

A MORE EXCELLENT SACRIFICE

(HEB 11:4)

I have made some sacrifices in life. I'm sure that you too have made sacrifices in life but have we made **A MORE EXCELLENT SACRIFICE**? Have we given ourselves totally to God? In **(Heb 11:1-2, 4)** Abel by **faith** made **a more excellent sacrifice** than Cain, his brother. They both new what God desired. We too like Cain and Abel are required to honor God with a sacrifice according to how He prospers us. We should steward / manage that which God has given us to honor Him with our works of piety (**devotion to God**), charity (**giving to those in need**), and support of the ministry (**tithe and freewill offering**). We should honor God by being patience with others, loving all men, visiting the sick, extending ourselves in that which is good. This requires you and I to sacrifice (**the act of giving up something you want to keep**). **(Gen 4:1-5)**, Cain and Able brought their offerings to Adam the priest of the family and he accepted them. There was a difference in the character of both men **Cain (1 John 3:12)**, **Abel (Heb 11:4)** that affected their offering. How was this revealed **(Gen 4:3)**? In **(the process of time)** the character of a man will lie open before you. **(Gen 4:5-8)** Cain's failure to listen / talk to God resulted in his choice to answer the knock of **sin at his door** that resulted in the physical death of his brother Abel. The **MORE EXCELLENT SACRIFICE** that God desires today is a living sacrifice, the giving of **self (body)** to Him, **holy (set apart for his use)**. The only acceptable sacrifice (**worship**) is to offer your self completely to Him. Why? Under God's control our unredeemed bodies can be used as instruments of **righteousness, love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control** against

such there is no law (**Gal 5:22-23**). When we walk by the Spirit and manifest His fruits we don't need an external law to produce attitudes and behaviors that please God. You want to please God make the (**A MORE EXCELLENT SACRIFICE**) give your self to God.