

RIDICULOUS WORSHIP

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By faith Abel brought God a [better offering](#) than Cain did.
By faith he was [commended as righteous](#), when God spoke well of his offerings.
And by faith [Abel still speaks](#), even though he is dead.

Hebrews 11:4 (NIV)

Now Adam had sexual relations with his wife, Eve, and she became pregnant. When she gave birth to Cain, she said, "With the Lord's help, I have produced a man!" Later she gave birth to his brother and named him Abel.

When they grew up, Abel became a shepherd, while Cain cultivated the ground. ³When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops [as a gift to the Lord](#). Abel also brought a gift - the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The Lord accepted Abel and his gift, but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected.

"Why are you so angry?" the Lord asked Cain. "Why do you look so dejected? You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."

One day Cain suggested to his brother, "Let's go out into the fields." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him.

Genesis 4:1-8 (NLT)

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So brothers and sisters, since God has shown us great mercy, I beg you to [offer your lives](#) as a living sacrifice to him. Your offering must be only for God and pleasing to him, which is the spiritual way for you [to worship](#).

Romans 12:1 (NCV)

Differences between Cain & Abel and how they Worshipped:

1. Abel **believed God**. Cain **believed in God**.

Faith is [acting like](#) God is telling the truth!

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Hebrews 11:4a (NCV)

Jesus answered, "Isaiah was right when he spoke about you hypocrites. He wrote, 'These people [show honor to me with words](#), but their [hearts are far from me](#). Their worship of me is [worthless](#). **Mark 7:6-7a (NCV)**

2. **Abel was righteous. Cain was evil.**

By faith he was commended as [righteous](#), when God spoke well of his offerings. **Hebrews 11:4b (NIV)**

Do not be like Cain, who [belonged to the evil one](#) and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were [evil](#) and his brother's were [righteous](#). **1 John 3:12 (NIV)**

Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord? Who may enter your presence on your holy hill? Those who lead [blameless lives](#) and [do what is right, speaking the truth](#) from sincere hearts. Those who [refuse to gossip](#) or harm their neighbors or [speak evil](#) of their friends. **Psalms 15:1-3 (NLT)**

In the same way you husbands must live with your wives with the proper understanding that they are more delicate than you. Treat them with respect, because they also will receive, together with you, God's gift of life. Do this so that nothing will [interfere with your prayers](#). **1 Peter 3:7 (GNT)**

3. **Abel gave God his best. Cain gave God his leftovers.**

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Honor the Lord by giving him [the first part of all your income](#), and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines. **Proverbs 3:9 (TLB)**

And by faith [Abel still speaks](#), even though he is dead. **Hebrews 11:4c (NIV)**