



Heroes of the Faith: Abel

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What Is Faith?

“Faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.”



The Story of Abel



- Abel was the younger son of Adam and Eve and had an older brother named Cain
- When offering a sacrifice to God, Abel gave his best lamb and Cain gave the fruits of his garden
- God respected Abel's offering, but not Cain's because his offering was not according to what God wanted, but his own will and desire
- Out of anger, Cain killed Abel, making him the first person to die and also the first victim of murder
- Cain was then sent out of his father's house, but by the grace of God, was protected and not left to die
- Adam and Eve later went on to have a son named Seth





Abel's Faith In Action

The excellence of Abel's sacrifice the fact that it was of such a nature as to acknowledge his place as a sinner before God under the sentence of death. Essentially, he did what the publican did in Luke 18:13, and with the same result: Abel by faith offered a more excellent sacrifice as it was the first clear foreshadowing and type of the death of Christ.

Luke 18:13 NKJV

And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!'





“By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks.”

— *Hebrews 11:4 NKJV*

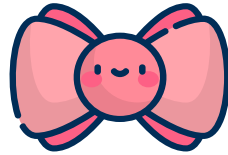




***Cain &
Abel's
Offerings
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