

Intro: Our 2nd hero of faith is Enoch. Where Abel demonstrates worshipping or coming to God by faith, Enoch demonstrates walking by faith. God never intended for people to be saved by works, but He did intend that as a new person that works would be the result of salvation.

Ge 5:21-24 Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

Knowing that God has revealed Himself and His way progressively, Abel would not have known what was available to Enoch. Enoch would have had to come to God by Faith like Abel, but Abel was killed shortly thereafter. Enoch had years to develop his understanding of who God was and how to walk with Him. Here, we will see 5 features of Enoch's life that were pleasing to God.

XXVII. Enoch: Walking by Faith - vs 5-6

A. Enoch believed that God Is - vs 6a

1. Nothing from man can please God apart from faith

- a. religion does not please God, b/c essentially a system developed by Satan
- b. Nationality doesn't matter, God is not a respecter of persons
- c. Good works

- i. no one is justified by the works of the law - Ps 143:2; Ro 3:20; Gal 2:16
- ii. Isa 64:6 But we are all like an unclean thing, And all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags;

2. But without faith it is impossible to please Him

a. First step to pleasing God - must believe that He is

- i. not enough for salvation - Jas 2:19
- ii. It is a start, if it is done with conviction and follow-up, it may lead to full faith

b. believing that God is, does not mean believing in some man made god, "Your God Is Too Small" - J.B. Phillips - about manufactured gods

- i. The grand old white haired indulgent god - winks at sin
- ii. The resident policeman god whose primary job is to makes life difficult and unenjoyable
- iii. The god in the box, a private and exclusive sectarian god
- iv. The managing director god, the god of deists, designed and created the universe, started it spinning, and now stands far away watching it run down

c. Knowing God

- i. We can't know God by sight - Jo 1:18
- ii. We can't know God by reason - Job 38-39 shows how man cannot fathom the operations of nature, how much less by observation and reasoning
 - inconceivable that a personal, conscious, rational, creative, and volitional being would come by accident
 - anthropological studies show that all cultures are God conscious
 - the idea that God lends substance to the fact that He is
 - the fact that man can conceive of God suggests that someone has given him the ability of such a conception

iii. God gives evidence of His existence

- not necessarily the kind man is looking for
- cannot be proved by science
 - history cannot be proved scientifically b/c it is not repeatable
 - scientific method cannot be applied to everything
- iv. yet many things learned from science give evidence of His existence
 - cause and effect, if you go back far enough you have the ultimate cause has to be God - Heb 3:4 For every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God.
 - the law of entropy, everything is running down
 - if it is running run, it is not self-sustaining
 - if it is not self-sustaining, then it had a beginning
 - if it had a beginning, someone had to begin it
 - we have returned to the first cause, for which only God qualifies
 - the law of design also indicated that God is
 - water has a high specific heat (temperature at which the element boils)
 - absolutely essential to stabilize chemical reactions in the human body
 - if it had a low specific heat, it would boil with the smallest activity
 - it also acts as the earth's thermostat so it wouldn't overheat from the sun or the cold of space
 - size of the earth
 - if it were smaller, it could not sustain an atmosphere
 - if it were bigger, the atmosphere would contain free hydrogen like Jupiter and Saturn and couldn't sustain life
 - distance from the sun provide for ideal temperatures
 - how various systems work together and are interdependent between plant and animal

d. with all the natural, scientific, and rational evidences, acknowledging God is still a matter of faith

i. proof comes after belief

ii. 1Jo 5:10 He who believes in the Son of God has the witness in himself

B. Enoch sought God's reward - vs 6b

1. for he who comes to God

a. belief in existence is not enough, one must also believe that He is moral and just

b. Albert Einstein said, "certainly, there is a God, Any man who doesn't believe in a cosmic force is a fool, but we could never know Him"

i. he was intelligent, but he was wrong, one can know God

ii. In order to please Him, we must believe that He is personal, knowable, loving, caring, moral, and responds to those who come to Him

c. it wasn't enough to believe in the right God

i. the recipients of the letter believed in the God of Israel

ii. They did not have faith in or trust Him

2. Both the OT and the NT teach that God can and desires to be found

a. David said to Solomon, If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever. - 1Ch 28:9b

b. "Surely there is a reward for the righteous; Surely He is God who judges in the earth." - Ps 58:11

c. I love those who love me, And those who seek me diligently will find me. - Pr 8:17

d. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart. - Jer 29:13

e. Jesus even says in Lu 11:10 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

