

Obadiah
You Stood Aloof

A deep-seated rivalry ...

I. Conflict from the Womb

- A. Twins
- B. Nations
- C. Kingdoms

II. Edom's Deeds Judged

- A. Called Out
 - 1. Arrogance
 - 2. Antipathy
- B. Condemned

III. My Brother's Keeper

- A. Home
- B. Church
- C. World

... discovering true love

Children, Listen ...

1. How do you think parents feel when their children don't get along?
2. How do you think God feels when His children don't get along?
3. What can we do to help make sure we get along with each other?
4. We should want more than "just getting along" in our relationships. What might help us to get along better with those around us?
5. How does Jesus' love for us teach us how to love others?

Aloof, Spiteful and Destructive

The struggle between Esau and Jacob began in the womb - literally. That tension grew as they grew and eventually grew to impact the nations that would come from them. Long held grudges and bitterness turned into spite and hatred between the Israelites and the Edomites. Such sibling rivalry should disturb us on several levels. It is a grief to see strife take its toll on family units and perhaps even worse to see it in the family of God whose bond in the blood of Christ is thicker than that which our natural blood line. God was furious with Edom for aloofness to their "brother's" plight, their spiteful attitude toward Israel and their participation in the harassment of His own chosen people. In stark contrast, may we stand in the breach for harassed brethren, be a part of God's blessing in their lives, and engage in hands on care for those with whom we share a bond of fellowship and love in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 John 2:9-10

Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.

Whoever loves his brother abides in the light,
and in him there is no cause for stumbling.