



CAIN & ABEL

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HEBREWS 11:4

WHAT IS FAITH?

- The ASSURANCE = CONFIDENCE *of*
- Things HOPED = EXPECTED *for*
- The CONVICTION = EVIDENCE *of things not seen.*

IN OTHER WORDS...

- Faith is TAKING God’s Word and ACTING upon it.
- It is the CONFIDENCE in the EXPECTED work of God because of the EVIDENCE of His Word.

TWO SACRAFICES: GENESIS 4:1-7

Who?	Cain	vs.	Abel
Job?	WORKER of the ground		KEEPER of sheep
Sacrifice?	FRUIT of the ground		FIRSTBORN of the flock
Comparison?	UNACCEPTABLE		ACCEPTABLE
Result?	CURSED		RIGHTEOUS

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ANSWERING SOME KEY QUESTIONS:

Q: Why was Abel’s sacrifice more acceptable than Cain’s sacrifice?

A: Abel’s OFFERING was made by FAITH; Cain’s OFFERING was made by OBLIGATION.

Q: How was Abel commended as righteous?

A: Abel’s RIGHTEOUSNESS only comes through FAITH.

Q: How is Abel still speaking today?

A: Abel’s ACCEPTABLE sacrifice was made by FAITH and TEACHES us today!

WHAT DO WE LEARN?

- We have a CHOICE in our OFFERING.
- Our ACCEPTABLE offering is a LIVING SACRIFICE.