

Sunday AM, February 2, 2025 (Communion)

By Faith Abel Offered a More Acceptable Sacrifice – Hebrews 11:4

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⁴By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.

I. A More Acceptable Sacrifice

- A. The historical account of Cain and Abel teaches us the importance of obeying God and living for God by faith.

Genesis 4:3-7 (NIV84)

³In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. ⁶Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷If 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 master it."

- B. The most important lesson we need to learn from Abel is that he was accepted by God because, by faith, he brought a God-ordained sacrifice.
- C. Abel's brother Cain disobeyed God and tried to worship Him in his own way rather than the way that God had commanded.

II. Abel Still Speaks

- A. The last sentence of verse 4 tells us that Abel still speaks.
- B. As we take Communion this morning, we are coming to God by faith based entirely on the sacrifice of His Son on the cross.