

Text: Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5,6; Jude 14,15

Enoch

He was a fascinating and mysterious figure in the Bible. Somethings about him.

- He was the son of Jared – Genesis 5:19
- He was the father of Methuselah at the age of 65 and his son's name means "When he dies, judgement comes" – Genesis 5:21
- He was the grandfather of Noah – Genesis 5:25, 28,29
- He only lived for 365 years – Genesis 5:23 and did not died.
- He is mentioned in the "Hall of Fame" chapter in Hebrews 11

Three Truths about him:

- He was set apart by walking with God – Genesis 5:22
- He bodily testified to the coming judgement – Jude 14,15.
- He made his walk with God his defining reality – Genesis 5:24

Some False Information

- Enoch did not write "The book of Enoch" as many people say he did. Why Not?
1st – It is not mentioned or preserved as a part of God's Holy Word!
2nd – This was a book mixed of Aramaic and Hebrew collection of ancient Jewish apocalyptic writings between the 3rd and 1st century B.C. It is not different than the book of Mormons – a fake and tool of the devil!!!!

I. INTRODUCTION

Enoch is best known as one of the only two people (along with Elijah) who never experienced physical death. He is distinguished by his profound faith, his role as a prophet, and his uniquely close relationship with God. This lesson gives hope for all of us who did not start out so perfectly. Matter of fact, Enoch did not begin his walk with the Lord until he was 65 years old after he had his son Methuselah – vrs. 21,22.

- Can the Lord still allow us to walk with Him, even though it may be late in life or one we messed up?
 1. **Old age** - Psalms 71:17,18; 92:12-14; Proverbs 16:31; Isaiah 46:4; Psalms 37:26 (examples – Moses (80), Caleb (85), Abraham (75), Anna the prophetess (a elderly widow), Zechariah and Elizabeth (late in life).
 2. **Messed up life** – Psalms 145:14; Proverbs 24:16; Micah 7:8; I John 1:9 (examples – David and Peter).

Let's look at somethings regarding the walk of Enoch.

I. ENOCH WALKED WITH THE LORD – GENESIS 5:21-24

1. The cause of Enoch's walk with God – vrs. 22 – it was after the birth of his son. The Bible says, "Enoch walked with God after he begat his son". Which is an indicator that he never walked with Him prior to this.
2. The circumstances of Enoch's walk with God – vrs. 22 – he named his son "Methuselah" which means – when he is dead, it shall be sent. What is going to be sent? Jude 14,15 – judgement! Some interesting things about this:
 - 1st - the environment he was living in – Genesis 6:5
 - 2nd – the Grace of God to allow time for people to repent or turn back to God. How? How long did Methuselah live? (he was the oldest person mentioned in the Bible to live "969 years old"). If you place all the names in Genesis 5, you will see that Methuselah died before the judgement.

*Something to think about regrading Methuselah:

Name	Event	Age
Methuselah – vrs. 25	Birth of Lamech	187 years old
Lamech – vrs. 28	Birth of Noah	182 years old
Noah – 7:6	Floods begin	600 years old
Total – vrs. 27	Methuselah died	969 years old

*Remember Enoch was taken to heaven at 365 years old – vrs. 23,24

3. The choice of Enoch's walk with God – vrs. 22-24 – it a free will choice to walk with the Lord. Notice in vrs. 22 and 24, “and Enoch walked with God”. He determined or purposed that he would walk with the Lord. You and I need to purpose to do the same – Romans 12:1,2; Daniel 1:8; Colossians 1:10; I Thessalonians 2:12 – Notice somethings about his walk:
 - The communion in his walk – vrs. 23 – he was so close to the Lord, that the Lord just took him.
 - The consistency in his walk – vrs. 23 – he stayed consistent in his walk with the Lord for over three centuries. Matter of fact, look what Hebrew 11:5d says “...he **had this testimony**, that he pleased God”. Despite everything going on in the world – his walk was recognized by the Lord –WOW, what a testimony!!

II. ENOCH PLEASSED THE LORD – HEBREWS 11:5-6

What does it mean to please the Lord? Look at vrs. 6 – “By faith” it takes faith to please the Lord. So what is faith? It tells us in vrs. 1, “Now faith is the substance (the foundation) of things hope for, the evidence (things that are tangible or something that is real or something we can touch or see) of things not seen. You see our faith needs to be more than just “a pie in the sky with the sweet by and by”. It has to be built upon something!!

1. He pleased God by seeking after Him – vrs. 6 – he sought to do everything that was pleasing to the Lord by faith – Proverbs 16:7; Romans 8:8;
2. He pleased God by spiritually focusing Him – vrs. 5 – it said, “that he (Enoch) had this testimony...”. His focus was solely on the Lord. He was “attuned” or “conformed” to the Lord by faith. What can we do to have this same type of focus? Matthew 6:33, Romans 12:2
 - Watch our words in life – Psalms 19:14
 - Work on our ways in life – Psalms 37:4,5
 - Walking on our willingness in life – I Thessalonians 4:1

III. ENOCH WITNESS FOR THE LORD – Jude 14,15

He knew that judgement was coming and he preached it to mankind because of their ungodliness. Yes, the Lord is gracious and compassionate, but His Divine judgement is coming one day. Isaiah 13:9, 26:21; Romans 1:18; Colossians 3:6; Revelation 6:17 Enoch witnessed or told it like it was “the Truth”. We too, need to be a witness for the Lord, sharing the Good News or Gospel to all the world. Matthew 28:19,20; Mark 16:15

IV. ENOCH GOING TO BE WITH LORD – HEBREWS 11:5A

Now, this is usually what people remembers about Enoch – is that the Lord took him without dying. In chapter 5, we seen the life of different people – so and so begat, then they died. But here for Enoch, he begat many children, but he never died. Look at this verse again – “...he was not, for God took him”. I believe that people was looking for him, but could not find him...why, he was gone.

Have you ever wondered why??

You see Enoch was translated before the judgement came. The word “translate” means a miraculous change of position or state of existence. Enoch is a picture of the church (those that are His pleasing children by accepting His salvation) that is “translated” or “miraculously changed of position or state of existence” or “RAPTURED OUT” – I Thessalonians 1:10; 5:9; **4:16,17**. The Lord will take us to heaven before the judgement falls on this earth.

CONCLUSION:

Two things we can learn from this lesson:

1. You cannot walk with the Lord unless you are on the right path, which is through the Lord Jesus – Matthew 7:13,14; John 14:6
2. You and I can walk with the Lord no matter how wicked, corrupted, and / or perverse this world becomes. Even if we have made mistakes or think that it is over for me.

Thank the Lord for His wonderful grace and forgiveness!!

**** Someone once said, “Only one life, ‘twill soon be past, only what’s done for Christ will last”.**