

# The Shelamim

## "Living Sacrifice"







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## BLONDIN CROSSES NIAGARA

### Balances On Tight Rope

Charles Blondin, acrobat, today performed the incredible stunt of crossing the Niagara Falls on a tightrope high over the water, balancing precariously on stilts. He made several trips across, one of them while blindfolded, pushing a



Mr. Blondin practising

wheelbarrow. These earlier stunts provided the experience necessary for this, the most daring trip of all.

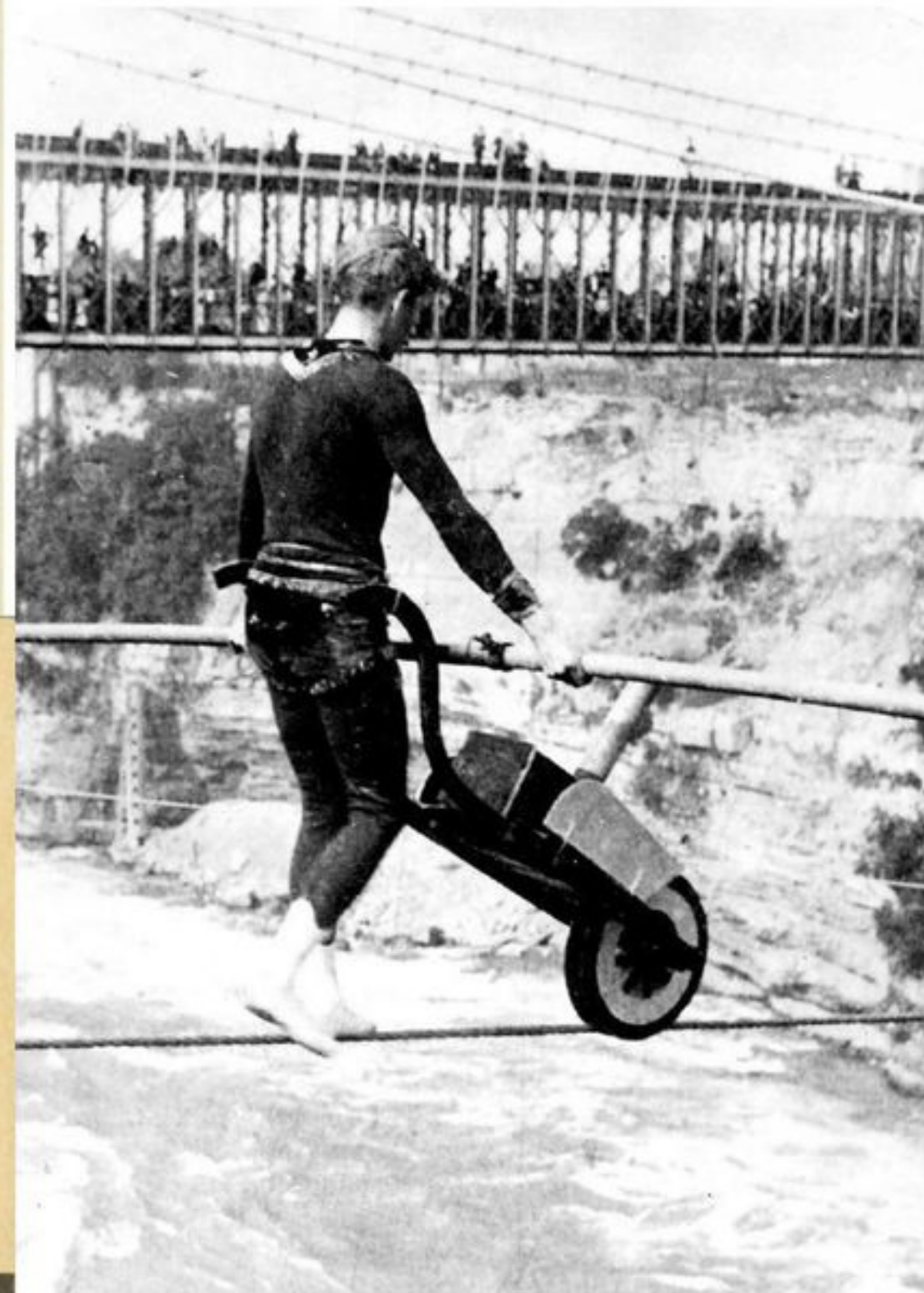
### French Acrobat Uses Stilts

The rope used by Blondin was 1,100 feet long, and was strung a hundred and sixty feet above the roaring falls. A huge crowd held its breath as it watched the Frenchman in his daring, dangerous feats, defying gravity.

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See Scoop No 61 — BEGINNING OF THE BERLIN AIRLIFT

"In 1954 the Topps Gum Company issued a set of 156 cards called "SCOOPS". The cards, which chronicled major world and sports events from the mid-18th Century through October, 1953, had a color painting of the event on the front and a simulated newspaper front page - with banner headline and picture, along with a description of the event, on the back. This card is # 60 in the set. It features the French acrobat, Charles Blondin, crossing Niagara Falls on a tightrope, "balancing precariously on stilts" (1860)"





**Romans 12:** Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a **living sacrifice**, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.



**Hebrews 13: 15** Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise



**Isaiah 66: 3** But whoever **sacrifices** a bull  
is like one who kills a person,  
and whoever **offers** a lamb  
is like one who breaks a dog's neck;  
whoever makes a **grain offering**  
is like one who presents pig's blood,  
and whoever **burns memorial incense**  
is like one who worships an idol.  
They have chosen their own ways,  
and they delight in their abominations;



Sacrifices lose their meaning  
when **function** gives way to  
**form.**



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- Offered at the discretion of the worshipper.

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- 3 types: thank offering, votive (vow), and free will.



Peace offering does not appease  
or pacify God's anger for sin.

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It's merely a way to thank God for  
His goodness and love.



**Genesis:** Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the Lord I have brought forth a man.” 2 Later she gave birth to his brother Abel.



**Genesis:** Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. 3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the Lord. 4 And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock.



Thanksgiving is born of an  
awareness of God's goodness  
and love.

Luke 6: 45 A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart.



**Genesis:** 4 The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.



Often, our struggles with  
others are actually a struggle  
with God.



Cain was angry because the  
reality of God's love for him  
was threatened.

# Cain

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**"to acquire"**

Fear is always the antithesis of  
trust.





**Genesis:** 6 Then the Lord said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast?”

**Luke 15: 28** “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So **his father went out** and pleaded with him.

The most challenging aspect of  
our faith

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is believing God loves us as much  
as He does.

God's position on humanity has  
never changed.

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Our view of ourselves has.



Genesis 4: 7 If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”



If you're feeling like Cain...

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Stop comparing yourselves to  
others.



If you're feeling like Cain...

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Change your motivational  
foundation.

**Ephesians 2:** 6 And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, 7 in order that in the coming ages he might show the incomparable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. 8 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God— 9 not by works, so that no one can boast.

If you're feeling like Cain...

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Believe God's truth about your  
self-worth.

**I Timothy 1: 15** Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners—of whom I am the worst. **16** But **for that very reason** I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners...

If you're feeling like Cain...

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Embrace your weaknesses as a  
gateway to God's greatness.

**2 Corinthians 12: 9** But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is **made perfect in weakness.**”



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