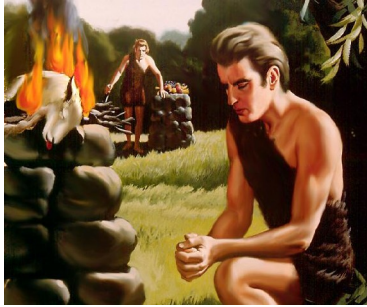




The Faith of Abel

Sermon by Ray Reynolds (1-10-10 - PM)

Text: Hebrews 11:4



Introduction: One great contrast of the Bible is seen between the example of Cain and Abel. Jesus reminded the disciples that there are only two ways: straight/narrow way which lead to life (true) and the broad way that leads to death (false). Cain was rejected and Abel was accepted. Every son of Adam is either like Abel or Cain. Let's take a closer look at Abel and see why we should build on his foundation of faith. . . .

Discussion:

I. Abel Acknowledged His Need For God's Presence

Romans 5:12, Genesis 3:15, Genesis 3:21, Hebrews 11:4

II. Abel Acknowledged His Need For God's Forgiveness

Genesis 4:4-8, Genesis 4:9-24, Matthew 25:35, Luke 11:51, Hebrews 11:4

III. Abel Acknowledged His Need For God's Grace

Deuteronomy 6:5, Hebrews 11:4, Genesis 4:4, Ephesians 2:8-9

IV. Abel Acknowledged His Need For God's Acceptance

Hebrews 11:4, Hebrews 12:24, I John 3:12, Jude 11, Romans 12:1-2

Conclusion: There should be no doubt that Abel is a powerful example for us. We can build on that foundation of faith. However, we should also remember that he would only point us to the Lord. Remember that "Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant" and His testimony is greater than Abel's (Hebrews 12:24). He is the perfect Lamb of God that has taken away the sins of the world. The question is, "Will you accept His sacrifice?"

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