

Men And Women Of The Bible – Enoch

Genesis 5:18-24, Hebrews 11:4-7 ~ September 16, 2020

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Jared lived after the birth of Enoch eight hundred years, and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty-two years; and he died.

When Enoch had lived sixty-five years, he became the father of Methuselah. Enoch walked with God after the birth of Methuselah three hundred years, and had other sons and daughters. Thus all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years. Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him. (Genesis 5:18-24)

By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain's. Through this he received approval as righteous, God himself giving approval to his gifts; he died, but through his faith he still speaks. By faith Enoch was taken so that he did not experience death; and "he was not found, because God had taken him." For it was attested before he was taken away that "he had pleased God." And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household; by this he condemned the world and became an heir to the righteousness that is in accordance with faith. (Hebrews 11:4-7)

Facts About Enoch

- Great-great-great-great grandson of Adam (through Seth)
- Son of Jared, who is only mentioned here
- Father of Methuselah (we use this name to signify someone who is really old, since Methuselah lived for 969 years)
- Great-grandfather of Noah
- Very little about Enoch in the Bible—I read you the two passages, and there isn't much of a description of him
- Enoch walked with God, and then he was no more because God took him. He did not die a natural death. God literally took him, like he took Elijah in the chariot.
- It was a big deal that someone in those days walked with God. It is a good lesson for us—how much do we let culture influence us? Can we be around people who believe differently from the way we do and still maintain a healthy and growing relationship with the Lord?

Society In That Time Period

- Enoch lived in the time before the flood. Why did God flood the earth? Because it had been growing more and more corrupt.
- The children of Cain, particularly, made no attempt to follow God at all.
- Even people who had professed God at one point married people who cared nothing about religion; they chose wives who were unbelievers. Pretty soon they were corrupted. Think about Solomon who married women outside of Israel, and let them practice their own religion—people began straying from God. It began here, and the world was full of sin.

What Does It Mean That Enoch Walked With God?

- Adam and Eve hid from God after they sinned, because they were ashamed. But Enoch understood that he was a sinner.
- Someone who walks with God is in communication with him. In order to walk with God, we must agree with Him. Enoch did that. God taught Him, he heard the stories from his ancestors.
- Someone who walks with God is a witness. Enoch not only gave his own life to God, but he wanted others to as well.
- Enoch wanted people to know the Lord. Think about the Sermon on the Mount, when Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth...you are the light of the world.” Enoch was that witness in a very dark place.
- How did Enoch manage this in a time where there were no Bibles, no devotionals, no daily or weekly worship where people could meet together? Enoch lived by faith and faith alone. In Hebrews we are told, “*And without faith it is impossible to please God, for whoever would approach him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.*”
- Enoch believed that he was himself born a sinner because of the sin of Adam and Eve. But he also believed that God had provided a way of salvation, though he did not know about Jesus.
- And what is this about the Lord took him? That was uncommon—Enoch and Elijah were the only ones we hear about. But God was so pleased with Enoch that he interceded and saved him the pains of old age and death.

To Consider...Where are you walking in agreement with Him, and where are you trying to get away with something?