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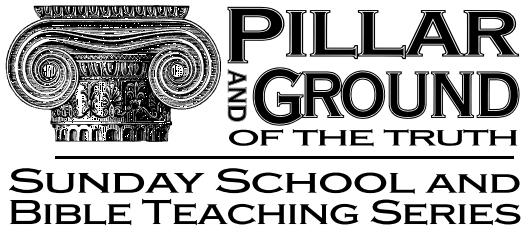
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Preparation Questions for Lesson 1

THE FAITH OF ABEL

Background Reading

Hebrews 11:1-4; Luke 11:50-51; Matthew 23:35; Jude 11;
Hebrews 12:1-2; Genesis 3:15-21; Romans 5:12;
Genesis 4:1-10; Romans 12:1-2; Revelation 6:9-10

MONDAY

According to Hebrews 11:4, what did Abel do by faith?

TUESDAY

Read Luke 11:50-51 and Matthew 23:35. What testimony did the Lord Jesus give concerning Abel?

WEDNESDAY

In Hebrews 12:1-2 we learn that the object of our faith must always be whom?

THURSDAY

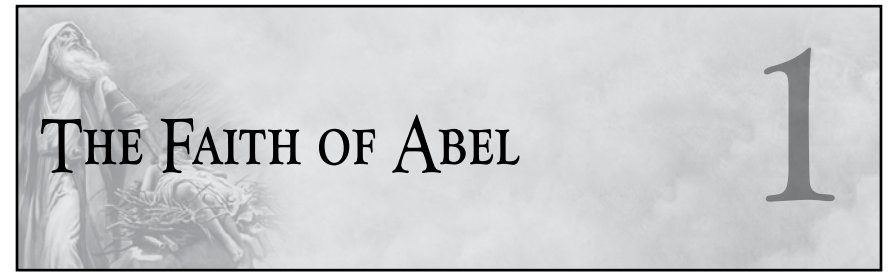
From Genesis 3:15-21, list some truths that Adam and Eve learned that they would later teach to their children.

FRIDAY

Read Genesis 4:1-10. Why did Abel bring the offering he brought to the Lord? Why did Cain bring the offering he did?

SATURDAY

According to Romans 12:1-2, what does offering the Lord require of us? What is necessary in order to bring that offering?



Scripture Memory

“By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.”

Hebrews 11:4



he Christian life is a faith life. The object of our faith is the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord illustrates the faith life in the lives of this glorious group of believers found in Hebrews chapter eleven. The first person on this list who illustrates living by faith is Abel. Read Hebrews 11:1-4.

The Lord Jesus confirms the Old Testament record concerning Abel. Consider what Christ says in Luke 11:50-51 and in Matthew 23:35. The Lord Jesus testified that Abel was a righteous man.

In Jude 11 we read, *“Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain.”* The *“way of Cain”* is the way of those who are self-willed and self-determined. It is the way of those who deny God. We shall all go the way of Abel or the way of Cain.




*We shall live
the life of
faith or
the life of
self-will and
self-service.*

Notes

The Family of Abel

Abel was the second son of Adam and Eve. Notice Genesis 4:1-5. As we read the Bible, we understand that God wanted parents to instruct their children. Adam and Eve had no written revelation of God's Word, but they knew what God had said and what God had done. From what we find in the Scriptures, we learn that there were certain things these parents taught their sons.



Parents have a responsibility to guide their children to God.

- *All men are sinners.*
- *Sin must have a covering.*
- *Every man-made attempt to cover sin is worthless.*
- *God will provide the covering for sin.*

The faith of Abel started with what he heard his parents say to him concerning God and God's Word.

The Flock of Abel

We find in Genesis 4:1-5 that Abel offered of the firstlings of his flock to the Lord. Cain, his brother, chose his own way. He brought of the fruit of the ground—the ground that God cursed.

We are dealing with two boys from the same home who both were taught God's Word. How

did this happen? Remember, "*Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God*" (Romans 10:17). When someone hears God's Word, he must act upon it.


It was the faith of Abel that led him to bring the offering that God required. By what Abel did with his flock, he declared boldly, "God is right." Cain said, "No, I am right. I'll do what I want to do." This is where we all struggle; we are either going to insist that we are right, or that God is right.

Read Genesis 4:6-10. Cain continued to seek out his wicked way and became harder and harder until one day he killed his own brother. Disobedience to the Lord results in a tragic life.

The Future of Abel

The story we read in Genesis is not the last thing we shall hear of Abel. Hebrews 11:4 concludes by saying, "*...and by it he being dead yet speaketh.*" What is he saying? The Bible says in Genesis that his blood is crying out. He has been sinned against.

There are many people who have been terribly wronged, but we must have faith to know that God will one day make all things right.



There is a God in heaven who is going to answer and avenge His children.

Preparation Questions for Lesson 2

THE FAITH OF ENOCH

Background Reading

Hebrews 11:1-6; Genesis 4:25-26; Genesis 5:5-24; I Corinthians 15:51-57; Romans 14:23; Amos 3:3; Ephesians 2:1-10; Colossians 1:13; John 5:24; Romans 5:19, 6:9-10; John 11:25; Jude 14-15

MONDAY

Read Genesis 5:21-24. What miraculous event took place in Enoch's life? What future event does this picture (I Corinthians 15:51-57)?

TUESDAY

According to Hebrews 11:5, what testimony did Enoch have?

WEDNESDAY

From Hebrews 11:6, what is essential in order to please God?

THURSDAY

How does the truth given in Amos 3:3 help us to understand how we are to walk with God?

FRIDAY

Compare Hebrews 11:5 and Colossians 1:13. What translation has taken place in the life of every believer?

SATURDAY

According to Jude 14-15, what did Enoch prophesy about to his generation?