

Faith - the Way of Faith

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Hebrews 11:1-4

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- We are reminded once again why Jesus is Better!
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- Enoch⁵ - the Walk of Faith
- Noah⁷ - the Work of Faith

The Way of Faith 4

- Abel's faith is commended; Cain's not
- Abel had proper faith in His offering^{Heb11:6}
- Abel had faith in God's promise of Messiah - blood sacrifice
- How did Abel know? His parents - Adam & EveGen
- After they sinned, God clothed them^{Gen3:21} by sacrifice
- An animal had to give its life (blood shed) to cover them
- Abel believed; Cain tried to buy God off on his own terms
- Abel looked in faith to the coming Messiah^{Gen3:15}

A Gracious God & A Hard Heart

- God even came to Cain to offer a 2nd chance^{Gen4:7}
- Cain responded by murdering his brother – ruin God's way
- Cain was of Satan^{1Jn3:12}
- Two types of people: those of God and those of Satan
- Faith didn't die with Abel... God gave Seth^{Gen4:25-26}
- So ask yourself: am I walking in faith like Abel or I am doing things my own way like Cain?
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