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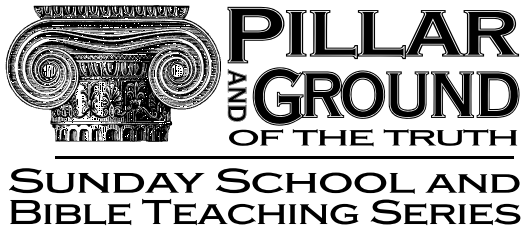
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# INTRODUCTION TO THE TEACHER'S GUIDE

This Teacher's Guide is designed to assist those who will be leading in the study of these Bible lessons. You will find helpful information in the front of this book that will be of great value as you prepare to teach each lesson.

- Preparing to Teach the Lesson
- Ten Laws for the Sunday School Teacher
- Tips for Teaching the Bible
- Goals for This Series

After the introductory material, you will find preparation instructions and Class Teaching Notes for all thirteen lessons in this series. At the conclusion of this book, information is given for those who are interested in additional materials. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will give you divine enabling as you faithfully teach the Word of God.

## PREPARING TO TEACH THE LESSON

As we study to teach God's Word, we must realize that thorough preparation is extremely important. The teacher should teach from an overflow. The truths of each lesson should make an impact in the teacher's life before being communicated to others. Here are some suggestions for preparing to teach the lessons in this series.

### *Begin Preparation Early*

For many teachers, preparation is something that begins and ends in the same evening. Usually, that evening is the one before the lesson is to be given. If you begin to prepare early, you will have the opportunity to "live" with the lesson throughout the week. Many times we do not get the full impact of Bible truths because we do not give the Lord the opportunity to develop these truths in our own lives.

### *Look to Christ*

In our Bible study and teaching, our goal is not to know information; our goal is to know Jesus Christ and to make Him known. Begin your preparation time by "*looking unto Jesus.*" We need to come to God's Word in faith believing that He is going to speak to us. Take time to commune with the Lord Jesus and get your heart in tune with Him.

### *Read the Bible Background Reading*

Read the background Bible passages that are given for each lesson. Be sure to read each passage twice.

1. Read the first time for general understanding. Look up any unfamiliar words or phrases.
2. Read the second time to mark key words and key expressions that speak to your heart.

### *Read the Bible Lesson*

After reading and marking the Scripture passages which correspond to the lesson, read the Bible lesson from *Have Faith in God* that corresponds with the lesson you are studying. As you read, mark key statements or paragraphs so that you can review them later.

### *Answer the Questions*

In the Class Teaching Notes, you will find preparation questions for each lesson. After reading the lesson, answer these questions to reinforce the things you have read. These are identical to the questions that the students are given in the *Study Guide*.

## *Teacher's Preparation*

### *Notice the Lesson Aims*

In each lesson, you should not try to teach many things, but rather teach a *few* things well. Give careful attention to the “lesson aims” which help to identify the key truths that are to be taught in each lesson. Keep these aims before you during your preparation time. They will help you to communicate the key truths in the lesson.

### *Write Out Ideas for Application*

A good Bible teacher will always strive to apply the truths of God’s Word to his audience. Before teaching, write out specific ideas for applying this lesson to your particular audience. We can teach people of all ages and stages in life to bring their burdens to Christ. Make your application especially strong in the conclusion of the lesson.

### *Use Illustrations*

The Lord Jesus often taught great truths through the use of practical illustrations. Perhaps the best illustrations are those that come directly from the Bible. Take time to reflect upon the lesson and make note of biblical illustrations that could help you teach more effectively. You may also think of some experiences from your life or the lives of other Christians that would help to illustrate a truth in the lesson.

## *Teacher's Preparation*

Personal illustrations should always be truthful and practical; at times, they may be thought-provoking or humorous as well.

### *Use the Class Teaching Notes*

Class Teaching Notes have been prepared for each lesson in this series. These notes are identical in format to the *Study Guide*. The page numbers on the Class Teaching Notes correspond to the page numbers in the *Study Guide*.

Be sure to make any handwritten notes on the Class Teaching Notes that you feel will assist you in teaching the lesson. You may wish to mark down personal illustrations, application ideas, or quotes and key expressions from the book *Have Faith in God*.

The Class Teaching Notes will be your aid as you teach the Bible lesson. The Class Teaching Notes are designed to be removed from the *Teacher's Guide* and placed neatly in your Bible. When teaching these lessons, do not carry the entire *Teacher's Guide* or the book *Have Faith in God* to class; only carry your Bible and the Class Teaching Notes.

# *Teacher's Preparation*

## *Review*

When you walk into class, you should know thoroughly what you are going to teach. Plan a time to review the Class Teaching Notes and Scripture reading. If you take the time to review the lesson, the things you have studied will be more firmly planted in your heart.

## *Conclude With a Time of Prayer*

- Pray for the guidance and power of the Holy Spirit.
- Pray for a spiritual understanding of God's Word.
- Pray for your pastor and church to be strengthened.
- Pray for lost souls to be saved.

## Ten Laws for the Sunday School Teacher

1. Prepare early for Sunday School.
2. Recognize the authority of God's Word.
3. Enter into study with prayer.
4. Know the material comprehensively before teaching in parts.
5. Use proper teaching methods.
6. Take your class to the Scripture often.
7. Help your class think biblically and use biblical language.
8. Make strong application in the conclusion of the lesson.
9. Encourage Bible memory.
10. Find a way to encourage daily preparation for next week's lesson.

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## TIPS FOR TEACHING THE BIBLE

As teachers of God's Word, we have a desire to be as effective as possible because we know that people need to hear and understand the Bible. You do not have to obtain a formal education to be a good teacher. Here are several suggestions that will help you to become a more effective teacher.

