

**ABEL: 'WAY OF FAITH'**  
**Hebrews 11:4; Genesis 4:1-5, 8**

**Faith:** “*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*” Hebrews 11:1 (NIV)

1. Little Faith
2. Much Faith
3. Great Faith

**THE WOUNDING: Gen. 4:1-2a**

“*Adam lay with 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>2a</sup> *Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.*” (NIV)

1. The meaning of Cain is “*Acquired.*”
2. The meaning of Abel is “*Nothingness.*”

**THE WORSHIP Gen 4:2b-5**

<sup>2b</sup> “*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> *But Abel brought 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.*” (NIV)

**The Passage Teaches There Was:**

1. A Special Time
2. A Special Place
3. A Special Format

**Note:**

1. Cain never denied God’s existence.
2. Cain sought to receive God’s favor on **his own terms** not God’s terms.
3. Abel accepted God’s “*Way*” as the only approach to Holy God.
4. The difference between the two was a “*heart*” relationship.

**THE WICKEDNESS Gen.4: 5b, 8**

**Gen. 4:5b** “*So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.*”

**Gen. 4:8** “*And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him.*” (NIV)

1. Cain’s solution to the problem is to kill his brother so he wouldn’t have to compete for God’s favor.
2. Abel was murdered in cold blood by the same knife which Cain had seen him use in his offerings to God.
3. The means of expressing worship became the means of the first murder.
4. Understand, if we choose to become ‘*Men of Faith,*’ we will face opposition, obstacles and we will be the targets of lies and deceit.

**THE WAY**

**Hebrew 11:4** “*By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.*” (NIV)

**Men of Faith Must:**

1. **Focus** on God’s Word.
2. **Believe** God’s Word.
3. **Trust** God’s Word.
4. **Obey** God’s Word.
5. **Be Faithful** to God’s Word.
6. **Expect** Satanic Opposition Promised by God’s Word.
7. **Be Willing** to Lay Their Lives on the Line.
8. **Influence** Those Around Them.