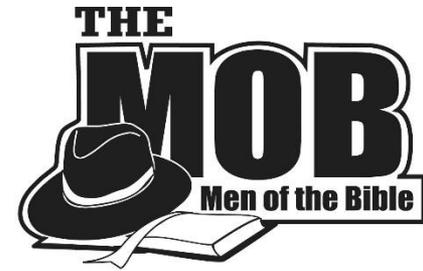




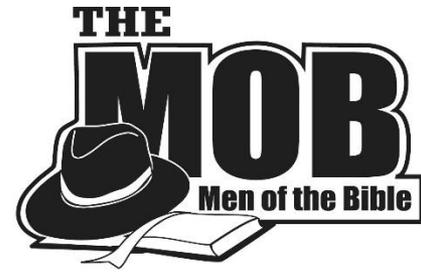
Announcements



- Welcome to the MOB! www.ibcmob.net
- Please pray for our Nation as we prepare for another transition in National leadership
- [IBC Breakfast with Champions, January 7, 2017](#)
[Congressman Steve Russell \(online video\)](#)



Memory Verse



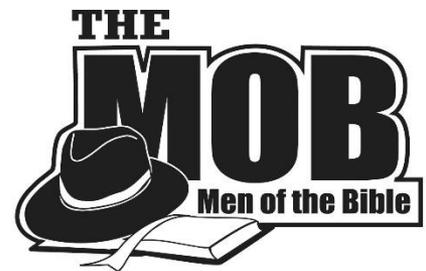
Hebrews 11:1-3 (ESV)

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Hebrews 11:1-3 (ESV)



Hebrews Outline

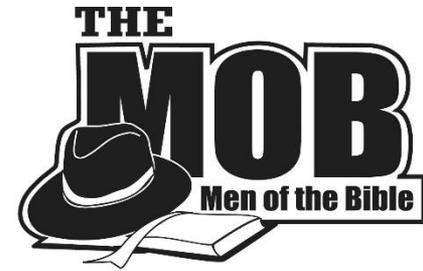


Focus	Christ's Person			Christ's Work			Walk of Faith		
Reference	1:1-3	1:4 – 2:18	3:1 – 4:13	4:14 – 7:28	8:1-13	9:1 – 10:18	10:19 – 11:40	12:1-29	13:1-25
Division	Christ Superior to the Prophets	Christ Superior to the Angels	Christ Superior to Moses	Christ's Superior Priesthood	Christ's Superior Covenant	Christ's Superior Sanctuary & Sacrifice	Assurance of Faith	Endurance of Faith	Exhortation to Love
Topic	Majesty of Christ			Ministry of Christ			Ministers for Christ		
	Doctrine						Discipline		
Location & Time	Place of writing unknown . Probably written around 64-68 AD								





Last Meeting



Faithfulness, Apostasy, and Endurance

Review: [Hebrews 1 – 10:18](#)

Study: [Hebrews 10:19-39](#)

[Ezekiel 36:22-36](#)

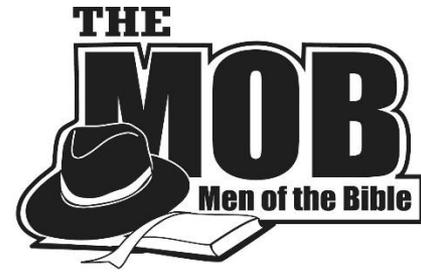
[Mark 15:33-39](#)

[1 Corinthians 13](#)

Encountering Chapter 10B, pages 133-140



This Meeting



Supreme Examples of Faith: Abel

Review: [Hebrews 1 – 10](#)

Study: [Hebrews 11:1-4](#)

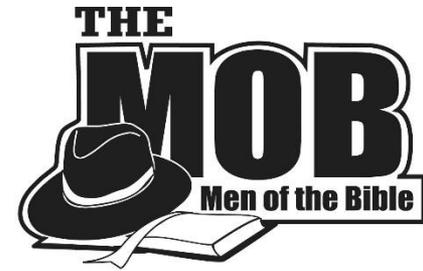
[Genesis 4:1-16](#)

Encountering Chapter 11, pages 141-145



Hebrews 11:1-4 (ESV)

Example of Faith: Abel



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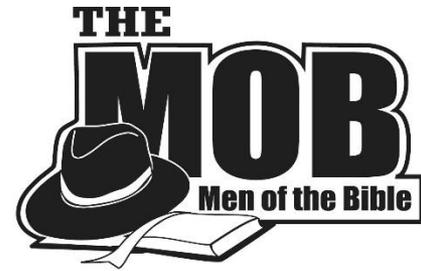
³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

⁴ By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts. And through his faith, though he died, he still speaks.



