

ABEL

- I. His Home, Gen. 4:1-2a
- A. Environment. Best ever been with presence of sin. No crime, no death.
 - B. Family. 5:3 Adam 130 when Seth. Cain, Abel and sisters? shortness
Cain=acquisition. Abel=breath. life

II. His Work, 4:2b-7.

- A. Kind. Keeper of sheep. Cain, ground. Both honorable.
- B. Cause. 3:18-19. Blessing.

III. His Religion.

- A. Background. Same as Cain's as they heard ma and pa, esp. 3:21. Must have known something of sacrifice.

Shows how 2 boys from same home diff.

- B. Expression of it.

Cain-ordinary off. Abel best. 1st born choicest, and fatty portions which were considered best, Isa 1:11. Hll 4:22
Krah
sin
here

- C. Acceptance of it, 4:4. Why? God saw best and saw heart. (and blood?)

- D. Effect of it. Righteous, Matt 23:35; Lk 11:51. Cain's of devil, 1 Jn 3:12; Jude 11. 3 things in offering
1. Best (whole hearted)
2. Faith
3. Blood

IV. His death, 4:8-15.

- A. Circumstances, 8. Maybe not predated
- B. Effect on Cain, 9, indifference.
- C. Punishment for, 15. Protected Cain tho banished. Gen 9:6 later. Banished from cultivated soil to desert, 12a. Nomad, 12b. 15-lit, sign for Cain to warn people against slaying him.

V. His Testimony. Heb. 11:4, 12:24.

Abel says today: "I found the way to be right with God." How?

A. Negatively.

1. Not bec environment
2. Not bec IQ
3. Not bec offering beautiful.
4. Not bec useful, Gen 9:3.

B. Positively

1. Bec in faith.
2. Bec God's way with blood.

12:24--blood of sprinkline (cross) speaks better (more forcefully) than Abel--either Abel's cries vangeance and God's brings forgiveness or blood of Abel's sacrifice representing all sacrif of OT can't compare with blood of X. Either case it is blood whch is nec.

Concl. Will you listen to Abel.

Or follow way of Cain whose descendants turned out pretty well, Gen 4:21-22 but not with God.

*list of = acceptance - its desire is for you
not then shall be its desire - but then its striving
Do. Then rule over it*