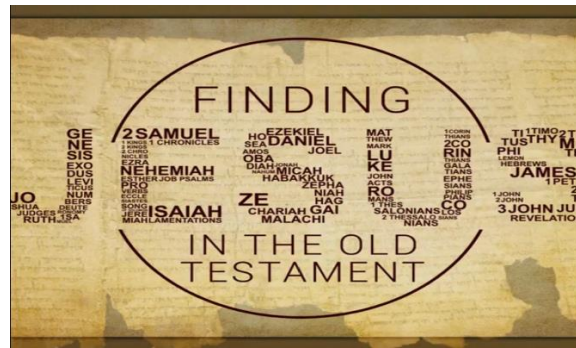


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## INTRODUCTION

According to Jesus Christ, if we search the Old Testament (OT) Scriptures, we will find Him. It is true! This Wed PM series is designed to teach significant "types" found in the OT that point to Jesus Christ in a **PICTURE** form. A *type* is some person, event, or ceremony that is recorded in the OT to foreshadow some future person, event, or ceremony. In this series, all the *types* will foreshadow Jesus Christ. Tonight, we will start with Abel's offering. He will bring an acceptable sacrifice to God – a **LAMB**.

### 1. The historical application. **Genesis 4:1-7**

- ✓ In the process of time, Cain and Abel brought **OFFERINGS** unto the LORD.

#### 1) *An Offering*

- Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD.
- And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof.

#### Analyzing the Offerings

Cain – Why would he bring of the fruit of the ground? (He was a **FARMER**.)

Abel – Why would he bring of the firstlings of his flock? (He was a **SHEPHERD**.)

#### 2) *Respect*

- And the LORD had **respect** unto Abel and to his offering...
- But unto Cain and to his offering he had **not respect**.

#### Analyzing the Respect

Abel – Why did God respect **both** his person and his offering?

Cain – Why did God NOT respect **both** his person and his offering?

#### 3) *Accepted*

- If thou **doest well**, shalt thou not be accepted?
- And if thou **doest not well**, sin lieth at the door.

#### Analyzing the Acceptance

Cain – Is God a *respector of persons*? (**Acts 10:34**) What is He saying to Cain?

There was clearly an **acceptable** sacrifice that God was looking for them to bring. And clearly, it was a **LAMB**! Because Abel brought a lamb, he and his offering were **accepted**!

**W1828 "Respect"**  
To have regard to;  
to esteem as  
possessing real worth.

**W1828 "Accepted"**  
Kindly received;  
regarded; agreed to.

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## 2. The prophetic (or doctrinal) application.

✓ Jesus Christ, the **LAMB** of God, is the **only** acceptable sacrifice for sin, sins, and sinners!

**Genesis 22:7**  
And Isaac spake unto  
Abraham his father...  
Behold the fire and  
the wood: but  
**WHERE IS THE LAMB**  
for a burnt offering?

1) Why a lamb?

- **Genesis 3:21** – God shed the first blood in the garden – it had to be a **LAMB!**
- **Proverbs 27:26** – God’s wisdom says – the LAMBS are for thy clothing! Amen.

2) Why was any other way rejected?

- **John 1:29** – ... Behold **the Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world.
- **John 14:6** – ... I am the way... **no man** cometh unto the Father, but by me.

3) Therefore, there are only **2** religions in the world.

- #1 – Jesus Christ alone. (*Plus nothing; minus nothing*)
- #2 – any other way.

4) Therefore, if you want to go to heaven... **TRUST** JESUS CHRIST!

- If you want to go to hell, trust literally anything else! Amen.

## 3. Some practical applications.

✓ It is possible to know and do *the good and* **ACCEPTABLE** *and perfect will of God!*

**1 John 3:12**  
Not as Cain, who was of  
that wicked one, and slew  
his brother. **And wherefore**  
**slew he him?** Because his  
own works were evil, and  
his brother’s righteous.

1) Cain knew to do **RIGHT** and well.

- **Jas 4:17** – Therefore to him that **knoweth to do good, and doeth it not,** to him it is sin.

2) Cain was full of **PRIDE**. (*He would not humble himself!*)

- **Job 41:34** – He beholdeth **all** high things: he is a king over **all** the **children of pride.**
- **Ps 10:4** – The wicked, through **the pride of his countenance,** will not seek after God...

**Romans 12:1**  
I beseech you therefore,  
brethren, by the mercies  
of God, that ye **PRESENT**  
**YOUR BODIES** a living  
sacrifice, holy, **acceptable**  
**unto God,** which is your  
reasonable service.

3) Cain made a conscious decision to **REBEL** against God.

- **John 13:17** – If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.
- **Romans 1:32** – Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have **PLEASURE IN THEM** that do them.
- **Romans 2:17-23** – Warnings against **HYPOCRISY!**

*Thou therefore which teachest another, **teachest thou not thyself?***

*Thou that preachest a man should not steal, **dost thou steal?***

*Thou that sayest a man should not commit adultery, **dost thou commit adultery?***

*Thou that abhorrest idols, **dost thou commit sacrilege?***

*Thou that makest thy boast of the law, through breaking the law...*

**dishonourest thou God?**

4) If you do not well, **SIN** lieth at the door.

- **Rom 12:1-2** – ... present your **BODIES** a living sacrifice, holy, **ACCEPTABLE** unto God...
- **Jer 6:20** – ...**your burnt offerings** are not acceptable, nor your sacrifices sweet unto me.