

~ABEL (199)

(A'bel) [possibly, Exhalation, Vanity]

.. How Does Jesus Blood - Speak In A Better Way Than That Of Abel?

- The second son of Adam and his wife Eve, and the younger brother of their firstborn son, Cain.
- Later she again gave birth, to his brother **Abel**. And Abel came to be a herder of sheep, but Cain became a cultivator of the ground. (**Genesis 4:2**)
- It is probable that, while yet alive, **Abel** had sisters, the record mentions the birth of daughters to his parents, but their names are not recorded.
- This is the book of Adam's history. In the day of God's creating Adam he made him in the likeness of God. (**Genesis 5:1**)
- Male and female he created them. After that he blessed them and called their name Man in the day of their being created. (**Genesis 5:2**)
- And Adam lived on for a hundred and thirty years. Then he became father to a son in his likeness, in his image, and called his name Seth. (**Genesis 5:3**)
- And the days of Adam after his fathering Seth came to be eight hundred years. Meanwhile he became father to sons and daughters. (**Genesis 5:4**)
- As a man, he became a herder of sheep, while his brother became a farmer.
- Later she again gave birth, to his brother **Abel**. And Abel came to be a herder of sheep, but Cain became a cultivator of the ground. (**Genesis 4:2**)
- After an indefinite period of time, **Abel** made an offering to Yehowah God. Cain did likewise. Each brought of what he had. Abel, brought of the firstlings of his flocks. Cain brought of his produce.
- And it came about at the expiration of some time that Cain

proceeded to bring some fruits of the ground as an offering to Yehowah. ([Genesis 4:3](#))

- But as for **Abel**, he too brought some firstlings of his flock, even their fatty pieces. Now while Yehowah was looking with favor upon Abel and his offering. ([Genesis 4:4](#))
- They both had belief in God. They undoubtedly learned of Him from their parents and must have known why they all were outside the garden of Eden and denied entry to it. Their offerings indicated a recognition of their alienated state and of their desire for God's favor. God expressed favor toward **Abel's** offering, but not toward Cain's offering.
- How the approval and the rejection were manifested the record does not show, but it was undoubtedly evident to both men. The reason for God's approval of only **Abel's** offering is made clear by later writings. The apostle Paul lists **Abel** as the first man of faith, at;
- By faith **Abel** offered God a sacrifice of greater worth than Cain, through which faith he had witness borne to him that he was righteous, God bearing witness respecting his gifts, and through it he, although he died, yet speaks. ([Hebrews 11:4](#))
- And shows that this resulted in his sacrifice being of **greater worth** than Cain's offering. By contrast,
- For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should have love for one another ([1 John 3:11](#))
- Not like Cain, who originated with the wicked one and slaughtered his brother. And for the sake of what did he slaughter him? Because his own works were wicked, but those of his brother were righteous. ([1 John 3:12](#))
- Shows Cain's heart attitude to have been bad, and his later rejection of God's counsel and warning, as well as his premeditated murder of his brother **Abel**, demonstrated this.
- While it cannot be said that **Abel** had any foreknowledge of the eventual outworking of the divine promise at.
- And I shall put enmity between you and the woman and between

your seed and her seed. He will bruise you in the head and you will bruise him in the heel. ([Genesis 3:15](#))

- Concerning the promised **seed**, he likely had given much thought to that promise and believed that blood would have to be shed, someone would have to be **bruised in the heel**, so that mankind might be uplifted again to the state of perfection that Adam and Eve had enjoyed before their rebellion. Thus he showed spiritual appreciation for what might follow.
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- In the light of this, **Abel's** offering of the firstlings of his flock certainly was appropriate and undoubtedly was a factor in God's expression of approval. To the Giver of life, Abel gave as his gift life, even though it was only from among the flock.
- And as he looked at Jesus walking he said; See, the Lamb of God! ([John 1:36](#))
- Jesus shows **Abel** to have been the first martyr and object of religious persecution waged by his intolerant brother Cain. In doing so, Jesus speaks of **Abel** as living at **the founding of the world**.
- Certainly you are witnesses of the deeds of your forefathers and yet you give consent to them, because these killed the prophets but you are building their tombs. ([Luke 11:48](#))
- On this account the wisdom of God also said; I will send forth to them prophets and apostles, and they will kill and persecute some of them. ([Luke 11:49](#))
- So that the blood of all the prophets spilled from the founding of the world may be required from this generation. ([Luke 11:50](#))
- From the blood of **Abel** down to the blood of Zechariah, who was slain between the altar and the house. Yes, I tell you, it will be required from this generation. ([Luke 11:51](#))
- The **Greek** word for **world**, is *ko'smos* and in this text refers to the world of mankind.

- The term **founding** is a rendering of the Greek *ka-ta-bo-le'* and literally means **throwing down of seed**.
- By faith also Sarah herself received power to conceive seed, even when she was past the age limit, since she esteemed him faithful who had promised. (**Hebrews 11:11**)
- By the expression **the founding of the world**, Jesus manifestly referred to the birth of children to Adam and Eve, thereby producing a world of mankind. Paul includes **Abel** among the **cloud of witnesses** of pre-Christian times.
- By faith **Abel** offered God a sacrifice of greater worth than Cain, through which faith he had witness borne to him that he was righteous, God bearing witness respecting his gifts, and through it he, although he died, yet speaks. (**Hebrews 11:4**)
- So, then, because we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also put off every weight and the sin that easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us. (**Hebrews 12:1**)

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- Because of his faith and divine approval, the record of which continues to bear witness, it could be said that **Abel**, although he died, yet speaks.
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- And Jesus the mediator of a New Covenant, and the blood of sprinkling, which speaks in a better way than **Abel's** blood. (**Hebrews 12:24**)
- The apostle refers to Jesus the mediator of a New Covenant, and the blood of sprinkling, which speaks in a better way than **Abel's** blood. Though shed in martyrdom, Abel's blood did not ransom or redeem anyone, any more than did the blood of his sacrificed sheep. His blood in effect cried to God for vengeance upon his assassin, Cain.

of Jesus, here presented as validating the New Covenant, speaks in a better way than Abel's in that it calls to God for mercy upon all persons of faith like Abel, and is the means by which their ransoming is possible.

- Since Seth was evidently born shortly after **Abel's** death and when Adam was 130 years of age, it is possible that Abel may have been as much as 100 years old at the time of his martyrdom.
- And Adam proceeded to have intercourse again with his wife and so she gave birth to a son and called his name Seth, because, as she said; God has appointed another seed in place of **Abel**, because Cain killed him. (**Genesis 4:25**)
- And Adam lived on for a hundred and thirty years. Then he became father to a son in his likeness, in his image, and called his name Seth. (**Genesis 5:3**)