



"A Better Sacrifice"

Living by Faith Series

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Introduction

The just shall live by faith

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**. 5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; **AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP**; for **he obtained the witness** that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please [Him,] for he who comes to God must believe that He is and [that] He is a rewarder of those who seek Him. [Heb 11:4-6 NASB95]

How to keep speaking when you are dead

The just who live by faith...

1. ...obtain a _____.

1) God testified Abel's blood sacrifice was a _____ for sin.

- 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. [Heb 11:4 NASB95]
- ...**Abel obtained [passive tense] God's testimony that he was righteous...**
- 4 Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And **the LORD had regard [וַיִּשְׂא] shâ'âh, va ishaw-aw']** for Abel and for his offering; [Gen 4:4]
- The Lord considered inspected and approved what was offered and why it was offered

2) God testified Cain's presentation of his work was not _____.

- 5 but for Cain and for his offering He had **no regard**. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell. [Gen 4:5 NASB95]
- 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; **Cursed is the ground because of you**; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life. 18 "Both thorns and thistles it shall grow for you; And you will eat the plants of the field; [Gen 3:17-18]
- 3 So it came about in the course of time that **Cain brought an offering to the LORD of the fruit of the ground**. [Gen 4:3 NASB95]
- Cain presented his works as acceptable for atonement.

3) God testified Enoch was pleasing by _____ him up.

- 5 By faith **Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death**; **AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP**; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God. [Heb 11:5 NASB95]
- ...**Enoch obtained [passive tense] God's witness that he was pleasing to God...**

2. ...offer to God a _____ sacrifice.

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. [Heb 11:4 NASB95]

1) The wages of sin is _____.

✳ Even for those innocent of _____ sin.

- ...he obtained the testimony that **he was righteous...**

✳ My voice cries for _____.

- 10 He said, "What have you done? **The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground.** [Gen 4:10 NASB95]
- 5 "Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from [every] man, **from every man's brother I will require the life of man.** [Gen 9:5 NASB95]
- 33 'So you shall not pollute the land in which you are; for **blood pollutes the land and no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed on it,** except by the blood of him who shed it. [Num 35:33 NASB95]

✳ Human life is _____.

- 6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, **For in the image of God He made man.** [Gen 9:6 NASB95]
- SANCTITY OF LIFE: We hold that all humankind is created in the image of God and is sacred from conception to natural death. (Genesis 1:26; Psalm 139:13-16; Jeremiah.1:5) Abortion on demand, infanticide, and euthanasia are morally and ethically reprehensible to God and should be opposed by God's people. We protest the killing of over 54,000,000 pre-born babies since the Roe vs. Wade decision in 1973.

2) The better sacrifice is a _____ atonement.

- 22 And according to the Law, [one may] almost [say,] all things are cleansed with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.** [Heb 9:22 NASB95]
- 11 'For **the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.**' [Lev 17:11 NASB95]
- 20 And in the same way [He took] the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is **the new covenant in My blood.** [Luk 22:20 NASB95]

3) Human labor is futile for our _____.

- 3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the LORD of **the fruit of the ground.** [Gen 4:3 NASB95]
- 17 Then to Adam He said, "Because you have listened to the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree about which I commanded you, saying, 'You shall not eat from it'; **Cursed is the ground because of you; In toil you will eat of it All the days of your life.** [Gen 3:17]
- 21 But now apart from the Law [the] righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even [the] righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. [This was] to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, [I say,] of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus. [Rom 3:21-26 NASB95]

ILL. In the old city... "You must keep the Law." I have broken the law. Where can I make a blood sacrifice for my sin?

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3. ...do not hide from God's presence.

1) ...make no attempt to _____ or _____ their sin.

7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and **they** sewed fig leaves together and **made** themselves **loin coverings**. 8 They heard **the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden** in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife **hid themselves** from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. 9 Then the LORD God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" 10 He said, "**I heard the sound of You in the garden**, and I was afraid because I was naked; so **I hid myself**." 11 And He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" ... 21 The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife, and clothed them. [Gen 3:7-11, 21 NASB95]

2) ...believe that God _____ their presence.

- 16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 17 "For God did not send the Son into the world to judge the world, but that the world might be saved through Him. [Jhn 3:16-17 NASB95]
- 16 Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "**I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE.** [2Co 6:16 NASB95]

3) ...long to _____ this fearsome loving God.

7 **I will give them a heart to know Me**, for I am the LORD; and **they will be My people**, and **I will be their God**, for they will return to Me with their whole heart. [Jer 24:7 NASB95]

Conclusion

✳ 12 but **He**, having **offered one sacrifice for sins for all time**, **SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD**, [Heb 10:12 NASB95]

✳ 12 "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." [Act 4:12 NASB95]

If you have not done so, will you obtain God's good testimony this morning?
...that you are righteous.

Have you been made righteous through faith?
...there is only one way