the voice of the Lord is perhaps the most important sense that Christians must develop.” Ancient Deceptions, pg.141
- “Better off dead” is a scheme of Satan (also know as “Curse God and die” Job 2:9)
- Our sins are forgiven by the Lord
- Agree with the Lord’s forgiveness and forgive ourselves