3. must also believe that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

a. the reward that God gives for faith

i. salvation - Jo 3:16; Mt 6:33

ii. forgiveness

iii. a new heart

iv. Love, joy, peace

b. those who diligently seek Him.

i. the more effort one puts into knowing God, the more He reveals Himself to them

ii. **2Pe 1:5-9**

iii. **2Pe 1:10**

C. Enoch walked with God - vs

1. in Ge 5:22, 24 Enoch walked with God three hundred years; And Enoch walked with God

a. believing God exists is the first step toward faith, believing that He rewards those who trust Him is the first step of faith

b. to continue to please God, one must fellowship, commune, "walk" with Him

i. twice Enoch is spoken of as walking with God

ii. LXX, phrase is translated "pleased God"; used twice in Heb 11:5-6

iii. ***Euaresteo*** - to gratify entirely:--please (well).

c. walk is used in NT to represent faithful living

i. Ro 6:4 even so we also should walk in newness of life.

ii. 2Co 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.

iii. Ga 5:16 I say then: Walk in the Spirit, and you shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

iv. Eph 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us,

v. Re 3:4 "You have a few names even in Sardis who have not defiled their garments; and they shall walk with Me in white, for they are worthy.

2. Implications of Enoch's walk

a. Reconciliation

i. Am 3:3 Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?

ii. We were in Rebellion,

- Our nature from birth - **Eph 2:1-3**

- In the flesh - **Ro 8:6-8**

iii. Rebellion is over

- After Faith - Ro 5:1 Therefore, having been justified **by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,

- Eph 2:14 For He Himself is our peace,

b. A Corresponding Nature

i. in order for true fellowship to occur, people must have things in common

- man and animal might take a walk together, but they could not have fellowship

- even people, **2Co 6:14**
- ii. in order to have true fellowship with God, He changed us - 2 Cor 5:17;
 - He makes us citizens of heaven - Phil 3:20
 - we partake of the divine nature - 2 Pe 1:4
 - we are made like God - Eph 4:24 true righteousness and holiness.
- c. Moral fitness and judicial dealing with sin
 - i. In order to make us new, God removed our sin from us - Ps 103:12
 - ii. **1Jo 1:6-7**
- d. A surrendered will
 - i. not forced submission, but willful willingness, a surrender of love
 - ii. 2Jo 1:6 This is love, that we walk according to His commandments.
 - iii. The NT refers to this type of walk as Spirit filled, living in the Spirit's presence, power, direction and teaching showing the fruit of the Spirit - Gal 5:22-23
 - it is a pro 3:5-6 type of living
 - it is dynamic and active obedience, not passive resignation
 - iv. This walk is described in many ways in the NT
 - walking in truth - 3 Jo 4
 - walking according to the Spirit - Ro 8:4
 - walking in Love - Eph 5:2
 - walking in light - Eph 5:8
 - walking in wisdom - Eph 5:15
 - walking like Jesus - 1 Jo 2:6
- e. Continuing faith
 - i. 2Co 5:7 For we walk by faith, not by sight.
 - ii. Col 2:6-7 As you have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.
 - iii. Enoch walked with God for about 300 years

D. Enoch Preached for God - Jd 14-15

1. Jude refers to Enoch preaching - **Jude 1:14-15**
2. from Jude we can surmise that Enoch lived in a faithless time
 - a. lived among ungodly unbelievers
 - b. most likely had considerable opposition

E. Enoch entered into God's presence - vs 5

1. after walking with God for 300 years, God had taken him - Heb 11:5; Ge 5:24
2. don't know why
 - a. allowed 300 years of preaching allowing time for repentance
 - b. possibly to spare further ridicule or persecution
3. a picture of the rapture of the Church
 - a. going straight into the presence of the Lord without dying
 - b. 1Th 4:17 Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.