

# Worshipping God Is Coasty

***“Adam lay with his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man. “Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.” (Genesis 4:1-7)***

At the beginning of the above chosen scripture we found out that God had blessed Adam and Eve with a baby boy, they called him Cain, and Eve said, ***“With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.”*** It is a good saying, that with the help of the Lord, Adam and Eve were able to have a boy. That is also true for us; with the help of the Lord we got lot of the things and had achieved many things. Indeed without the help of the Lord all what we own and have it would not be possible. The Lord is our deliverer, and He is the source of our salvation. The Lord God sent His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to save us. Jesus came from heaven to snatch us from sin and from death. He died on the cross for our sin, He was buried but rose from the dead on the third day to give eternal life to those who believe in Him and follow His steps in their lives.

Now when God blessed Adam and Eve with a son, and when He blessed us and satisfy the desire of our hearts with good things, this should not be the end of the story. As we read the rest of the passage we found out that God had blessed Adam and Eve with another son, Abel. And the same for us, from Him we are receiving blessing one after the other, and that should motivate us to be more grateful to Him and act faithfully toward Him.

Cain and Abel, both of them God had blessed; Abel had flocks and Cain worked the soil, so both of them were blessed by the Lord. And that speaks the truth, that the Lord is blessing each and everyone with certain blessings, so no one left by the Lord without a blessing. And no one can say that he or she did not receive anything from the Lord.

As we continue to read the passages we will find out that both Abel and Cain they offered to God. But the quality of what they offered varied; Abel offered the fat portion from some of the first born of the flock, while Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord.

Now clearly Abel presented something expensive, the fat portions. He presented to the Lord the best of what he had, the first born. While Cain it seems that he offered the despised things, and the cheap things, only some of the fruits. It might be the things that he wanted to throw away, or the left over that he brought to the Lord.

Now people who are blessed by the Lord, and everyone the Lord had blessed, as they come to worship Him, the Lord God is seeing what they are bringing to Him and from that He will know what is in their heart, and how much they are faithful and how they are grateful to Him for all what He had given to them from blessings.

Don't say that God did not bless me! God's blessings can be good health, answered prayers, protection, material provisions, and the best thing is that we have salvation in Christ Jesus our Lord. His grace is sufficient for us, and He had met all our needs according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus our Lord. So when you come to worship the Lord don't behave like Cain but be like Abel, bring with you the best for Him.

Why Abel was able to bring the best of what he had to the Lord and why Cain was not able to do that, and why some of you are still not able to do as Abel do? Let us read the reason from the following Scripture: ***“By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. And by faith he still speaks, even though he is dead.” (Hebrew 11; 4)*** It is by faith Abel offered that to the Lord, the best of what he got from God. So the same faith, the obedient faith this is what God required from us. If you have a same faith then you will be able to bring your tithes regularly to the Lord and you will be able to offer more than that to support the work of the Lord. By faith Abel was commanded as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings. So we can see that the faith of Abel was true faith and was translated into actions and good deeds, ***“For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:10)*** God look with favour to Abel and to his offerings and he commanded him for what he had done and given to the Lord. And God wants you to be in the same obedient faith. Abel was commanded and till now his example is taught among the people of God to offer to the Lord in the same attitude of Abel.

***My dear and beloved:*** Do you want to get God's favour and do you want to be commended by the Lord and accepted by Him? Then do what is right, and bring to Him what He had asked you to bring and give Him not the better but the best of what He gave you as you agree to pray.

***My prayer:*** Father God, I come before you in the name of Jesus who died on the cross for my sins to give me eternal life. Lord I commit myself to bring You the best of my money, my time, my talents and my effort in serving you. This is 'my prayer in Jesus name, Amen.