



Welcome To Open Bible Hour

Thank you for joining us on this Lord's Day!

Our desire is that you may grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ as we pursue an in-depth study of the book of Hebrews.

If you have a prayer request, for which you would like us to pray, please fill out a prayer sheet at the back table and give to Lyle.

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“BY FAITH ABEL AND ENOCH PLEASSED GOD”

Hebrews 11:4-6

February 2, 2014

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Gen 4:1-11

- 1 Now the man had relations with his wife Eve, and she conceived and gave birth to Cain, and she said, "I have gotten a manchild with the help of the Lord."
- 2 Again, she gave birth to his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.
- 3 So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground.
- 4 Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and for his offering;
- 5 but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard. So Cain became very angry and his countenance fell.
- 6 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen?"
- 7 "If you do well, will not your countenance be lifted up? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door; and its desire is for you, but you must master it."
- 8 Cain told Abel his brother. And it came about when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother and killed him.
- 9 Then the Lord said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" And he said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?"
- 10 He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground."

ABEL

1. Faith is obedient to God's revelation.
2. Faith in God's sacrifice is the only way for a sinner to be acceptable to God.
3. Faith in God's sacrifice results in a sinner made righteous.
4. Faith and total trust in God's sacrifice is despised by the self-righteous.
5. Faith in God's sacrifice has an impact for eternity.

"Death is never the last word in the life of a righteous man." - Moffatt

Cain –

1. Prov 14:12

12 There is a way which seems right to a man,
But its end is the way of death.

2. Cain had religion apart from righteousness.

3. Cain was going through the motions.

4. Jude 11

11 Woe to them! For they have gone the way of Cain, and for pay they have rushed headlong into the error of Balaam, and perished in the rebellion of Korah.

Gen 5:21-24

21 Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah.

22 Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters.

23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years.

24 Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

ENOCH

1. Walked with God.

What does it mean to walk with God?

1. The closer you walk with God, the less room for anything to come between.
2. You are headed in the right direction when you walk with God.
3. Your life will be characterized not by perfection but by direction.
4. You have an ongoing conversation with God.
5. You love what God loves and you hate what God hates. You agree with God.

Amos 3:3

3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

6. You will be a good husband/wife.
7. You will be a good parent.
8. You will be a good church member.
9. You will be a good friend.
10. You will be a good neighbor.
11. You will be a good citizen.
12. You will be a good employee/employer.
13. You will get to know the God of the universe.
14. You will be bold and courageous in your witness for God.
15. Your death will be a minor incident, hardly worth mentioning.

****All of these are extensions of what it means to walk with God.***

Gen 6:5

5 Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

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Albert Einstein said, "Certainly there is a God. Any man who doesn't believe in a cosmic force is a fool, but we could never know Him."

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1 Chron 28:9

9 If you seek Him, He will let you find Him; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever.

Prov 8:17

17 "I love those who love me;
And those who diligently seek me will find me.

Jer 29:13

13 'You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart.

Luke 11:9-11

9 "So I say to you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.

10 "For everyone who asks, receives; and he who seeks, finds; and to him who knocks, it will be opened.

John 3:16

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.

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