

Enoch

Hebrews 11:5-6; Genesis 5:21-24

In the line of Christ, 7th in the line of Adam.

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.

Enoch is translated or in the Greek – to transfer or change, to go or pass over from one place to another place. Enoch was changed by faith. Application for today.

- If you have faith (and it is only by faith), you can experience a translation or change.
- One of the reasons or benefits of the change, or better, the outcome or result of the change is that he wasn't going to see or experience death. Meaning, before his change, death was the most likely and probable outcome. So without faith, expect to experience and see death.
- Death, the end of something. Enoch was expecting to see death. What are you expecting to see around you? Are you expecting death or loss of a job, loss of income, loss of status, loss of health, loss of a relationship....but perhaps there is both a right now word and a future hope through this example of Enoch. Change can help you avoid death (spiritual).
- Because of faith, where he was before, when you went there...to that place, you couldn't find him there again. Application for us is the places you would normally find us, the attitudes we used to rest in and rely on, our faith should cause a change that moves us from that place, situation, feelings, actions, attitude so that when you go to that place looking for us.....you can't find us there anymore.
 - Therefore, the opposite must be true. If people can still find you in the same old place you used to be, you must be lacking in your faith because true faith in God demands and results in translation. Truth is not everybody wants to be beamed up out of their current situation. Key to translation is faith in and trusting in God.
 - Some people hold on to the hurt, the un-forgiveness, etc. If it is still on you and with you, then faith in Christ might be missing in that area.
 - Folk will still pull the same old strings; try the same old moves expecting to get the same response you used to provide. They know what makes you tick so they expect you to react and move a certain way.....but faith can cause you to be translated and you won't

react or be found in the place, attitude, or position they used to find you. That will mess some folk up who are trying to mess with you or find the old you.

- Notice the process for not being found on earth; your transformation from the world. World was only a temporary place (Enoch was in transit or transition).
 - Before his change and translation to another place, he had a testimony. So it must be important that you have a testimony. You can't overcome unless you have a testimony.
 - Now, lots of people have testimonies. Testimony – to be a witness and to affirm what one has seen, heard, or experienced. Question is does your testimony please God?
 - Be careful having a testimony or celebrating things that don't please God.
 - Question.....how can we please God? If we really want to be translated both now and in the future, it might be important for us to figure out how to really please God (Psalm 23, feasts, beatitudes, etc.)

Look how good God is. He not only will tell you what to do, but also how to do it.

Hebrews 11:6

But without faith [it is] impossible to please [him]: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and [that] he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

You can't please Him without having faith and trusting in Him. Notice the verse.

- Impossible to please Him without faith so stop trying. Can you say "Cain?"
- Gives instructions for how to come to God. Wait, that's key. So just coming to God alone won't please Him. Application for today.....just coming to church won't please him, just coming to Bible study won't please Him, and just praying won't please Him. When you come you must believe that He is.....
 - Too many people are coming but they ain't believing that He is. We do it all the time....go places but don't have faith or do things that are pleasing. Kids can go home and spend the night, but just because they are in your house doesn't mean that they will do things that are pleasing to you.
 - Danger....just because you're coming you start getting comfortable and thinking that what you're doing is pleasing to God. Come on, lots of people came to Jesus but few did what was pleasing to God. Those who did come to Jesus and receive a miracle or blessing or were made whole (can you say woman with an issue) based upon their faith.

Their faith released the miracle. God can't release it until you have faith....faith is the key that unlocks the door for release!!!

- Believe that He is. What does that mean? This is key. That Jesus is the Christ. That He is Lord. He's the unchanging God so whatever He was in the Bible, that's what He is today. He told Moses "I am that I am" (I will be what I will be).
 - He is, now you fill in the blank. When you get through, you can sum it up with He's all that I need. He supplies what I need. If you don't believe that, you can't please Him.
 - You have to have faith in the fact that He is your salvation and that Jesus is the way to salvation in order to be saved. And salvation is the very first step to pleasing God. He has a party when sinners get saved by faith through belief in Him.
- Something else that you need to know....that He will reward you. That His promises are to reward those that have faith and believe in Him. Condition includes those who not just seek Him once in a while, or only when trouble comes, but they diligently seek Him. Don't stop seeking Him. Even when God doesn't seem to be around....keep seeking Him; even when God says no...keep seeking Him.
 - It must be important for us to know that there's a reward behind this. We're gonna get paid.

Genesis 5:21-24

And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

²² And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: ²³ And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

²⁴ And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Enoch = dedicated.

Verse 21. Enoch lived 65 years and then had Methuselah = man of the dart. When he dies, it will be sent.

- This name signifies, "He dieth, and the sending forth," so that Enoch gave it as prophetic of the flood. It is computed that Methuselah died in the year of that catastrophe.

- Tradition states the flood came after Methuselah died. This shows the considerable mercy of God as he delays judgement waiting for us to repent.

Verse 22. He walked with God 300 years and was fruitful; increased. Seems like he didn't start walking with God by this level of faith until he had Methuselah.

- Not how you start, but how you finish. You ought to praise Him and be encouraged because most of us didn't get a good start or start out right.
- How he started out didn't disqualify him from a great blessing and transformation. Did nothing significantly noteworthy before, but his last 300 years were great because he walked with God.
- Note: There is no mention of any great feats that Enoch performed. No mention of slain giants, defeated enemies in battle, no walking on water or great miracles are noted. However, he is still in the faith Hall of Fame. Perhaps the greatest thing we can achieve in this life is to have faith that God is. (See Matthew 3 where God is pleased with the outcome of Jesus' baptismal process)

Verse 23. 65 bad years, 300 good years for a total of 365.

Verse 24. Results of walking with God....he was not where he used to be, not there anymore. God took him. Went straight to heaven. The plan was never for you to stay down here, stay in this condition, or stay like this.

- Walking with God means you are moving with Him. Going in the same direction. Same goals and according to His plan. You've got to move by faith or else you'll still be in the same place.
- Walking is a way of life in communion with God.
- If you are not walking with God, who are you walking with? If not with Him, then contrary to Him. How?
- Notice what would have happened if he didn't walk with God? He would have stayed right there and died. Some of us need to have an Enoch experience where we please God and He lifts us from one place to another place.....a better place.

Jude 1:14-15. **And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard [speeches] which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.**



- He preached righteousness, foretold that judgment was coming. Must have preached salvation and resurrection during a time when people were wicked.
- 7th from Adam, a sacred number. He's was talking about the flood and end times for them...which seems to be an earlier representation or example of the judgement yet to come (See Matthew 25:31).