



## Outline – Sunday School, August 20, 2017

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**Sermon Title:** Is Your Worship Of God Accepted By Him?

**Topic:** True Worship and Its Implications

**Text:** Genesis 4:1-5, 8

1. **A biography of two *distinct offspring*:** The spirit vs. the flesh. vs 1-2/Gen 3:15
  - a. The unfolding of the redemptive *narrative*: battle of the seeds manifested. Gen 3:15
  - b. Their *nativity*: First born-Cain, Second - Abel; both from the same parents. Gen 4:1-2a
  - c. The significance of their *names*: Cain (*Qayin* possession); (*Hebel* breath).
  - d. Their occupation: Cain- a tiller of the ground (Gen 3:23)/Abel - a Shepherd (John 10:10-14)
  
2. **The bringing of two *distinguished offerings*:** A sacrifice vs. fruit. Gen 3-4a
  - a. Cain offered the *fruit* of the ground, the work of *his* hands. Ex 23:15-16/Prov 3:9-10/Gen 3:7, 21-23
  - b. Abel offered the *firstlings* of his flock and the *fat* thereof. Gen 3:21/  
Ex 20:1-17/Col 1:15, 18/Deut 6:5
    - *Firstling* [bēkowrah H1062]: *birthright, primogeniture, right of the first-born.*
    - *Fat* [cheleb H2459]: *choicest, best part, finest, richest*
  
3. **The basis of two *different outcomes*:** Abel Justified by **Faith**, Cain rejected.
  - a. God *receives* both Abel *and* his offering: Abel believed the gospel. Heb 11:4/9:22/1 John 3:9
  - b. God *rejects* both Cain *and* his offering: Cain rejected the gospel. John 16:8-9/Rom 14:23/Heb 11:6/  
Prov 16:25/Jude 11-13/1 John 3:8, 10:12
  - c. God *resists* the proud, but gives grace to the humble. Ps 138:6/Prov 18:12; 29:23/Luke 18:9-14/James 4:6
  - d. God's *redeeming* purposes typified in Abel, his offering & his death. vs 8/ Heb 12:24
  - e. God *requires* repentance and faith in Christ through the gospel as the basis of acceptable worship.  
John 14:6/ Rom 12:1