

**HEROES OF FAITH**  
**Part One: Abel's Pleasing Worship**

Text: Heb. 11:4, Gen. 4:1-7

- Heb. 11:6 = faith is the only way to please God, come to God, find God, and be rewarded by God.
- Heb. 11:4-5: two illustrations of God-pleasing faith:
  - Vs. 5, Enoch pleased God with a more excellent walk.
  - Vs. 4, Abel pleased God by his more excellent worship.

**I. ABEL'S MORE \_\_\_\_\_ OFFERING (GEN. 4:4)**

1. **A \_\_\_\_\_ offering**—"of the flock" of sheep; an animal sacrifice.
2. **A \_\_\_\_\_ offering**—"and of the fat thereof"
  - Abel's blood sacrifice satisfied God's \_\_\_\_\_ and requirements.
3. **A \_\_\_\_\_ and prioritized offering**—"of the firstlings"
  - Abel gave the first lambs of that year to the Lord and modeled the right way to give to God, to give the \_\_\_\_\_ and best.
4. **A \_\_\_\_\_ offering**—"And the Lord had respect to Abel and to his offering"
  - Had respect = "to look \_\_\_\_\_ at something."
  - God accepted the \_\_\_\_\_ because it was the kind He required and had taught them to give;
  - God accepted Abel because this offering was the expression of genuine \_\_\_\_\_ in his heart.
  - Heb. 11:4: Abel's offering was "more excellent" because:
    - It was offered in \_\_\_\_\_ to God's instructions.
    - It was offered in anticipation of Christ's \_\_\_\_\_.

**II. CAIN'S \_\_\_\_\_ OFFERING (GEN. 4:3, 5)**

1. **An \_\_\_\_\_ offering**—"of the fruit of the ground," not an animal sacrifice as God instructed.
  - Cain knew better but wanted to offer in his own way.
2. **An \_\_\_\_\_ offering**—all Cain's idea, not God's idea.
  - His act of "worship" was not God-worship but \_\_\_\_\_-worship.
3. **An \_\_\_\_\_ offering**—a bloodless offering that couldn't atone for \_\_\_\_\_.
4. **An \_\_\_\_\_ offering**
  - Although Cain's produce was valuable and beautiful in his sight, it wasn't sufficient in God's sight to atone for his sins.
  - Application: Our good works are never enough to \_\_\_\_\_ God's approval.

5. **An \_\_\_\_\_ offering**—(vs. 5) "unto Cain and his offering he [God] had not respect."

- Because God didn't accept Cain's offering, He didn't \_\_\_\_\_ Cain either.
- Cain didn't offer by faith because he didn't \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word and wasn't trusting in Christ.

**APPLICATIONS**

- To unbelievers: Which of those two brothers are you most like?
  - If you were to die today, would you be in \_\_\_\_\_ with Abel or in hell with Cain?
  - There must be a time when you are forgiven of your sins and \_\_\_\_\_ by God.
- To believers: We are no longer the servants of sin, so we should not willingly yield our members to sin's \_\_\_\_\_ but rather should be ruling over sin with the of the Holy Spirit (Rom. 6:12-14).
- Final thought: Don't walk on the "way of Cain" (Jude 1:11). Walk on the way of \_\_\_\_\_ with godly Abel.