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πλείονα *pleiona*

“more acceptable, superior”

παρα *para*

“than, in comparison to”

Question:

In what way was it better?

Was it better because of the *quality* of Abel's faith?

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Heb. 12:24, “to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.”

**Gen. 4:10, “He said, ‘What have you done?
The voice of your brother’s blood is crying
to Me from the ground.’ ”**

1 John 3:12, “not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother’s righteous.”

Gen. 4:4, “And the Lord had regard for Abel and for his offering;”

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**μεμαρτύρηται *martureo*,
perfect passive indicative**

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to please God.**

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εὐλαβέομαι (*eulabeomai*)

**aor pass ptcp, anarthrous,
modifies preparation, ptcp of manner**

**“to show reverential regard or respect for
something, to be anxious or concerned”**

By faith, Noah, after he was divinely warned concerning the things not seen, respectfully, or basically out of the fear of God, prepared an ark for the salvation (deliverance) of his house through his faith he condemned the world and became an heir of righteousness which is by faith.

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