

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

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19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

- 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

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21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

- He was the grandfather of Noah – Genesis 5:25, 28,29

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25 And Methuselah lived an hundred eighty and seven years, and begat Lamech:

*** Genesis 5:28-29

28 And Lamech lived an hundred eighty and two years, and begat a son: 29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us concerning our work and toil of our hands, because of the ground which the LORD hath cursed.

- He only lived for 365 years – Genesis 5:23

***Genesis 5:23

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

***Genesis 5:21-24;

21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: 22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

***Hebrews 11:5,6;

5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

***Jude 14,15

14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

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).

***Psalms 71:17,18;

17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works. 18 Now also when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not; until I have shewed thy strength unto this generation, and thy power to every one that is to come.

***Psalms 92:12-14;

12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree: he shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon. 13

- and did not die
- He is mentioned in the “Hall of Faith” chapter in Hebrews

Three Truths about him:

- He was set apart

***Genesis 5:22
22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

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

***Genesis 5:24
24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

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!!!!

Those that be planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God. 14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; they shall be fat and flourishing;

***Proverbs 16:31;

31 The hoary head is a crown of glory, if it be found in the way of righteousness.

***Isaiah 46:4;

4 And even to your old age I am he; and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will bear; even I will carry, and will deliver you.

***Psalms 37:26

26 He is ever merciful, and lendeth; and his seed is blessed.

2. Messed up life – Psalms 145:14; Proverbs 24:16; Micah 7:8; I John 1:9 (examples – David and Peter).

***Psalms 145:14;

14 The LORD upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.

***Proverbs 24:16;

16 For a just man falleth seven times, and riseth up again: but the wicked shall fall into mischief.

***Micah 7:8;

8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD shall be a light unto me.

***I John 1:9

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

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

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21 AND ENOCH LIVED SIXTY AND FIVE YEARS, AND BEGAT METHUSELAH: 22 AND ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD AFTER HE BEGAT METHUSELAH THREE HUNDRED YEARS, AND BEGAT SONS AND DAUGHTERS: 23 AND ALL THE DAYS OF ENOCH WERE THREE HUNDRED SIXTY AND FIVE YEARS: 24 AND ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD: AND HE WAS NOT; FOR GOD TOOK HIM.

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	<u>600 years old</u>
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:

*****Romans 12:1,2;**

1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

*****Daniel 1:8;**

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the portion of the king’s meat, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself.

*****Colossians 1:10;**

10 That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

*****I Thessalonians 2:12**

12 That ye would walk worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory.

- 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

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5 BY FAITH ENOCH WAS TRANSLATED THAT HE SHOULD NOT SEE DEATH; AND WAS NOT FOUND, BECAUSE GOD HAD TRANSLATED HIM: FOR BEFORE HIS TRANSLATION HE HAD THIS TESTIMONY, THAT HE PLEASSED GOD. 6 BUT WITHOUT FAITH IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO PLEASE HIM: FOR HE THAT COMETH TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS, AND THAT HE IS A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM.

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;

*****Proverbs 16:7;**

7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

*****Romans 8:8;**

8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God.

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

*****Matthew 6:33**

33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

*****Romans 12;2**

2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

- 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

*****Psalms 19:14**

14 Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

*****Psalms 37:4,5**

*4 Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
5 Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.*

*****I Thessalonians 4:1**

1 Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more.

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

*****Isaiah 13:9,**

9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

*****Isaiah 26:21;**

21 For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.

*****Romans 1:18;**

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness;

*****Colossians 3:6;**

6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

*****Revelation 6:17**

17 For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?

*****Matthew 28:19-20;**

19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost: 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world. Amen.

*****Mark 16:15**

15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

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.

*****I Thessalonians 1:10;**

10 And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.

*****I Thessalonians 5:9;**

9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,

*****I Thessalonians 4:16-17**

16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

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

*****Matthew 7:13,14;**

13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate and narrow is the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

*****John 14:6**

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me.

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”.**