

## Enoch Walked With God

### Genesis 5:18-24

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The name "Enoch" is found 12 times in the Bible.

The first two times, in **Genesis 4:17-18**, the name refers to Adam's grandson, by his son Cain. Cain built a city and called it Enoch, after the name of his son.

The next six times we find the name Enoch, in **Genesis 5:18-24**, the name refers to Adam's great, great, great, great grandson, through the lineage of his son Seth. This Enoch is the focus of our study.

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In **Genesis 5:18-23**, we learn that Enoch was the son of Jared, and became the father of Methuselah (the oldest man mentioned in scripture), and was the great grandfather of Noah. We also learn that he lived 365 years.

Once more we see Enoch's name in the Old Testament in **1 Chronicles 1:3**, where he is listed as the seventh generation from Adam in the genealogy of Israel.

In the New Testament we find this Enoch referenced three times. First, in **Luke 3:37**, as Luke records the physical genealogy of Jesus Christ, Enoch is again shown to be the seventh generation from Adam. (Jesus, by the way, is the 77<sup>th</sup> generation from Adam in this account.)

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Next, Enoch is found in **Hebrews 11:5**, in what we sometimes refer to as the "Hall Of Faith," where he is the second man listed among the "men of old" who gained approval by their faith.

Lastly, we find Enoch mentioned in **Jude 14-15**, as Jude quotes a prophecy of Enoch, showing that God's final judgment upon the world was prophesied as far back as the seventh generation from Adam. Here we learn that Enoch was a prophet, perhaps the first-ever prophet of God on the earth.

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The two most notable things about Enoch:

### Genesis 5:24

"Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him."

### Hebrews 11:5

"By faith Enoch was taken up so that he would not see death; AND HE WAS NOT FOUND BECAUSE GOD TOOK HIM UP; for he obtained the witness that before his being taken up he was pleasing to God."

We can conclude that Walking with God is pleasing to Him.

### 2 Corinthians 5:9

"Therefore we also have as our ambition, whether at home or absent, to be pleasing to Him."

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Scripture teaches that man is required to walk humbly with God.

### Micah 6:8

"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

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Note that the scripture doesn't say God walked with Enoch, but Enoch walked with God. God leads. To accompany Him, we must follow.

### **Jeremiah 10:23**

"I know, oh Lord, that a man's way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps."

### **Matthew 16:24**

"Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me."

Walking with God requires communication. Does anyone walk with someone without listening or speaking in conversation?

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God speaks to us through His word. We listen when we study.

### **2 Timothy 2:15**

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."

### **1 Peter 3:15**

"... but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence ..."

### **Ephesians 5:17**

"So then do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is."

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We speak to God through prayer. He listens when we pray.

### **Philippians 4:6**

"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

### **1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

"Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

### **1 Timothy 2:1-2**

"First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity."

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To walk with God, we must walk in the Light.

### **John 8:12**

"Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, "I am the Light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life."

### **1 John 1:5-7**

"This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."

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### **2 Corinthians 6:14-18**

"Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? Or what harmony has Christ with Belial, or what has a believer in common with an unbeliever? Or what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I WILL DWELL IN THEM AND WALK AMONG THEM; AND I WILL BE THEIR GOD, AND THEY SHALL BE MY PEOPLE. Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAR; And I will welcome you. And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to Me," says the Lord Almighty."

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### **Ephesians 5:8-13**

"... for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light."

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### CONCLUSION

Finally, we can learn by Enoch's example of walking with God, as well as by his prophetic warning about God's final day of judgment:

#### Jude 14-15

"It was also about these men that Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, 'Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment upon all, and to convict all the ungodly of all their ungodly deeds which they have done in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.'"

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Through Jude, the Holy Spirit adds to Enoch's prophecy:

#### Jude 16-25

"These are grumblers, finding fault, following after their own lusts; they speak arrogantly, flattering people for the sake of gaining an advantage. But you, beloved, ought to remember the words that were spoken beforehand by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ, that they were saying to you, 'In the last time there will be mockers, following after their own ungodly lusts.' These are the ones who cause divisions, worldly-minded, devoid of the Spirit. But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting anxiously for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. And have mercy on some, who are doubting; save others, snatching them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment polluted by the flesh. Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen."

## GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

### TO BE SAVED, A PERSON MUST ...

**Hear the Word:** Romans 10:17; 2 Thessalonians 2:14

**Believe:** Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

**Repent:** Acts 17:30; Acts 2:38

**Confess:** Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 12:8

**Be Baptized:** Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38

**Remain Faithful:** Revelation 2:10; 1 Corinthians 15:2