

# *“When Dead Men Keep Talking”*

Portrait of Our  
Perfect High Priest

Hebrews 11:4  
part 38

## INTRODUCTION

- the first inductee to God's Hall of Faith
- biblical faith: a confidence & conviction in the God of creation

- though saved by faith alone, not by a faith that is alone

Jn. 14:23

## *1. Faith brings an offering*

- two men of respectable professions

Gen. 4:1-2

- two men with offerings to the Lord

Gen. 4:3-4a

- we must not approach God empty-handed

Gen. 8:20; 14:20; Ps. 50:23; Mic. 6:8; Hos. 14:2  
Phil. 4:18; Heb. 13:15-16; Rom. 12:1

*Emmanuel Bible Notes*

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- genuine faith comes to give...not take

Col. 3:17, 23-24

## *2. Faith brings an offering of obedience*

- Abel offered a *better* sacrifice...better in what sense?

- offerings reflect the heart

Gen. 4:4-13

Prov. 14:12; Jude 11; 1 Jn. 3:12; Mt. 12:33; Rom. 10:2-3  
Amos 5:21-22; 1 Sam. 15:22

“A gift without a heart behind it is a bribe. God asks for our heart,  
not our gifts.”  
—Samuel Chadwick

“The opposite of obedience is not disobedience but unbelief.  
When we lack faith we disobey.”  
— Max Anders

## CONCLUSION

- Abel's better sacrifice testified to his justification

Heb. 11:4a

- God Himself authenticated the genuineness of Abel's offering

Heb. 11:4b

- Abel still speaks

Heb. 11:4c

- what will you say from the grave?