

ENOCH

Int.

1. Aim: To study the life of Enoch and learn the great things about his life of walking with God.
2. One outstanding feature of most people in the Bible:
 - a. Noah - Ark and flood
 - b. David - Psalms
 - c. Paul - Missionary journeys
 - d. Enoch - "walked with God"
3. Very little is said of ENOCH - only 8 verses in Bible - that mention the name Enoch
 - a. Gen. 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."**
 - b. 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."**
 - c. Jude 14 **"And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,**
 - d. Lk.3:37 "Which was [the son] of Mathusala, which was [the son] of Enoch, which was [the son] of Jared, which was [the son] of Maleleel, which was [the son] of Cainan,"
 - e. I Chr.1:3 "Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech,"
 - f. The one mentioned in Gen. 4:17 is not the same man
4. The father of Enoch was Jared - The human race was 622 years of age at the time that Enoch was born.
 - a. He lived 365 years on this earth.
 - b. The name Enoch means "Beginner"
5. Everything said of him is good, not so with others.
 - a. Noah, preacher of righteousness = one time became drunk
 - b. David, man after God's own heart = adultery, murder
 - c. Paul, devout man = yet persecuted church at the beginning
 - d. Enoch = everything said about him is good!
6. Note these outstanding things about the man named Enoch

Discussion

I. ENOCH BELONGED TO TWO SMALL CLASSES OF PEOPLE

- A. Most avoid being in the minority
 1. Some rather be with majority and be wrong than with minority and be right.
 2. Usually in time of great division and crisis the minority have been right and majority wrong.
- B. First minority class = "HE WALKED WITH GOD"
 1. Only 2 in Bible of whom it is said
 2. Noah was the other - Gen. 6:9 "...**Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.**"
 3. Jude 14-16 - Enoch was not in harmony with the majority of people in his day.
- C. Second small class = TRANSLATED - God has taken 1 in each dispensation of time
 1. Patriarchal - Enoch
 2. Mosaical - Elijah - II Kings 2:11 **"And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."**
 3. Christian - Jesus - Acts 2
 4. Enoch and Elijah were carried over the gates of death to be with God
- D. This could be a picture of the fate of saints who are still alive when the Lord returns - I Thes. 4:17 **"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."**

II. GOD DOES MORE THAN HE PROMISED TO DO

- A. Two kinds of promises in dealing with man
 1. Unconditional
 - a. Never destroy world with water again. - Gen.8:21-22 **"And the Lord smelled a sweet savour; and the Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done. 22. While the earth remaineth, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease."**
 - b. No matter how wicked the world may become it will never be destroyed by another flood.
 - c. This is an unconditional promise of God

2. Conditional
 - a. God is not obligated to keep promises until the conditions have been met
 - b. Mt. 6:33 - **Condition** = Seek God first **Promise** = Food, raiment & shelter will be added
 - c. God is under no obligation to add these unless we make his kingdom first in our life

B. Time does not alter promises of God

1. II Pet. 3:9 **"The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."**
2. Keep a promise made a 1,000 years or only one day ago

C. God not only keeps his promises but sometimes does more than He promised

1. No evidence that God promised Enoch that if he would walk with him that he would translate him
2. We are led to believe that God took Enoch in order that he might reward Enoch for his good life
 - a. There is something better on the other side of death, or else Enoch was not rewarded but cheated
 - b. Paul indicates that it is better to go on and be with Christ - Phil. 1:23,24 **"For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ: which is far better: 24. Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you."**
 - c. But this in no way justifies suicide for that is sin and a person who dies in sin will be lost. Suicide is murder, it is self-murder. And the Bible says that Murderers shall not enter into the kingdom of Heaven. Rev. 22:15 Gal. 5:21
3. No hint that God promised Elijah that if he would denounce apostasies of Ahab & Jezebel and be faithful in calling people back to the Lord, that he would be translated.

