

“ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD”

INTRODUCTION

Numerous times in the Bible reference is made to “walking”. God walked in the garden of Eden (Gen. 3:9); Noah walked with God (Gen. 6:8); and Abraham walked before God (Gen. 17:1; 24:40). The most interesting reference to walking with God is that found in Gen.5:21-27. (Read). In the genealogy in Gen. 5, the expression “and he died” is found some 8 times following the life-span of several patriarchs. But, with Enoch, his epitaph, “Enoch walked with God, and God took him.”

Enoch is mentioned 3 times in the New Testament: (1) In the genealogy of Jesus, Luke 3:37; (2) As an example of faith, Heb. 11:5; and (3) As an oral prophet of God, Jude 14-15. Now, let’s give attention to the statement, “ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD” as stated in Gen. 5:22.

DISCUSSIONa

I. In the 1st place, let’s look at the CONTEXT OF ENOCH’S LIFE.

A. His family lineage is very interesting.

1. He was of the lineage of Seth, the 3rd son of Adam and Eve (Gen. 5:1-19).
2. He was the son of Jared, the father of Methuselah, and the grandfather of Noah, who also is said to have walked with God (Gen.5:21-30; 6:8)

B. Enoch lived in a time of wickedness, just prior to God’s decision to destroy all mankind because of wickedness, as recorded in Gen.6 :1-5.

1. He walked with God for 300 years and reared his family in this wicked environment.
2. He was 65 when Methuselah was born, and undoubtedly had a strong influence on him and his descendants until the time of the flood.
 - a. It could be that the birth of his son Methuselah motivated him to set a good example, and direct his life in toward God.
 - b. It allowed him to be the grandfather of the man who would spare the destruction of all human life, by having grace in God’s sight, and to build the ark.
 - c. Enoch was **also** the ancestor of Abraham, the great friend of God.
 - d. The birth of Methuselah probably caused ENOCH to “begin” serving God and walking with Him, for when Methuselah was born, it **began** his 300 year walk with God.
 - d. The birth of **any** son should cause **any** father to live right for the benefit of that son, that he too would live right and walk with God in this life and in eternity.

3. Methuselah was probably influenced BY his father Enoch to also walk upright, and to give HIM the long life. Cf Exo. 20:12; Eph. 6:1-2

4. Noah, his grandson, was also affected by Enoch’s life, in that he also walked with God, and was selected BY God to build an ark to the preservation of the human race. Gen. 6:8, 13-14, 22

- a. He walked with God.
- b. He too made it possible for him to escape death in the building the ark.

C. Enoch’s departure from this life is very unique, as he was able to skip death and go straight to heaven. Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5

1. Elijah also escaped death by riding a fiery chariot to heaven, but Enoch’s journey was the only one to involve a “translation.”
2. His life was one of pleasing God and of great faith. Heb. 11:5-6
 - a. Christ’s life **also** was one of pleasing God. John 6:38; 8:29; Matt. 3:17

- b. WE must be people of “faith” and striving to please God.
- 3. Though WE are doomed to physical death, Enoch’s translation into heaven reminds us that we too can get to heaven, even though we are doomed to death. Heb. 9:27
 - a. Jesus even said that those who believe in Him shall never die. John 11:25-26
 - b. Either Jesus meant that the righteous would never die the “second death”, OR if he meant that those who die as believers in Him, are only at “rest”, and will be awakened from that rest. Cf Mark 5:36-42

II. In the 2nd place, HOW was Enoch walking with God.

- A. 1st, it was one of **fellowship**, as he walked uprightly with a righteous God. Cf 2 Cor. 6:14, 17; 1 John 1:5-7
- B. 2nd, it was one of **corresponding nature**, for they both loved righteousness and hated iniquity.
 - 1. God was **God** and Enoch was **godly**.
 - 2. Our spiritual nature makes us able to communicate with God through His word and prayer because of our **partaking of** the divine nature, which we cannot do with our pets or other forms of life, for we are of different natures. Cf 2 Pet. 2:4
 - 3. Their walking was one of **agreement** of things right and things wrong. Amos 3:3
 - 4. Enoch was **devoted** to God ALL of the time after he began walking with God, until the time God saw his life and took him way from this wicked world.
 - a. This walk lasted for 300 years.
 - b. Could YOU and I have enough faith to last even a normal lifetime? 1 Cor. 15:58; Rev. 2:10

III. In the 3rd place, God used Enoch as a PROPHET before his translation.

- A. Though we have no inspired “book” written by Enoch, as an **oral** prophet, he foretold many things.
 - 1. As a prophet, he undoubtedly influenced his descendants to **also** take a stand for truth and godliness.
 - 2. Noah, his grandson, was a “preacher.” Gen.6:3; 2 Pet. 2:5
 - 3. Abraham was the friend of God through whom the promise of the land of Canaan, and whose “seed” would come to offer salvation, and later had the role of overseeing Paradise in the Hadean realm. (Luke 16:19-31)
- B. Of **WHAT** did Enoch prophesy or foretell?
 - 1. 1st, he prophesied of **“these” things** (the matters previously referred to in the book of Jude.
 - a. Those who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness. (v. 4)
 - b. Those who deny the only Lord God. (v. 4)
 - c. The disobedient Jews of old. (v. 5)
 - d. The disobedient angels. (v. 6)
 - e. Fornicators, or homosexuals. (v. 7)
 - f. Those who despise proper authorities. (v. 8)
 - g. Those who are greedy. (v. 11)

- h. Those who are without fear of God. (v. 12)
- 2. 2nd, Enoch prophesied of the **Lord's second coming**. v. 14
- 3. 3rd, Enoch prophesied of the purpose of the Lord's coming to "**execute judgment**". v. 15; John 5:28-29; Heb. 9:27
- 4. 4th, Enoch warned against and **condemned ungodliness**. v. 15

CONCLUSION

- I. The life and ascension of Enoch allude to the ascension of Jesus, who was also "taken up" into heaven, **and** our own ascension when Jesus comes again. 1 Thess. 4:16-17
 - A. In view of that event, we need to "walk with God."
 - 1. We are to walk in truth. (3 John 4)
 - 2. We are to walk in honesty. (Rom. 13:13)
 - 3. We are to walk in love. (Eph. 5:3)
 - 4. We are to walk in the light. (Eph. 5:8); 1 John 1:7
 - 5. We are to walk in wisdom. (Eph. 5:18)
 - 6. We are to walk in holiness. (Eph. 2:10)
 - B. ALL of our walk should always be to please God. 1 Thess. 4:1
- II. In order to "walk with God" we need to **begin** the walk by obeying His word.
 - A. If you have not yet begun the walk, you need to confess your faith in His Son, Jesus, repent of all sins, and then be baptized into Christ. Rom.,. 6:3-4
 - B. If you have abandoned this walk, you need to return by repenting of all sins committed, and seek His pardon in prayer.

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