Hebrews 11:1-4 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



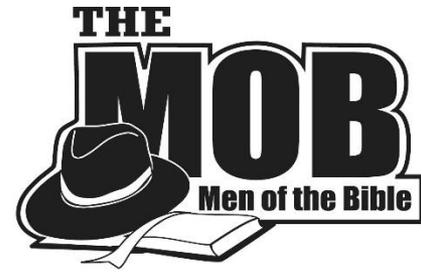
Hebrews 11:1-3

- **Observation (O):** Description of faith
 - “This is not a definition of faith, but a description of what faith does and how it works.” – Warren Wiersbe.
 - Faith: our spiritual foundation; our conviction God will perform what He has promised; our actions give witness
- **Interpretation (I):** What faith is and what faith isn't
 - Faith is *not* blind optimism (wishing, hoping), nor believing in spite of the evidence (superstition)
 - Faith is confident obedience to God's Word despite circumstances and consequences
- **Application (A):** Imitate the walk of the faithful



Hebrews 11:1-4 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



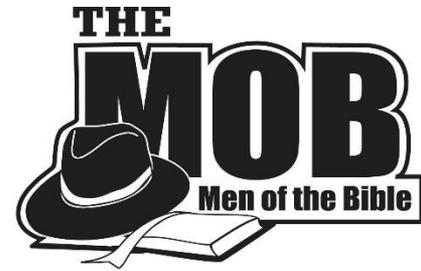
Hebrews 11:4 and Genesis 4:1-24

- **Observation (O):** Demonstrations of faith
 - Hebrews 11:4 introduces our first OT example of demonstrated faith: Abel, second son of Adam and Eve
- **Interpretation (I):**
 - Hebrews 1-10 highlights the superiority of Christ versus the tangible things of Moses, OT law, and Jewish rituals
 - Hebrews 11 highlights an “All Pro” list of men and women who boldly walked by faith despite great risk and sacrifice
- **Application (A):**
 - God spoke to them, they obeyed; Scripture bears witness



Hebrews 11:1-4 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



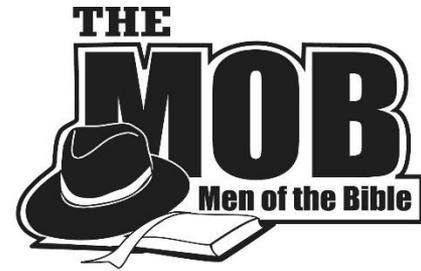
Hebrews 11:4 and Genesis 4:1-24 (con't)

- **Observation (O):** Background
 - Genesis establishes marriage and family structure; Adam and Eve followed God's command to have children ([Genesis 1:28](#))
 - Cain (acquired) – life comes from God
 - Abel (breath or vanity) – life is brief
- **Interpretation (I):**
 - Genesis notes a sibling rivalry; firstborn often bypassed
 - God blesses those He chooses; He is sovereign
- **Application (A):**
 - Sin damages God's plan for families



Hebrews 11:1-4 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



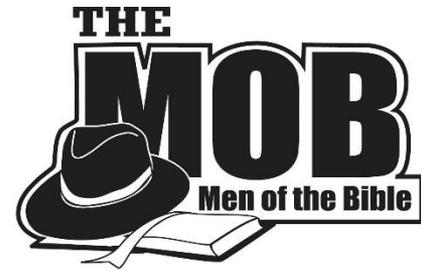
Hebrews 11:4 and Genesis 4:1-24 (con't)

