A. Worshippers (vs. 4a):

1. **God** – *This is a presentation of God in His eternity, totality and as creator.* Because He creates all things there is no way He can be fully seen by any create He created. This is God in His essential essence.

2. **God** – They respect the authority, power and faithfulness God displaces.

3. **Better sacrifice** - Abel's sacrifice, which was in the form of a burnt offering ["The basic meaning, "to sacrifice," is used only of burnt offerings in the earliest literature." It is viewed as a complete perfect offering representing God's ownership - The offering was wholly consumed and speaks of complete surrender to the will of God (Romans 12:1)], was an abundance in the eyes of God. His sacrifice served as more than enough for God.

4. **Better sacrifice** – Because it was the firstlings and fat of the animal it took time and it was a deliberate gift.

   a) Abel gave with a commitment to please God.

   b) *Therefore, since we receive a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us show gratitude, by which we may offer to God an acceptable service with reverence and awe; 29 for our God is a consuming fire.* (Hebrews 12:28-29; NASU).

5. **Obtain a witness** – Abel’s witness demonstrates that there is no possibility of a mistake being made that what he did represents a good report which is demonstrates good character.
B. Blameless (vs. 4b):

1. **He obtained** – Abel’s righteousness demonstrated by His gift is a timeless example of giving that pleases God.

2. **He was righteous** – Abel exposed his level of faith by the manner in which he brought his gift to God. His gift was done in true alignment with God’s expectations. Because it was in conformity with God’s standards he was justified by his faith. He showed his faith by his works.

3. **God testifying** – God eye witness account of Abel’s gifts demonstrates that there is no possibility of a mistake being made that what Abel presented represents a good report. Same with Jesus and the widow with two mites (Mark 12:41-44).

C. They Develop Lasting Testimonies (vs. 4c):

1. **Gifts** – Abel’s presented a generous offering that was set aside particularly for God (2 Corinthians 8:1-15).

2. **Gifts** – Abel’s generous offering became God’s Hallmark.

3. **Gifts** – Because Abel’s gift was meticulously God gave him special recognition (2 Corinthians 8:1-15).

4. **Faith** – The fact that Abel set aside his gift demonstrates that he was intensely committed to totally surrender himself to please God. This mindset causes the person to remain steadfast in their obedience to God’s Word.

5. **Faith** – God recognizes that Abel’s total surrendered is an example we must use.

6. **Faith** – Abel’s dedication to bring God the best became a model for all givers.

7. **Faith** – Abel’s act of faith became an example God used to explain chapter 11 verse 1.

8. **Die** – Even though Abel is once for all passed on he still lives.

9. **Speak** – Abel’s act of faith which demonstrated that he was a righteous man continuously speaks through all generations of the gift that truly pleases God.
10. He still lives – Abel’s faithful giving is therefore a model for us all.

11. He still lives – Faith comes from God so Abel’s example will never die.