



'Love Your God With Your Inner Self'

Genesis 4:4-5

"The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor."

Why God accepted Abel's offering and rejected Cain's. God does not accept things which are offered without any devotion, any honour for the Almighty. Such offerings, He calls meaningless offerings in **Isiah 1:13**, because such offerings are made to receive praise from men and not to please the God. In **Malachi 1:7**, God strongly rejects sacrifices of blind, crippled and diseased animals. Such people are wicked in the eyes of the God.

Cain did not select the best fruits of the soil as an offering. He had no respect nor honour God and so he just brought some of the fruits that were available to him, not thinking of the greatness or worthiness of the God to whom he was offering them.

Whereas Abel, who was tending flocks was a righteous person, and he worshiped, honoured and respected God. So he selected the best portion of meat from the first born of his flock as an offering to God. He sincerely wanted to please God and not men.

When we, who are children of God, ask Him something, we expect Him to give us the best. Thus God, who is the creator of heaven and earth and everything in it, deserves to be worshiped and honoured according to His greatness.

People come to church regularly on Sabbath. Very few come with an intention of worshiping Him and praising Him wholeheartedly. They are like the Pharisees who are hypocrites. They preach but do not practice, only show people they are holy and gain praise from men. God knows each one's heart and thoughts therein. Hence nothing is hidden from God. So children of God, do not take God for granted, when He so loved us that He gave His only begotten Son to save us from our sins. Continue to love Him, honour Him, worship Him and Praise Him with our innermost being and forget not his benefits. Let us examine our ways and test them and let us return to the Lord so that God forgives us and accepts our offerings of praise and worship.

Reference:

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

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