

WHY FAITH

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Real Faith vs; False Faith
Heb 11:3; Gen 4

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We are answering the question, Why faith?
After all,
Isn't faith a given?
I mean everyone has faith. Even the atheist
has faith, faith in themselves.
Others have faith in their;

- Abilities
- Vocation
- Financial situation
- Etc.

But the faith we are talking about is faith in God.
Faith in God is different in that, because God does not change, our
faith can be consistent.

But these other things can be here today and gone tomorrow and
then, where is your faith?

We started last time with this statement:

"If a person really believes Genesis 1:1 this first sentence in the Bible,
he or she will not find it difficult to believe anything else recorded
there."

And here it is!

Gen 1:1 *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.*

A N.T. commentary would be:

Heb 11:3 *By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by
the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things
which are visible.*

Today,

I want to move on to Real Faith vs. False Faith.

v.4 *By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through
which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying
about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.*

In these two brothers, Cain and Abel, we have the distinction between
true faith and false faith.

Perhaps we could phrase it;

The battle between true and false faith.

Let's go back to the original scene.

Gen 4 opens up with Eve having children. She had many children,
both boys and girls.



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After all, she lived a long time. The Bible doesn't say how long she lived but it does say in:

Gen 5:5 *So all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years, and he died.*

But these two brothers, Cain and Abel, made history.

Many believe that Cain was their first born but I struggle with that as you will see in the end.

Their vocations are mentioned in ;

v.2 *Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.*

Some say Cain and Abel were born at the same time, making them twins. But there is no way to solidify that, as far as I can see.

Cain and Abel contrasted one another right from birth:

v.1 Adam and Eve go from being husband and wife to father and mother.

Eve thought Cain was the anointed one

she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the LORD."

but he turned out to be the evil one.

I Jn 3:12 *Cain, who was of the evil one, and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.*

Their vocations contrasted one another:

Cain was a farmer.

Abel was a shepherd.

They were not primitive Neanderthals hunting woolly mammoths and scribbling in caves. They were occupied with vocations to provide for themselves and for religious sacrifice.

You will see, they both had faith. Only one had true faith and the other had false faith.

v.3 *So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground.*

v.4 *Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and for his offering;*

v.3 "in the course of time" we don't know how long

A week, a month, 10 years, harvest time?

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Cain was married at the time according to:

v.17 *Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.*

So Cain and Abel both brought offerings to God.

God accepted Abel's offering, but uh oh!

v.5 *but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.*

v.6 *Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"*

v.7 *"If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, (will overtake you), but you must master it."*

God is reasoning with Cain but Cain refuses to hear it, giving evidence as to why his offering was rejected.

God was not rejecting Cain, just his offering.

Not because the soil of his farm was toxic but because his heart was toxic.

And it lacked true faith!

v.7 *If you do well*

One man said;

"To do well is to retrace his steps, to consider his ways, and find out wherein he has been wrong, and to amend his offering and his intention accordingly."

Ie.

Search his heart and accept the reproof.

But instead,

Cain takes it a step further.

In his own failure, he takes it out on someone else.

v.8 *Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.*

And today, even in the church,

It's the evil heart of people that assassinate the character of others.

So,

God punishes Cain and expels him from the family.

v.16 *Then Cain went out from the presence of the LORD, and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.*

v.17 *Cain had relations with his wife and she conceived, and gave birth to Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of the city Enoch, after the name of his son.*

Back to:

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He 11:4 *By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.*

So,

Why Faith?

1. Faith pleases God.
2. Faith leads to obedience
3. Obedience reveals the heart
4. It allows us to trust the Word of God