

## Lessons From Enoch

*Prayer*

Good morning, how many people here this morning have faith?

This morning I want to talk about Enoch...

First question I usually get is who is Enoch? Well... this is a complicated questions since there are really two "Enochs". The first Enoch was the oldest son of Cain. The second is the one we will be looking at this morning. Our Enoch is the seventh from Adam, son of Jared, descendant of Seth and Cain's older brother. This Enoch we are discussing lived 365 years and then God took him and he was no more.

Let's look at some scripture to kick off this morning's lesson:

Genesis 5:21-24 KJV

*And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him*

Hebrews 11:5,6

*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. 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*

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.*

This means that besides Elijah only Enoch entered into glory without seeing death...

This is only 69 years before Noah is born...

What does that tell us?

Enoch was in a world that was wicked! Check out Genesis 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.*

It is interesting to note here that even the descendants of Seth who was considered the righteous brother who had married into the line of Cain became wicked...

What is my first point this morning?

**The state of the world around us is not an excuse for not walking with God.**

One of the most amazing things... well to me at least, is that the more I study the history of mankind; the more I study the history of the people who inhabit the pages of the Holy Bible, the more I see that the principles that humanity struggles with and the conduct of our people as a species has not changed.

This tells me that the lessons and the relevance of the Word of God are applicable and relevant to today!

This morning, I need to ask some questions...

What is the definition of Faith?

Hebrews 11:1 tells us:

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen*

My second point this morning relates to the question... Do we really have faith?

**If we don't have faith in God and what he is doing in his church then we are wasting our time.**

This morning, if you or your family were being persecuted for being Christian, would you still gather together as a church? If this were a country that outlawed Christianity, would you still practice?

Church is not a place for us to come out of obligation, it is a place to come out of relationship and love for our almighty God.

Friends, this morning I assert, that many times I have said that we collectively and individually, want to walk in the presence of God! I have stated that we need to be in his presence to walk as his church in power and authority. Yet, a choice is involved... If we do not believe in him and love his people, then we cannot walk with him and we will not walk in power or authority.

Turn with me to 1 John 1:7

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin*

Note the "IF" ...

How do we know that we are walking in the light?

The "Then" we need to take careful note of is simply: "We have fellowship one with another"

Jesus told us in John 8:12

*Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*

Now I ask again... Are we walking in the light?

Enoch represented God well...

What does it mean when it says: "Enoch walked with God"?

Quite simply it implies that he had a close relationship with God.

So did Abraham... James 2:23 NKJV

*And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, "Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness." And he was called the friend of God*

James tells us that faith needs to bear fruit...

James 2:26

*For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also.*

My point is simply that faith is more than a feeling. We don't need to be perfect but we do need to put on Jesus, believe in him and have real faith. We need to trust God.

Now Abraham was considered a friend of God... This is a pretty good thing to have on your resume. Enoch walked with God from this world right into glory without death and Elijah was taken into heaven in a fiery chariot without death.

When I hear of these things, I pause and reflect on my personal faith and my walk with God...

In communion when we partake of the Body of Christ, we are told to examine ourselves... If we have an issue with another we must go and make it right. Why?

Because if we don't we are not walking in fellowship with each other and are therefore not walking in the light... Remembering that the light is Christ.

Are we offering up our lives as a living sacrifice of worship to the Lord?

Romans 12:1,2

*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God*

Are we offering ourselves up in \*worship to the Lord?  
What is this renewing of the mind?

\*Remember the opposite of worship is criticism.

Are we in fellowship with one another and with God or do we find ourselves criticizing one another or even Him?

We must make a choice to believe in Jesus and follow his precepts.

2 Corinthians 10:4,5

*For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,*

Are our thoughts in captivity to Christ?

John 15:12

*This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you*

Enoch experienced the same temptations and trials that we do, yet he walked with God.

Now we read that this man Enoch, who was a contemporary of Adam, the first man; wrote in 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.*

Simply put... a guy alive the same time as the first man on the Earth, prophesied the return of Christ...

My third point...

### **God often reveals his plans to his friends when they walk with him**

Enoch walked with God and he pleased God... Isn't that interesting phrasing about pleasing God. Amos 3:3 says:

*Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?*

So I ask again... Are we walking in the light?

God has forgiven us and we are reconciled to him through the amazing work of Christ at the cross of Calvary. We are forgiven! My friends for me that is not enough; I want to walk with him! I want to please Him; I want to be his friend...

There is a principle here...

1 Samuel 2:30

*Therefore the Lord God of Israel says: 'I said indeed that your house and the house of your father would walk before Me forever.' But now the Lord says: 'Far be it from Me; for those who honor Me I will honor, and those who despise Me shall be lightly esteemed.'*

Are we forgiven? YES

Are we saved if we believe in Jesus? YES

Yet, my friends, today I am here to tell you that there is more. There is a more that I seek daily. It is a journey that I am pursuing with zeal. It comes from living in a way that is well pleasing to the Lord. It comes from constant relationship with him and obedience to his will. Today, I invite you on this journey! If you aren't already on it, Now is the time, this is the day and the hour to seize the opportunity to commit yourself and resolve to walk with Jesus!

Colossians 2:6

*As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving.*

This morning have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Have faith in the work that he is doing in those who are around you. Let the Holy Spirit do his Job. As we spoke about last week, don't let the little foxes destroy the vineyard.

Walk in fellowship with each other, practice hospitality and forgiveness, abstain from criticism and speak life and not death to each other and hold fast the moral code of God in your lives. Walk in relationship and obedience to God. Love each other, as it is pleasing to God.

Let us agree to love God and agree with God to Love one another...

After all, isn't this all really about fulfilling what we as a church have already said we will do?

- \* We will Worship God
- \* We will Love All People
- \* We will Embrace Community

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