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## Hebrews 11

4 By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did.

By faith he was commended as righteous when God gave approval to his gifts.

And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.

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## Three Facets of Faith of a True Worshiper

1. Faith that Jesus Christ is the sacrifice for our sins
  - Jesus is the Way to the Father – Priest
2. Faith to believe what He says
  - Jesus is the Truth from the Father – Prophet
3. Faith to live in submission to Him
  - Jesus is the Life the Father offers - King

## Genesis 4

1 And Adam had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain.

“With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man,” she said.

2 Later she gave birth to Cain’s brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the soil.

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So Cain became very angry, and his countenance fell.

6“Why are you angry,” said the LORD to Cain, “and why is your face downcast?”

7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?

But if you refuse to do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; you are its object of desire, but you must master it.”

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9 And the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?”

“I do not know!” he answered. “Am I my brother’s keeper?”

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10 “What have you done?” replied the LORD.

“The voice of your brother’s blood cries out to Me from the ground.

11 Now you are cursed and banished from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.

12 When you till the ground, it will no longer yield its produce to you. You will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.”

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13 But Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear.

14 Behold, this day You have driven me from the face of the earth, and from Your face I will be hidden;

I will be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.”

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Worship a false god

Worship self

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## James 1

14 But each one is tempted when by his own evil desires he is lured away and enticed.

15 Then after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death.

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**13 So do not be surprised, brothers, if the world hates you.**

## Hebrews 12

23...You have come to God the judge of all men, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24 to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

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