



HEROES OF FAITH: ABEL

Hebrews 11:1-4



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By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

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.



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11:1 Now faith is confidence in **what we hope for** and assurance about **what we do not see**. This is what the ancients were commended for.

11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must **believe that he exists** and that **he rewards those who earnestly seek him**.



DEFINITION OF FAITH

- Present Faith: God is Creator
- Future Faith: God is Redeemer

EXAMPLE OF FAITH



Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. And Abel also brought an offering—**fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock**. The Lord looked with favour on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favour. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

Cain and Abel



NEW YEAR NEW CHALLENGE

*How much of your planning for 2018 is built on
faith?*



JESUS IS THE HERO

- Cain's guilt is my guilt
- Abel's blood speaks of my guilt
- Jesus' blood speaks of my pardon