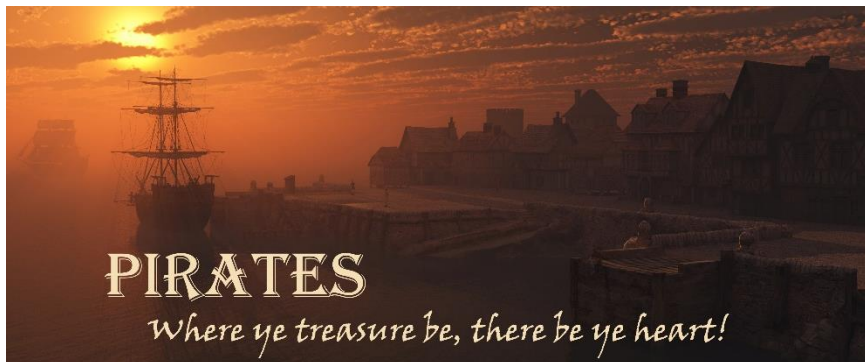




## Message 4: The Cain Mutiny

Week of January 27, 2019

### Memorize.

*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.*  
Hebrews 11:4

### Open.

What's your favorite "left-over" meal?

### Study.

If you had the opportunity to hear Pastor Jim's message on Sunday, what stood out to you personally? What questions or conflicts did it raise for you, if any?

Read Genesis 4:1-8 in light of Hebrews 11:4. Why did God accept Abel's offering, but not Cain's? Why did the writer of Hebrews refer to Abel's as "a better sacrifice"?

How did the nature of Abel's offering *foreshadow* two specific provisions of the law of Moses that was given much later (*Exodus 13:1-2; 23:19*)?

If God were to evaluate, on the basis of faith, the *acceptability* of the worship you personally offer to Him, what might He have to say?

Read Malachi 3:6-12. What indications do you find in the text that God was speaking to pirates?

What do you think God meant by "the whole tithe" (*compare Leviticus 27:30,32*)?

According to verse 10, what outcome formed the basis for the command? What did it mean then? What does it mean now?

Why is God's invitation to "test" Him so surprising? What does He promise to those who accept the invitation? Do you think the promise applies equally to us now, as it did to Israel then? Why or why not?

Read Malachi 1:6-14. How does God want us to relate to Him? What message are we sending to God when we refuse to give Him our first and our best, and instead choose to give Him our "left-overs"?

Read 2 Samuel 24:18-25. On what principle did David insist when it came to worshipping God? How did God respond to David's sacrifice?

Should worship that is genuine and acceptable always be costly in some way to us? In what respects does your approach to worship reflect, or fail to reflect, that principle?

How has the principle, "*What you think you own is really on loan*" sunk in for you over this past month?

What other insights have you gained that have been helpful or memorable for you personally? What steps do you intend to take by way of response? What support from this group would be helpful to you in taking those steps?

*If you have not already, why not consider accepting the 90-Day Giving Challenge, and enrolling in Financial Peace University?*

Pray ye for ye

