

ENOCH--THE MAN WHO WALKED TO HEAVEN

Text: Genesis 5:18-24

INTRO: The Bible tells us the life stories of many fascinating men and women: Adam & Eve, the first man & woman who ever existed. Joseph, Moses, & Daniel--Hebrews who rose from slavery to places of prominence, power, & respect almost unparalleled; Solomon, one of the richest & wisest men who ever lived. But these few verses in Gen. 5 introduce us to a person who must have been one of the most interesting people who ever lived, one of only 2 men out of all earth's billions, who have been permitted to enter heaven without experiencing death.. These verses, along with four from the N.T. tell us all that has been revealed about a man who walked so closely with God that he was taken to heaven without death. Almost literally, he walked to heaven.

From LK 3:37 we learn that Enoch was an ancestor of Jesus.

Heb. 11:5--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. But without faith, it is impossible to please Him.

Jude 14-15--Now Enoch, the 7th from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, "Behold the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him."

Everything we know about Enoch is in these verses.

I. WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT HIM?

- A. He was the 7th from Adam, contemporary with him for 300 years.
- B. He had brothers & sisters not named or enumerated.
- C. Jared was his father; Methuselah (969) was his son.
- D. He had other sons & daughters not named or enumerated.
- E. He was an ancestor of Jesus Christ.

- F. He was a godly man: he “walked with God.”
- G. He was a prophet or seer.
- H. He foretold the day of judgment.
- I. He was translated without experiencing death.

I.. SOME LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM ENOCH.

- A. There will be a judgment.
- B. The importance of faith, Heb. 11:6
- C. The importance of being obedient, active. walked with God
- D. The importance of warning others about the judgment
- E. The power of God to translate or change us even if we never experience death. 1 Cor 15:51-52
- F. The certainty of an eternal realm. Enoch never died, so he is still alive somewhere today.

CONCLUSION: By active, obedient faith, we too can “walk” with God--& someday go to be with Him forever where there is no more death. 1 John 1:7

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