

Lessons from the Life Of Enoch

Genesis 5:18-24

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INTRO:

- A. Though he lived for 365 years, he lived a very short life compared to his other relatives.
 - 1. He was the seventh from Adam (**Jude 14**) and the son of Jared and the father of Methuselah.
- B. The story of Enoch is very brief.
 - 1. His entire life is summarized as this: *"And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him"* (**Genesis 5:24**).
 - 2. All we know about Enoch is found in 3 passages: **Genesis 5:18-24; Hebrews 11:5; Jude 14-15**
- C. Despite the fact that his story is brief, there is much we can learn from his life.
 - 1. It's important for us to study these lessons and apply them in our lives.

I. Lesson #1: He **"Walked With God"** (Gen. 5:2).

- A. **"Walk"** is figurative language and refers to a way of life/conduct.
 - 1. It is similar to *"walk in the light"* (**1 John 1:7**).
 - a. We do so by living our lives in accordance to God's will which He has given to us in the Scriptures.
- B. There has never been a generation in which it is easy to 'walk with God' but in some generations it was even more difficult.
 - 1. We can know some things about Enoch's generation.
 - a. Enoch was the seventh from Adam and four away from Noah and the flood.
 - b. The sinful conditions at the time of the flood did not suddenly happen overnight. (Genesis 6:1-5).
- C. In a world where everyone is walking away from God, we need to choose to walk with God just like Enoch.
- D. But what does it really mean to walk with God?

II. Lesson # 2: He **"walked by faith"** and **"he pleased God"** (Hebrews 11:5).

- A. 'Walking with God' means walking by faith. (**2 Corinthians 5:7**).
 - 1. And we know *"Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."* (**Romans 10:17**)
- B. According to human reasoning, Enoch should have just followed what was convenient during his time.
 - 1. But because Enoch walked with God by faith, he chose to live a life pleasing to God.
- C. Walking with God is an **ACTIVE** process. **Colossians 1:10**
 - 1. To walk with God means to **"FULLY"** please Him.
 - 2. Walking with God takes effort and sacrifice on our part.
 - 3. As hard as it may be, walking with God brings many blessings to us now and in eternity.
- D. We, like Enoch, have two choices: please God or please men/self.
 - 1. Enoch clearly shows us the right decision.

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2. Enoch knew he could have a more comfortable life if he pleased the people around him.
 - a. He knew life could be better/easier if he just conformed to the influences of the world.
 - 1) However, he did not take that path.
 - 2) And neither should we.
3. Let us choose to (**Matthew 7:13-14; Romans 12:1-2**)

III. Lesson # 3: God Will Execute Judgement. Jude 14-15

- A. Something which might be easy to forget about Enoch is that he prophesied and he prophesied about judgement.
- B. Most people go on with their lives not thinking about the consequences of their actions.
 1. They only think about the here and now.
- C. Enoch was different.
 1. He was a man who looked ahead and knew that God was the God of mercy **AND** at the same time, the God of justice.
 - a. Though God is "*not willing that any should perish*" (**2 Peter 3:9**), He won't force Himself on anyone.
 - 1) Everyone, including you and me, should make the conscious decision to choose God's way.
 - 2) This has been and always will be an individual decision that each of us must make.
 - b. **Romans 6:23**
 - 1) God's gift is everlasting life but He will not give it to anyone who continually breaks His commandments.
- D. He will judge us according to what we have done during our lifetime. (**2 Corinthians 5:10; 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10**)

CONCLUSION:

- A. Enoch walked with God and lived a life pleasing to God.
- B. I hope we will be encouraged to follow the example of Enoch.
- C. His story has been recorded and preserved for us today and it sets a good example for all of us to follow.
- D. Enoch showed us it is possible to please God as long as we have the faith and courage to walk with Him.
- E. If Enoch could walk with God, walk by faith, be well-pleasing to God and teach against ungodliness during his own generation, we can also!
- F. Will we walk away from God... or will we walk with God?