- **Observation (O):** Work
 - Adam worked in the Garden ([Genesis 1:26-31](#))
 - Adam taught his sons to work; Cain (farmer) and Abel (shepherd) developed their own talents ([Colossians 3:22-23](#))
- **Interpretation (I):**
 - Good work is a blessing ([Exodus 20:9](#)) and should honor God ([1 Corinthians 10:31](#))
 - God cursed ground because of disobedience ([Genesis 3:17-19](#)) but also promised a Redeemer for creation ([Genesis 3:15](#))
- **Application (A):**
 - Work enables us to provide for ourselves, our families, and the Church (the Body of Christ; fellow Believers)



Hebrews 11:1-4 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



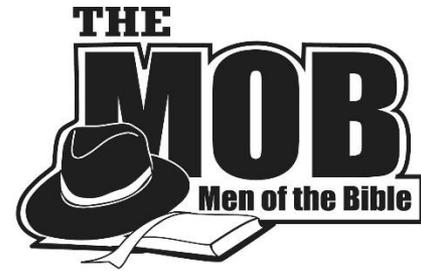
Hebrews 11:4 and Genesis 4:1-24 (con't)

- **Observation (O):** Worship
 - Adam and Eve worshipped God in the Garden; they learned how to worship outside Garden
 - Cain and Abel both offered sacrifices; Mosaic law approved of grain and fruit offerings. One was accepted and one was rejected based on the condition of the two men's hearts
- **Interpretation (I):**
 - Abel walked by faith – offered blood sacrifice – God accepted
 - Cain walked by sight – God saw his heart – God rejected
- **Application (A):**
 - Outward appearance can mask inward unbelief



Hebrews 11:1-4 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



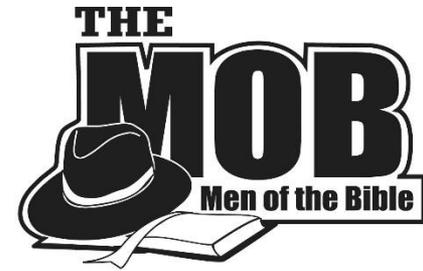
Hebrews 11:4 and Genesis 4:1-24 (con't)

- **Observation (O):** Selfishness
 - Cain was self-focused; impacted his human relationships
 - God rejected Cain and his sacrifice and Cain's anger flared
 - God warned Cain and offered gracious forgiveness
- **Interpretation (I):**
 - Our heart condition manifests itself in our relationships
- **Application (A):**
 - God offers us grace; our decisions determine our fate



Hebrews 11:1-4 (ESV)

Observation & Interpretation



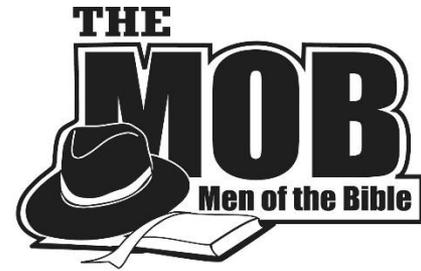
Hebrews 11:4 and Genesis 4:1-24 (con't)

- **Observation (O):** Murder and lying
 - Cain lured Abel away from home and attacked him in a field
 - Not self-defense; Cain killed Abel out of envy and anger
 - Cain may have decided to kill Abel while still at the altar
 - Cain tried to lie his way out of his deed
- **Interpretation (I):**
 - Cain was child of the devil ([1 John 3:12](#)); he was a murderer and liar ([John 8:44](#))
- **Application (A):**
 - God interviewed Adam and Eve and Cain before judging them



Hebrews 11:1-4 (ESV)

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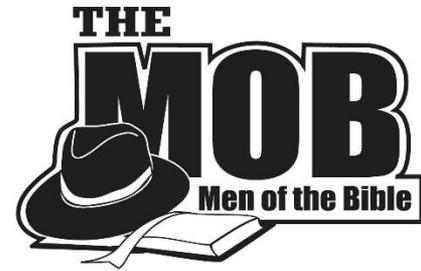


Hebrews 11:4 and Genesis 4:1-24 (con't)

