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And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. ⁷ By faith Noah, being warned by God concerning events as yet unseen, in reverent fear constructed an ark for the saving of his household. By this he condemned the world and became an heir of the righteousness that comes by faith.

Outline

1. **By faith, we offer acceptable worship**
2. **By faith, we please God in our walk**
3. **By faith, we obey God's word**



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Genesis 4:3-5a

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.

1. By faith, we offer acceptable worship

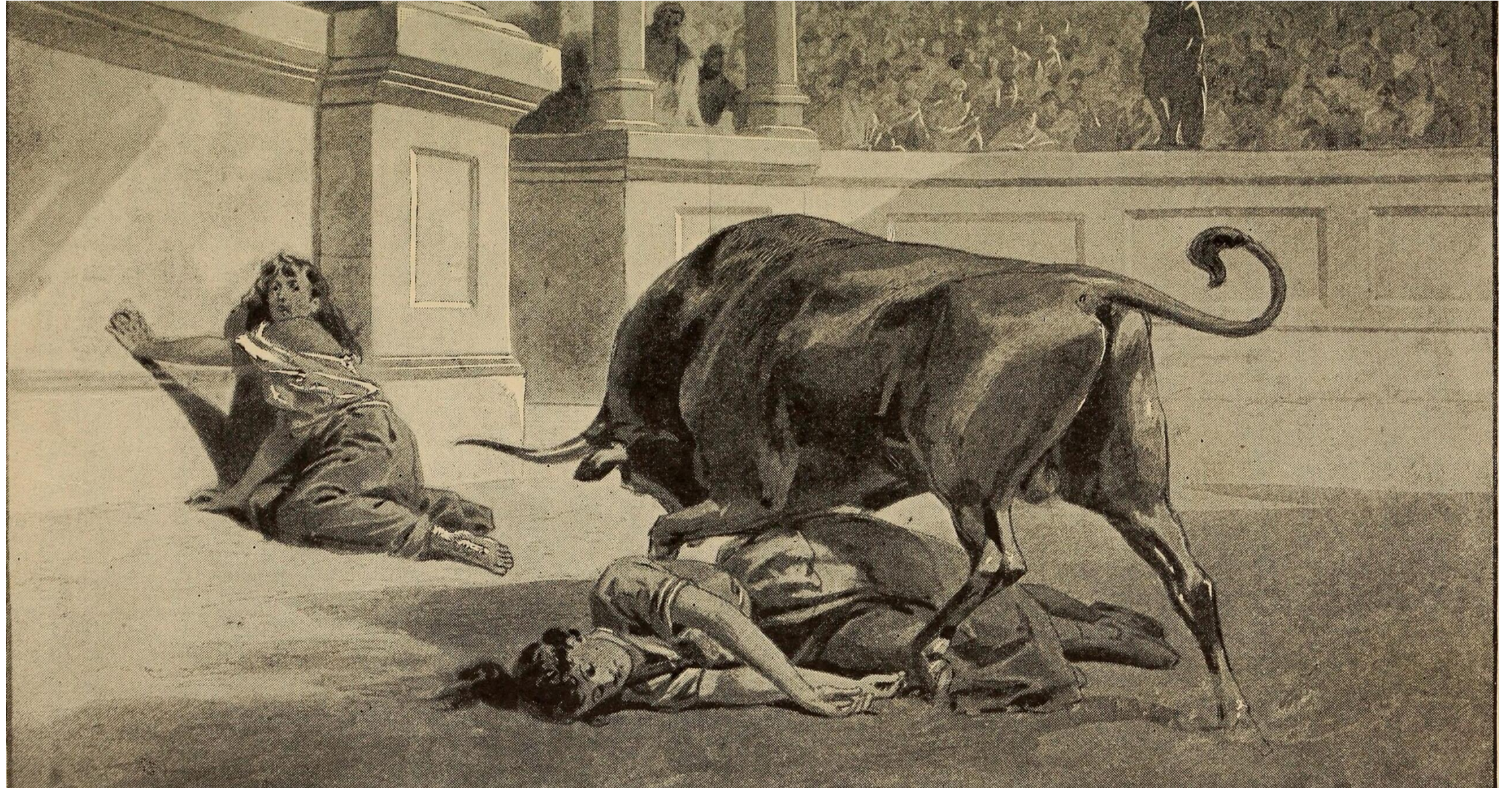
Lessons from Abel:

- The pattern of worship: faithful response to God's word

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Lessons from Abel:

- The pattern of worship: faithful response to God's word
- Suffering persecution for the faith





2. By faith, we please God in our walk

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Genesis 5:21-24

When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. ²² Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³ Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. ²⁴ Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

2. By faith, we please God in our walk

Lessons from Enoch:

- The lifestyle of faith: *walking with God, pleasing God*

Colossians 1:9-12a (NIV)

For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father

2. By faith, we please God in our walk

Lessons from Enoch:

- The lifestyle of faith: *walking with God / pleasing God*
- Deliverance from death: *Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death...*

3. By faith, we obey God's word

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- **Salvation through judgment**

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- **The obedience of faith**
- **Salvation through judgment**
- **Witness to the world**

Summary

- 1. By faith, we offer acceptable worship**
- 2. By faith, we please God in our walk**
- 3. By faith, we obey God's word**

Conclusion

Abel, Enoch, and Noah are not only examples of faith, but pointers to Christ.

Hebrews 12:24

[You have come...] to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Hebrews 2:9-10

But we see . . . Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. ¹⁰ For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering

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→ Look to Jesus this morning – He is the object of our trust, the captain of our salvation, and the founder and perfecter of your faith!