4. True also of Job -- no evidence that God promised Job if he would maintain his integrity and be faithful regardless of the trials, that he would receive twice as much in the end as he had in the beginning.
5. God may have in store for his people in the hereafter something much better than he has promised.
6. Eph. 3:20 -- it is a great privilege to serve a God who can and does do more than he promised to do! **Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us."**

III. ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD IN A WICKED AGE

- A. Period preceding the flood
 1. The race was becoming more and more wicked
 2. Gen. 6:5 **"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."**
 3. The life of Enoch is more remarkable because it was lived in an evil age of the world!
- B. **"In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes."** Judges 21:25
 1. When we do what is right in our eyes it means what we are doing is not right in the Lord's eyes
 2. Yet we read about the wonderful things in the book of Ruth = Devotion of Ruth to her mother in law. Lived during days of Judges.
 3. This is even more remarkable because it happened in an evil age, Just as Enoch's life was lived in an age of wickedness
- C. Enoch demonstrated that a man can live right under evil conditions
 1. Joseph in Egypt, Daniel in Babylon, both demonstrate that people can live right when outward conditions are unfriendly and unfavorable
 2. Men today can live right even though conditions are not favorable
 3. Men can live the good life in a bad environment

- D. Enoch walked with God 300 years in a wicked age before a line of the Bible had been written
1. First of the Bible written centuries later
 2. He never read the O.T. with Psalms, Proverbs & the prophecies or any of the N.T.
 3. He had a revelation from God
 - a. Heb. 11:5 **"By Faith Enoch..."**
 - b. Faith comes by hearing the word of God - Rom. 10:17
 - c. God gave him instructions about how to live, he did not have the written word
 4. He managed to walk with God 3 centuries without a Bible to read and study!

IV. LESSONS WE CAN LEARN FROM ENOCH

A. TRANSLATION did not really change his

1 ASSOCIATES

- a. In his translation Enoch did not change his associates, he only changed his place of association
- b. He had walked with God and lived with God in this life
- c. He was translated to heaven where he still lives with God

2. ACTIVITIES

- a. Here on earth he served God
- b. When translated he continued to serve God
- c. If you were to be translated to heaven would there be a great change in your activities?
- d. If there is too much of a change, then it indicates you are not ready for heaven!!

B. MAN IS ABLE TO PLEASE GOD - Heb.11:5

1. In every dispensation and generation, since the creation of man, people have been able to please God!
2. Therefore they reap the rewards
3. We today can live in such a way as to please God and reap the rewards of an obedient life.

C. **Enoch's translation can inspire others to live right**

1. This incident must have had a sobering effect upon the people who knew Enoch
2. It no doubt stimulated them to live a life of faith
3. It should encourage us to follow the example of Enoch in walking with God!

D. **To WALK WITH GOD WE MUST KEEP STEP WITH HIM!**

1. Some want to run AHEAD
 - a. Sarah tried to provide the promised child by having Abram take Hagar and have an heir with her. But it didn't work.
 - b. Men today want to change God's ways - about worship, plan of salvation, work
 - c. But it will not work!
2. Some want to LAG BEHIND
 - a. Lot had to almost be drug out of the city of Sodom
 - b. He was not keeping step with God who was delivering him from the city.
 - c. We many times lag behind step with God. He wants us to grow and develop. He wants us to teach the Gospel to all the world.
3. To walk with God we must:
 - a. Be in step with Him
 - b. Be in agreement with Him
 - c. Cooperate with Him
 - d. Take directions from Him
 - e. Amos 3:3 **"Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"**

E. **We can Live Right even in a Bad Environment**

1. Enoch walked with God in a wicked period of history
2. We have no excuse for doing evil. No one is to blame if we fail to follow God.
3. We must live right regardless of the circumstances or the environment in which we live.

Conclusion

1. "He was not Found"...because God translated him
 - a. They probably looked for him - and many had speculations
 - b. Probably no one knew until Moses wrote the book of Genesis what happened.

2. This was a marvelous way to end the long walk with the Lord - to go home to be with the Lord.

3. The lord hasn't promised to translate us in the same way he did Enoch if we serve him, but he has promised that if we walk with him now that when he comes after his own that where he is there we may be also - Jn. 14:1-3

4. Have you ever walked with the Lord?
 - a. No companionship comparable to it
 - b. God will walk with us through this life if we will obey Him and serve him
 - c. Walk with God = by being a Christian

5. Why not step out and walk with God today?

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