- **Observation (O):** Consequences of sin
 - God cursed the serpent, the ground, and now Cain
 - Cain forced to leave (no more farming); became a wanderer
 - Cain did not repent; he only regretted being punished
- **Interpretation (I):**
 - Cain was marked for life; no hope of salvation
 - He struggled to build a family, a city, and a future; all his personal efforts proved futile and he died without hope
- **Application (A):**
 - God extends both grace and mercy; reject at your own peril



Next Meeting



Supreme Examples of Faith: Enoch

Review: [Hebrews 1 – 11:4](#)

Study: [Hebrews 11:5-6](#)

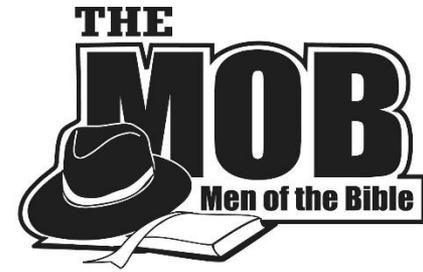
[Genesis 5:1-32](#)

Encountering Chapter 11, pages 144-145

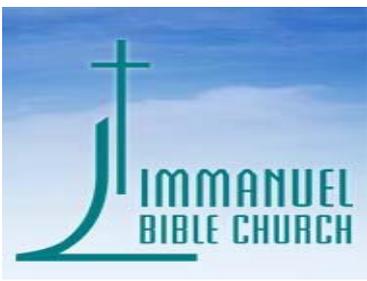


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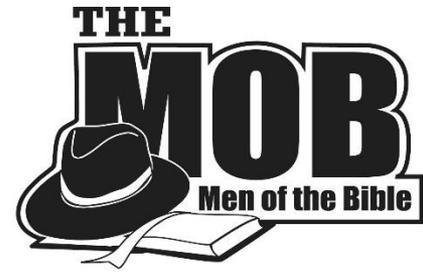
Application / Discussion



1. Describe “faith” in your own words.
2. Summarize why Abel is commended by God.
3. Explain why you personally decided to place your faith in Christ as your Savior and how that has changed how you live your life.
4. What personal trait would you want to improve so that God will commend you on Judgement Day?



Closing

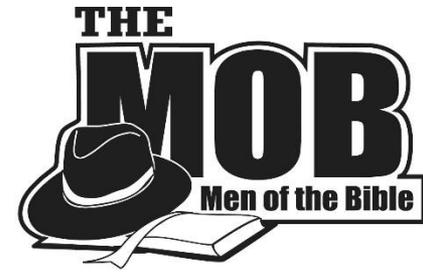


- Questions?
- Comments?
- Closing Prayer



Genesis 5:1-24 (ESV)

Example of Faith: Abel

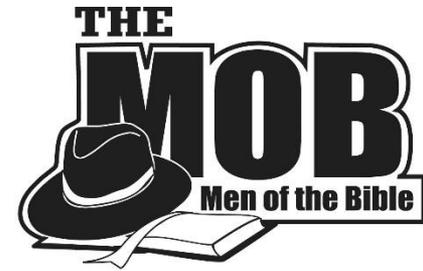


¹ Now Adam knew Eve his wife, and she conceived and bore Cain, saying, “I have gotten a man with the help of the LORD.” ² And again, she bore his brother Abel. Now Abel was a keeper of sheep, and Cain a worker of the ground. ³ In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, ⁴ and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, ⁵ but for Cain and his offering he had no regard. So Cain was very angry, and his face fell. ⁶ The LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry, and why has your face fallen? ⁷ If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin is crouching at the door. Its desire is contrary to you, but you must rule over it.”



Genesis 5:1-24 (ESV)

Example of Faith: Abel

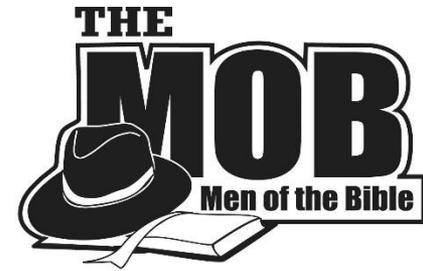


⁸ Cain spoke to Abel his brother. And when they were in the field, Cain rose up against his brother Abel and killed him. ⁹ Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is Abel your brother?” He said, “I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?” ¹⁰ And the LORD said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. ¹¹ And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you work the ground, it shall no longer yield to you its strength. You shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth.” ¹³ Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is greater than I can bear. ¹⁴ Behold, you have driven me today away from the ground, and from your face I shall be hidden. I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” ¹⁵ Then the LORD said to him, “Not so! If anyone kills Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold.” And the LORD put a mark on Cain, lest any who found him should attack him. ¹⁶ Then Cain went away from the presence of the LORD and settled in the land of Nod, east of Eden.