### *Always Begin and End on Time*

This shows great respect and consideration for others. The teacher should arrive to class early and should be prepared to teach before he arrives.

### *Do Not Be Afraid to Ask Questions*

You may ask questions to the entire class or to individuals. Some questions may take time for people to answer. You may need to reword a question to lead people to the correct answer.

### *Get Every Member of the Class Involved*

This can be done in a variety of ways including the following:

- Allowing the class or class members to read Scripture
- Asking questions that call for a response
- Encouraging class members to write in the *Study Guide*

### *Maintain Eye Contact With Your Class*

Many teachers fail in this matter because they are bound to their notes or to a book they have carried to class. When teaching, carry only your Bible with the Class Teaching Notes neatly placed in it. Use the notes to help you stay on track and teach in a logical order, but do not give your notes more attention than your students.

### *Use Variety in Your Teaching*

No one wants to be part of a Sunday School class that is cold and dead. You can make a class much more lively and interesting by varying your teaching methods and styles. This can be done in many ways including the following:

- Using object lessons or visual aids when teaching
- Allowing students to answer or discuss questions
- Using an illustration to grab the students' attention at the beginning of the lesson
- Varying your tone of voice (Do not speak in a monotone voice.)



## *Make Specific Applications to Your Students*

As you are teaching, work diligently to apply the truths you are teaching to the students in your class. They will find joy in *obeying* God's Word. Be clear and specific as you seek to show the students how the lesson applies to them. At the conclusion of the lesson, call for definite decisions; encourage each student to write these decisions in the *Study Guide* or in his Bible.

God can speak to the hearts of men, and He will speak through us as we are yielded to Him and filled with His Spirit.

## *Keep the Bible Central*

As Baptists we believe that our sole authority for faith and practice is God's Word. When you teach, your students should know that you have taught them God's Word. Take people to the Scriptures often and read the passages given in each lesson. You should teach in such a way that every student feels as if he needs a Bible in order to participate. Keep the Bible central in every question, in every discussion, and in every lecture.

## *Be Filled With the Holy Spirit of God*

God can enable all of His children to do the work He has called them to do. For the Christian, the filling of the Spirit is not an option; it is a command (Ephesians 5:18). The Lord Jesus said in John 15:5, "*Without me ye can do nothing.*" We often try to do for ourselves what we are not capable of doing.

## GOALS FOR THIS SERIES

- *TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE OBJECT OF OUR FAITH IS TO BE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST AND THAT WE MUST KEEP OUR EYES ON HIM*
- *TO LEARN THAT OUR FAITH IN GOD IS DEMONSTRATED BY LIVING A LIFE OF OBEDIENCE TO GOD'S WORD*
- *TO ALLOW THE LORD TO BE GREAT IN OUR LIVES SO THAT OTHERS WILL KNOW WHAT A MIGHTY GOD HE TRULY IS*
- *TO LIVE BY FAITH IN OUR HOMES AND TAKE SERIOUSLY OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TEACH OUR CHILDREN OF GOD AND HIS WORD*
- *TO DETERMINE BY GOD'S GRACE TO FINISH RIGHT AND TO DIE WITH STRONG FAITH IN THE LORD*

# *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

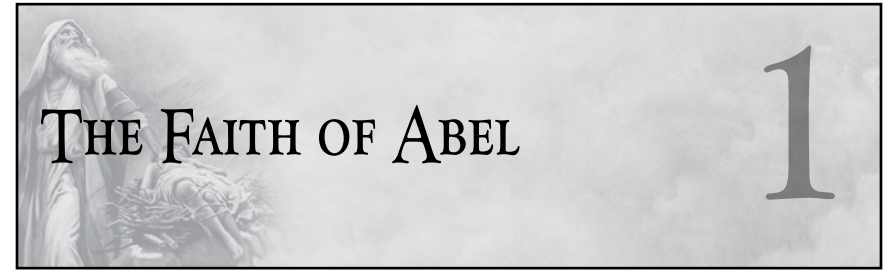
From Genesis 3:15-21, list some truths that Adam and Eve learned that they would later teach to their children.

### 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?



The Lord tells us the difference between the offering of Cain and the offering of Abel. 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.

### *Bible 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

### *Bible Lesson Reading*

Read chapter one in *Have Faith in God* by Clarence Sexton.

## Lesson Aims

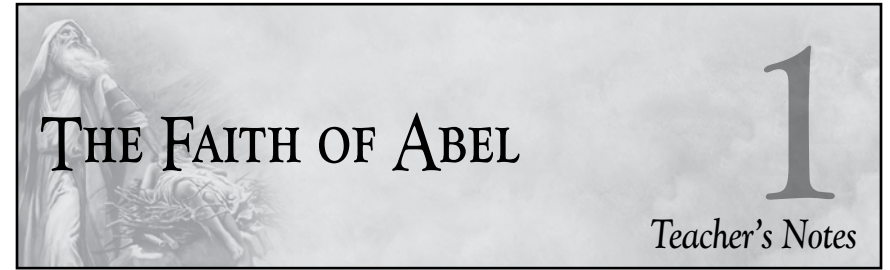
To show that the Christian life is a faith life, and that the object of our faith is the Lord Jesus Christ

To know that parents have a responsibility to teach their children who God is and what God has said in His Word

To understand that we demonstrate the faith we have in our hearts by yielding to the Lord what He requires

To realize that we face the decision every day to live by faith or to live a life of self-will and self-service

To see that we must have faith in God even when we are sinned against by others, knowing that one day God will make all things right



### 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

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The 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.




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### 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.



*All of us reveal what is in our hearts by our actions.*

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?