

GENESIS 5

²¹When Enoch had lived 65 years, he became the father of Methuselah.

²²And after he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. ²³Altogether, Enoch lived 365 years. ²⁴Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.

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¹⁴Enoch, ... prophesied ... "See the LORD is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ones ¹⁵to judge everyone, and to convict all the ungodly of all the ungodly acts they have done in the ungodly way, and of all the harsh words ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

GENESIS 6

⁵The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. ⁶The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. ⁷So the LORD said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth--men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air--for I am grieved that I have made them." ⁸But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD.

⁹This is the account of Noah.

Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. ¹⁰Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth.

¹¹Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. ¹²God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. ¹³So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. ¹⁴So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; ...

ENOC - WALKING WITH GOD

The Experience of a Lifetime

ENOC WALKED WITH GOD [Ge 5:22]

Ge 5:22,24 *Enoch walked with God 300 years ... Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.*

The story of Enoch is given in a few short sentences. Apart from the fact that he was one of the two people (Elijah) who did not experience death, the testimony of his life is powerfully told with the phrase ... *Enoch walked with God!*

For Enoch, and many others, walking with God was not a casual relationship or a part time occupation. It was not some kind of mystical escapism from life, or a shortcut to eternity. On the contrary, it was, in a literal sense, the experience of a lifetime.

Enoch *walked with God* in an ungodly and evil environment [Ge 6:5,11, Jude 15]. He was a prophet and missionary [Jude 14] who dramatically impacted the world around him. The story of his life was passed down from generation to generation. Centuries later Moses recorded the incredible testimony with one phrase that carries with it a wealth of meaning ... an intimate relationship with God and an active involvement among those who are living in sin.

Characteristics of a person who walks with God:

We don't have a lot of information about Enoch, but the Bible teaches us about the character of people who walk with God.

Malachi 2:6 ... *he revered me and stood in awe of my name. True instruction was in his mouth and nothing false was found on his lips. He walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many from sin.*

Enoch would have been such a man.

- Reverence Mal 2:6; Jude 14
- Truth, Honesty, Integrity Mal 2:6
- Peace Mal 2:6
- Righteous Ge 6:9; 7:1
- Blameless Ge 6:9; 17:1; Mal 2:6
- Faith, Trust Ge 6:8; 24:40; Heb 11:5,7
- Faithful Ge 6:22; 2 Ki 20:3; Ps 89:14
- Wholehearted devotion 2 Ki 20:3
- Doing good 2Ki 20:3
- Comforter, Love (people care) Ge 5:29; Ps 89:14; 2Jn 6
- Humility Mic 6:8; Jude 16
- Merciful Mic 6:8
- Act justly Mic 6:8
- Intimacy with God Jude 14
- Commitment Ge 6:18; Mal 2:5
- Perseverance Ge 5:22; 7:6

Walking in the Light - Relationship

Walking with God is walking in the Light. [Isa 2:5; 1Jn 1:5-7] As we walk in the light of His presence we will be blessed [Ps 84:11; 89:15; Ge 6:8]. We will enjoy an intimate relationship with God; hearing His voice [Ge 7:1] and knowing His care and protection over us [Is 33:15,16; 40:31].

(cf. God and man walked together in the 'garden'. Ge 3:8,9)

A Choice - A Covenant - Partnership

Enoch woke up every day in a world that had turned away from God. He had to make a choice every day (for 300 years) to walk with God. He did! [Dt 10:12; 11:22; 30:16; Jos 22:5; Am 3:3] And God walked with Him.

When we walk with God, we choose to be partners with the LORD and share His concern for the "ungodly" [Ge 6:6; Jude 14,15]. That concern is always to turn people away from sin [Mal 2:6; 2 Pe 2:5; Jude 14].

God makes a covenant of life and peace [Ge 6:18; Mal 2:5] with those who walk with Him.