

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE
Examining Biblical Characters Who Won By Faith
Hebrews 11:4, Genesis 4:1-15
A Faith To Die For - Abel

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

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, 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