

# Enoch

Heb 11:5-6; Gen 5:21-24; Jude 14-15

## 1. Intro

1. Faith anticipates the unfolding of future events.
  1. Without faith in God we can become very negative.
2. Once sin entered the world, things begin to deteriorate.
  1. Cain kills, his descendants are worse (Lamech).
  2. Some (not all) people are being removed farther and farther from God.
  3. The image of God in us enables us to build great civilizations, but the sin in us causes us to tear it down.
3. In Lamech we see mankind taking pride in himself (Gen 4:23-24)
4. In Seth we see the worship of God; as men called on the name of the Lord (4:26).
5. In Enoch we see those who walk with God.
6. In Noah we see those who work and witness for God, and are saved from judgment.
7. It is in this world that we find Enoch.

## 2. The Man

1. A snippet of information within the genealogy.
  1. Son of Jared, father of Methuselah (979 yrs)
    1. Methuselah died in the year of the flood.
    2. Lamech dies five years before flood.
  2. Noah's great grandfather.
  3. Walked with God almost his whole life (300 yrs)
  4. Was taken by God about mid-life.

## 3. His Walk

1. To "walk with God" shows a life surrendered, controlled and lived for God.
  1. We walk by faith, not sight (II Cor 5:7)
2. God had a relationship with Adam and Eve that found them "walking in the garden in the cool of the day" (Genesis 3:8).
  1. God created man for the enjoyment of a walking relationship
    1. Companionship, dialogue, intimacy.
3. We find men beginning to call upon the name of the Lord (Gen 4:26)
  1. Was this in contrast to Cain's family?
4. Enoch seemed to uncover the delight of walking with God.
  1. Had he found something that even Adam didn't experience?
  2. To find that type of relationship would have required an spiritual pursuit.

#### 4. His Witness

1. Different family directions
  1. Cain and his family began to build cities. Progress (4:17)
  2. Seth's family begins to seek holiness. Character (4:26)
2. Hebrews says Enoch pleased God and Jude tells how he preached against all ungodliness. (Jude 14-15)
  1. His life was not controlled by the world.
  2. He was tasked with getting God's message out.
  3. He proclaimed Jesus' second coming (14)
  4. He proclaimed judgment (15)
    1. Flood coming?
    2. Final judgment?
3. The spiritual takes precedence over the material.

#### 5. His Translation

1. Because of his faith, God chose for him to not see death.
2. Was this a sign that God valued faithfulness?
3. Was it a foreshadowing of faithful believers when Jesus returns? (I Thes 4:16-17)

#### 6. Conclusion

1. Faith is the key to being connected with God.
  1. It is important for believers is to walk with God.
2. As we walk with Him, He will begin to use us.
  1. Make sure that our being (character) has priority over our doing (work)
3. Faith looks forward to being in the very presence of Jesus.