Genesis 5:1-24 (ESV)

Example of Faith: Abel



¹⁷ Cain knew his wife, and she conceived and bore Enoch. When he built a city, he called the name of the city after the name of his son, Enoch. ¹⁸ To Enoch was born Irad, and Irad fathered Mehujael, and Mehujael fathered Methushael, and Methushael fathered Lamech. ¹⁹ And Lamech took two wives. The name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. ²⁰ Adah bore Jabal; he was the father of those who dwell in tents and have livestock. ²¹ His brother's name was Jubal; he was the father of all those who play the lyre and pipe. ²² Zillah also bore Tubal-cain; he was the forger of all instruments of bronze and iron. The sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. ²³ Lamech said to his wives:

“Adah and Zillah, hear my voice;
you wives of Lamech, listen to what I say:
I have killed a man for wounding me,
a young man for striking me.

²⁴ If Cain's revenge is sevenfold,
then Lamech's is seventy-sevenfold.”

Better Things (6:4-5)

- Enlightened
- Tasted heavenly gift
- Partakers of the Holy Spirit
- Tasted Word of God
- Guaranteed by Jesus (7:22)
- Faultless (8:7)
- Written on our hearts (8:10)

New Covenant
(Jeremiah 31)

- Those who inherit salvation (1:14)
- Brethren of Christ (2:10)
- Subject over the world (2:17)

- Ministering spirits (1:14)

(5:6, 5:10, 6:20, 7:1, 10, 11, 15)

- King (3:1)
- Priest (2:17)
- Without genealogy (7:6)

Melchizedek

(2:17, 3:1, 4:14, 4:15, 5:5, 5:10, 6:20, 7:26-28, 8:1, 9:11)

- Holy (7:26)
- Innocent
- undefiled
- Separated from sinners
- Exalted above the heavens

High Priest

Like

(9:11-28, 10:1-12, 26-29)

Sacrifice

- His own blood (9:12)
- Without blemish (9:11)
- Death required (9:17)
- Eternal redemption (9:12)
- Shedding blood for forgiveness (9:22)

Hope

by access to

At the right hand...
(1:3, 1:13, 8:1, 10:12, 12:2)

Sanctuary
(heaven)

- Heaven based (8:1)
- Not made with hands
- Greater and more perfect (9:11)

access through His own blood (9:12)

receives

Man

Lower than

Angels

YHWH

The radiance of His Glory
The exact representation of His nature (1:3)



Superior to

Mediator (8:6, 9:15)

Totally Human

- Apostle (3:1)
- Made like his brethren in all things (2:17)

To make propitiation for sins of the people (2:17)

Sympathize with our weaknesses; tempted in all things (e.g. completely identifies (4:14))

Jesus Christ: The Perfect Sacrifice

Like

- Abraham (6:13)
- Joshua (4:8)
- Moses (3:2)

Spoke in many portions and in many ways (1:1)

Sacrifice

(5:1, 7:27, 8:3, 9:9, 23, 10:1-11)

High Priest

(3:1, 4:15, 5:1, 7:27, 8:5, 9:7, 9:25)

- Like Levi
- Beset in weakness (5:2)

Sanctuary
(tabernacle)

(8:5, 9:2-6)

- Simple
- Specific (8:5)
- Required (9:1)

Old Covenant

- Temporary (8:7-9)
- Repetitious (9:6, 25, 10:11)
- Obsolete (9:1-10)
- Inadequate (10:4)

• Eternal Inheritance (9:15)
• Redeemed transgressions under the first covenant (9:15)
= PERFECT