

The Faith of Abel (Heb. 11:4)

May 3, 2026

TEXT—Heb. 11:4

Col. 1:16

MAIN IDEA—Abel is an example of a living faith that obeys, worships, and speaks, even far beyond the grave.

MEMORY VERSES—Jas. 2:17-18

Gen. 4:1-16

1-Abel had a Word-Centered Faith (Heb. 11:4)--Based on **Heb. 11:4**, we can infer that somehow Abel knew the acceptable way to approach God. Whether he learned this from his parents (Adam and Eve) or from God Himself, Abel knew it and approached God accordingly.

Gen. 4:3-5; Rom. 5:12

Rom. 10:17

Richard D. Phillips—*The offerings were different, and in that difference we see the faith of one and the unbelief of the other.*

Heb. 9:22

I Jn. 3:11-12

APPLICATION: What is your life centered on? Is it centered on obedience to God's word (like Abel) or is it based on your own reasoning and ways (like Cain)?

The Faith of Abel (Heb. 11:4)

May 3, 2026

2. Abel had a worshiping faith (Heb. 11:4)—Abel more than likely chose the very best of the first born from his flocks – not an animal having defects, or weaknesses. He offered God his best, and God respected and accepted his offering (**Gen. 4:4**).

Jn. 4:24

Mk. 12:43-44

3. Abel had a witnessing Faith (Heb. 11:4). By bringing an appropriate sacrifice to God, Abel has become a timeless witness to all who approach God the right way – by Faith. Abel was the fourth human being on planet earth, and even though he has been dead for a long time, his life still speaks.

Heb. 10:19-22

Heb. 4:16

Gen. 4:10; Rev. 6:9-10

Rom. 12:19; Phil. 1:21

Heb. 9:13-14; Heb. 12:24

How can your faith be a witness for Jesus?

Mt. 28:19-20

What about your faith? Which way are you taking? Faith in God's Way (like Abel) or your way (like Cain)?