

=EVENTS FROM GENESIS=

Lesson 4

Enoch's Walk with God

POINT OF CONTACT: Have the pupils name at least two Enochs in the Bible. Also, have the pupils name the only two men in the Bible who went to Heaven without dying—Elijah and Enoch. Have the pupils name the only two men in the Bible about whom it is said they “walked with God.”

AIM: to teach my pupils the importance of the life of Enoch and the facts concerning his walk with God.

I. THE BEGINNING OF HIS WALK. Read Genesis 5:21, 22. Notice especially the word “after” in verse 22, “And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah...” He was 65 years old when Methuselah was born. The Scriptures seem to imply that he began his walk with God on the birth of Methuselah. No doubt when he heard of Methuselah's coming birth, he realized he should be a Christian father and walk with God. He planned many months for the coming of the baby. Perhaps when he saw the baby, he said, “I must be a Christian. I must walk with God.” Probably Enoch was converted at the birth of Methuselah. We do know he was converted, according to Hebrews 11:5.

II. THE WALK ITSELF.

1. Walking with God would make one know God better. In other words, day by day he came to know the Lord better.
2. Walking with God means progress. They went somewhere together. In other words, Enoch grew in grace.
3. Walking with God means doing what God wants to do. Amos 3:3, “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?” We know he was pleasing God because of his walk with God.
4. He was in the will of God. No one can walk with God outside of God's will. The fact that he walked with God means that he was doing what God wanted him to do and was in the will of God. The little girl said that Enoch walked with God, and they walked and walked and walked until finally God said, “Enoch, I believe we have walked so far we are closer to My house than we are to yours, so why don't you just come home with Me?” This may not be good theology, but it is true that Enoch walked with God for many years and certainly must have been close to Heaven many times.
5. He preached the second coming of Jesus Christ. This is found in Jude 14. This is very interesting. This is thousands of years before Jesus came the first time. God gave to Enoch the privilege of knowing about and seeing the second coming of Jesus Christ.
6. During his walk with God he preached against sin. (Jude 15) Probably then, his walk was a clean walk, and ungodliness was not a part of his life.
7. He walked with God in a wicked day. The world has seen few more wicked days than the days before the flood. The world was so wicked that God was about to destroy it; and yet Enoch walked with God. It must have been difficult for him. He must have been laughed at; he evidently did not go with the crowd. Let this be an example to us in our day!

III. THE END OF THE WALK. Notice Genesis 5:24.

1. “...he was not; for God took him.” This means that Enoch did not die. He is a type of the rapture of the saints of God. The flood is a type of the Tribulation Period. Noah is a type of the Jews, preserved through the Tribulation Period. Enoch is a type of the Gentile bride, caught up before the Tribulation Period.
2. Enoch was translated. Read Hebrews 11:5. The word “translated” means “carried across.” In other words, he did not die; he was carried across death.
3. People looked for him. Hebrews 11:5b, “and was not found.” This means that he was sought. You can imagine how his neighbors must have wondered where he was. This pictures the time when the Christians shall be caught away, when two shall be in the field, one shall be taken and the other left, etc.
4. There is a reason why he was translated. Hebrews 11:5c, “for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.” This means he had faith in God. Faith is the only thing that can save. Those who put their faith in Christ are the only ones who will be raptured at the end time, for

the Scripture says in Hebrews 11:6a, “But without faith it is impossible to please him.” So Enoch was a saved man—saved by faith—and because of this, he was raptured.

5. It is interesting to note here that Enoch was the seventh from Adam. Seven is God’s number of completion, God’s perfect number. It is also God’s prophetic number, used again and again in the prophecies of the Bible, especially in the Book of Revelation. Hence, God chooses to use the seventh man to picture the rapture of the saints.

IV. AFTER THE WALK.

1. As has been stated, people looked for Enoch after the walk, and he was not found.
2. His son, Methuselah, is an interesting person in the Bible. He had the longest life of any person who ever lived. Could this mean that God blessed him signally, and especially because he had a father who walked with God?
3. The word “Methuselah” means, “When he is dead, it shall be sent.” This no doubt has to do with the flood. God held up the flood and the destruction of the world until Methuselah was dead. Methuselah was hereby honored by God because he had a father who walked with God. No doubt Methuselah also walked with God; and God, in honoring his man, Enoch, did not allow the flood to come until Methuselah’s death.
4. Enoch will come to earth again. In Revelation 11:3-12, we find two witnesses coming back to the earth to witness during the Tribulation Period. We think they are Elijah and Enoch. Some prefer to think they are Moses and Elijah, but we think they are Elijah and Enoch because these are the only two men who did not die. The Bible says, “And as it is appointed unto men once to die,” Hebrews 9:27a. So Enoch and Elijah must die. They will come back to earth and preach; many will be saved because of their witness. The two men are then killed in the streets of Jerusalem. Their bodies will lie in the street of the city for three and a half days. Then they shall be resurrected in the presence of the people who killed them and shall be caught up again into Heaven. So God has some ministry for them. Enoch’s walk, then, is not finished. It will continue!

CONCLUSION: What a tremendous way to sum up the life of Enoch—simply that he walked with God! If God made a one-sentence biography about your life, what would it be? Could He sum it up with a complimentary phrase?