

SERMON – THE FAITH OF ABEL: AN EXCELLENT SACRIFICE

Faith (Defined) – “Faith is the confidence, belief, trust and rock assurance based upon the Word of God that God is who He says He is and God will do what He said He will do.”

Hebrew 11:4a – “By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.”

I. Abel’s Faith Was Excellence in Worship

Abel gave his best sacrifice to God.

- A. Whenever we make a sacrifice to God, we must bring God something of value to HIM.
 - a. What do we value? – Our families, friendships, possessions, jobs, money.
 - b. Matthew 6:21 – “For where your treasures is, there will your heart be also.”
- B. Whenever we come to God, we must understand that it is all about HIM.
 - a. What must we understand? – God deserves it (time, talent, and treasures).

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II. Abel’s Faith Was an Exciting Witness

Abel received a blessing from God.

- A. Whenever we sacrifice to God by faith, God rewards us with growth in righteousness.
 - a. God didn’t call Abel righteous until Abel did something.
- B. Whenever we sacrifice to God by faith, God will be our witness before God and others.
 - a. In Matthew 23:35 – Even Jesus called Abel a righteous man.

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III. Abel’s Faith Will be an Eternal Work

Abel’s example will always be remembered by God

- A. Whenever we sacrifice to God, God will allow your faithful works to be remembered by others.
 - a. Hebrews 12:24 says that Abel’s blood spoke because of His sacrifice.
- B. Whenever we sacrifice to God, God will allow your faithful works to have everlasting blessings in heaven.