

Abel: Worshipping By Faith
Hebrews 11:4

I The Context Of Abel's Faith

- A) Genesis 4 records Abel's brief life.

- B) Cain and Abel both worked hard to help provide for the family – Genesis 4:2b

II By Faith Abel Still Speaks To Us – Hebrews 11:4c (We are starting with the last phrase of Hebrews 11:4 on purpose).

- A) Jesus tells us that Abel is considered a prophet.
 - 1) Luke 11:50-51a - *That the blood of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world may be required of this generation, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple.*

- B) Abel's first "speaking" after his death was to God – Genesis 4:10.

- C) Abel also spoke to his brother Cain – Genesis 4:11-12

- D) Primarily, Abel speaks to later generations.

III By Faith Abel Offered A True Sacrifice To God – Hebrews 11:4a

- A) There was apparently a time for worship – Genesis 4:3-4.

- B) There was apparently a place for worship – Genesis 4:3-4

- C) Clearly there was a proper way to worship – Genesis 4:3-5.

- D) Note God’s response to these two – Genesis 4:4-5.

- E) In Abel’s sacrifice the way of the cross is first prefigured.

IV By Faith Abel Obtained Righteousness – Hebrews 11:4b

- A) He believed and obeyed God.

- B) How did God show He accepted Abel’s sacrifice in Genesis 4?

- C) Abel was counted righteous.