



## **Worship That Pleases God**

**Hebrews 11:4**

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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.*

### **Genesis 4:1-14**

*Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, "With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man."<sup>2</sup> Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil.*

*<sup>3</sup> In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. <sup>4</sup> And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, <sup>5</sup> but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.*

*<sup>6</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? <sup>7</sup> If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."*

*<sup>8</sup> Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field. While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.*

*<sup>9</sup> Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" "I don't know," he replied. "Am I my brother's keeper?"*

*<sup>10</sup> The Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground. <sup>11</sup> Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. <sup>12</sup> When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth."*

<sup>13</sup> Cain said to the Lord, "My punishment is more than I can bear. <sup>14</sup> Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth.

## **What is Worship that pleases God?**

### **I. Our Worship of God must be about Him and not us.**

**Hebrews 11:6** *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is..."*

**Hebrews 12:28** *"Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe.*

### **II. To worship in faith, we must make sure that our hearts are right with God.**

**Psalm 51:17** *"The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart..."*

**1 Samuel 16:7** *"...People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."*

### **III. If we worship in faith, God will reward us.**

**Hebrews 11:6** says, *"But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."*