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FIRST GIVING HONOR TO GOD

HONORING GOD WITH OUR FAITH
Hebrews 11:4; Genesis 4:1-15
Abel

WHAT IS FAITH?

"Faith is trusting and obeying God in spite of your feelings, circumstances, or consequences."

WHO WAS ABEL?

Parents-Adam & Eve
Brother-Cain
Occupation-Shepherd
Jesus called him righteous-Matthew 23:35

WHAT KIND OF FAITH DID ABEL HAVE?

- **HE HAD OBEDIENT FAITH**

Implied in the story is that God had instructed both brothers of the type of offering He expected. It was to be a blood sacrifice. Abel obeyed, but Cain disobeyed.

God does not bless partial obedience-1 Samuel 15:1-3, 9-11, 17-19, 24

Cain's lack of faith, caused him to disobey-Jude 11

- **HE HAD SACRIFICING FAITH**

Abel was not only a believer, but he was a worshiper. He was found at the altar, presenting his best. Abel gave God his best "firstlings of his flock".

The word "worship" is a contraction of "worth-ship", that is, ascribing worth to someone or something. When we worship God, we are ascribing worth to Him. We are called to give God our best.

⇒ Our bodies yielded to God-Romans 12:1-2
⇒ Sincere praise to God-Hebrews 13:15
⇒ Good works for His glory-Hebrews 13:16
⇒ Money and material things-Proverbs 3:9; Philippians 4:10-18
⇒ A broken heart-Psalms 51:17
⇒ Prayer-Psalms 141:2

- **HE HAD SUFFERING FAITH**

It cost to live by faith. Abel became a martyr because of his faith, and Cain became a murderer because of his lack of faith.

Individuals Who Suffered For Their Faith: Jeremiah, Paul, Elijah, Peter, James, Stephen, and Jesus

For his suffering, Abel was:

- ⇒ **Approved by God**

- ⇒ **God bore witness of his faith-Matthew 23:35**

- **HE HAD SPEAKING FAITH**

No words from Abel are recorded anywhere in the Bible, yet this man, the first martyr, still speaks to us today.

"and through it he being dead still speaks."

- ⇒ We speak with our lives as well as our lips. Revelation 14:13