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Hebrews 11:1 Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see.

2 Through their faith, the people in days of old earned a good reputation.

39 All these people earned a good reputation because of their faith, yet none of them received all that God had promised.

40 For God had something better in mind for us, so that they would not reach perfection without us.

## Abel Worshipped God - An Acceptable Offering

Hebrews 11:4 It was by faith that Abel brought a more acceptable offering to God than Cain did. Abel's offering gave evidence that he was a righteous man, and God showed his approval of his gifts. Although Abel is long dead, he still speaks to us by his example of faith.

Genesis 4:3 When it was time for the harvest, Cain presented some of his crops as a gift to the Lord.

- 4 Abel also brought a gift—the best portions of the firstborn lambs from his flock. The Lord accepted Abel and his gift,
- 5 but he did not accept Cain and his gift. This made Cain very angry, and he looked dejected.
- 6 "Why are you so angry?" the Lord asked Cain. "Why do you look so dejected? 7 You will be accepted if you do what is right. But if you refuse to do what is right, then watch out! Sin is crouching at the door, eager to control you. But you must subdue it and be its master."
- 8 One day Cain suggested to his brother, "Let's go out into the fields." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother, Abel, and killed him.
- 9 Afterward the Lord asked Cain, "Where is your brother? Where is Abel?" "I don't know," Cain responded. "Am I my brother's guardian?"
- 10 But the Lord said, "What have you done? Listen! Your brother's blood cries out to me from the ground!

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Exodus 34:14 You must worship no other gods, for the Lord, whose very name is Jealous, is a God who is jealous about his relationship with you.

Deuteronomy 12:10 But you will soon cross the Jordan River and live in the land the Lord your God is giving you. When he gives you rest from all your enemies and you're living safely in the land,

11 you must bring everything I command you—your burnt offerings, your sacrifices, your tithes, your sacred offerings, and your offerings to fulfill a vow—to

the designated place of worship, the place the Lord your God chooses for his name to be honored.

Luke 4:8 Jesus replied, "The Scriptures say, 'You must worship the Lord your God and serve only him."

Proverbs 3:9 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.

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	Mark 12:41 Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. 42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. 43 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. 44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."
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Mark 14:3 Meanwhile, Jesus was in Bethany at the home of Simon, a man who had previously had leprosy. While he was eating, a woman came in with a beautiful alabaster jar of expensive perfume made from essence of nard. She broke open the jar and poured the perfume over his head.

- 4 Some of those at the table were indignant. "Why waste such expensive perfume?" they asked.
- 5 "It could have been sold for a year's wages and the money given to the poor!" So they scolded her harshly.
- 6 But Jesus replied, "Leave her alone. Why criticize her for doing such a good thing to me?
- 7 You will always have the poor among you, and you can help them whenever you want to. But you will not always have me.
- 8 She has done what she could and has anointed my body for burial ahead of time.
- 9 I tell you the truth, wherever the Good News is preached throughout the world, this woman's deed will be remembered and discussed."
- 10 Then Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve disciples, went to the leading priests to arrange to betray Jesus to them.

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Matthew 6:19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.

- 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.
- 21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.
- 24 "No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and be enslaved to money.

Romans 12:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies to God because of all he has done for you. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice—the kind he will find acceptable. This is truly the way to worship him.