

# The Testimony of Enoch's Faith

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## I. Background:

**There are five references to Enoch in the bible;** two of them deal with his genealogies that just list his name with no comment (1Chr 1:3; Lk 3:37). The other three tell us a lot about him.

Gen 5:21-24 Enoch lived 65 years, and he became the father of Methuselah. 22 Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after became the father of Methuselah, and had other sons and daughters. 23 So all the days of Enoch were 365 years. 24 Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

Heb 11:5-6 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. 6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

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, 15 to execute judgment on 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."

**The name of Enoch means** - dedicated, it could also mean initiator , or teacher.

**Enoch is the 7th generation of life.**

Lk 3:37-38 the son of Methuselah, the son of Enoch, the son of Jared, the son of Mahalaleel, the son of Cainan, 38 the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the son of God. (Gen 5)  
1) Adam; 2) Seth; 3) Enosh; 4) Cainan; 5) Mahalaleel; 6) Jared; 7) Enoch

## II. Enoch walked with God

Walking means forward movement, steady progress. He walked with God consistently, growing and growing, more and more.

### What does it mean "to walk with God"?

#### 1. To "walk with God" involves repentance.

Enoch probably had some kind of conversion experience that included repentance.

First word of the gospel is "repent" (Mt 3:2,11; 4:17; Lk 24:47; Ac 2:38; 3:19; 5:31; 11:18; 20:21; 26:20; Rom 2:4; Heb 6:1; 2 PT 3:9).

He became a preacher of righteousness to an ungodly people (Jude 14-15).

This occurred after the birth of his son Methuselah (Gen 5:22).

#### 2. To "walk with God" means to have faith, to believe in God (Heb 11:6).

Enoch believed that God is, (that He truly exists) and since that is true, he owed God his life; and must follow, worship, fellowship and serve Him with all of his heart. In other words, he diligently sought God.

#### 3. To "walk with God" means to have unbroken, continuous, intimate fellowship with God.

Lk 18:1 ... at all times they ought to pray and not lose heart.

Eph 6:18 ... pray at all times ...

Col 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, ...

1Thes 5:17 pray without ceasing;

**4. To “walk with God” means to seek to live a holy and godly life of self-control.**

Phil 2:15 so that you will prove yourselves to be blameless and innocent, children of God above reproach in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, ...

**5. To “walk with God” means to “gain approval,” “obtained a good report”;**

This will lead to having a witness and testimony for God.

**This Greek word is found eight times in Hebrews.**

Heb 7:8 ... of whom (Melchizedek) it is witnessed that he lives on.

Heb 7:17 for it is attested of Him, “You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.”

Heb 10:15-16 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying, 16 “This is the covenant that I will make with them ...”

Heb 11:2 For by it the men of old gained approval.

Heb 11:4 By faith Abel offered to God a better sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained the testimony that he was righteous, God testifying about his gifts, and through faith, though he is dead, he still speaks.

Heb 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.

Heb 11:39 And all these, having gained approval through their faith, did not receive what was promised,

**Enoch was the first man after the fall not touched by death (Gen.5:24).**

The OT does not elaborate on the circumstances but asserts that he "walked" with God.

**"was taken up"**

This means "moved to another spot." It's not a "resurrection" but a "translation" like Elijah (2 Ki 2:11).

**There is a clear distinction in the Bible between**

1. People brought back to life from the dead (resuscitation).
2. People taken to heaven without physical death (translation).
3. Jesus having a new spiritual body (resurrection).

### **III. The reward of faith**

Heb 11:6 And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

**The reward of faith is important in Hebrews**

Heb 10:35-36 Therefore, do not throw away your confidence which has great reward. 36 For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God, you may receive what was promised.

Heb 11:26 considering the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he was looking to the reward.

### **Faith leads to resurrection life**

Jn 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live even if he dies, 26 and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die.  
(Rom 5:17; 8:11; 1Cor 15:20 -26; 2Cor 4:14; 1Th 4:14-17)

### **Faith will please God Heb. 11:6**

Without faith it is impossible to please God. What does this mean? Without faith you can never live with God, not in this world nor in the next world. Without faith, a person must plow through this life all alone and handle all the trials, temptations, sufferings, accidents, diseases and death by himself. Without faith, a person stands all alone in this world, utterly without God.

(Num 14:11; 20:12; Ps 78:22, 32; 106:21-22, 24; Isa 7:9; Mk 16:17; Jn 3:18-19; 8:24; Gal 5:6; Heb 3:12, 18-19; 4:2; Rev 21:8)

### **Heb 11:6 "without faith it is impossible to please Him"**

It is not just initial faith, but persevering faith that pleases God.

All of these examples remained faithful to the end of life, no matter how that end came.

Faith is the way that humans believe, receive, accept the promises of God.

Salvation and discipleship are both impossible without faith.

The Bible is a book of how people please God through faith. Hebrews Chapter 11 testifies to this fact.

### **The person who comes to God must believe two things:**

1. He must believe that God is, that God exists.  
We know this through creation and through the Bible.
2. We must believe that God rewards those who diligently seek Him

## **1V. Our walk with God**

### **Faith gives us to power to walk with God day by day.**

1Jn 1:3 what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.

Jn 17:3 3 This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

1Cor 1:9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into the fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. (2Cor 13:14; Phil 2:1; 3:8, 10)

### **God desires to walk with His people.**

God first walked with man (Gen 3:8).

I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people.  
(Lev 26:12; Jer 30:22; Ezk 36:28; Hos 1:9)

### **What the Scripture has to say on our walk:**

- 1) Enoch was the first person to walk with god (Gen 5:22-24).
- 2) 1) Noah walked with God (Gen6:9).
- 3) God required Abraham to walk before Him (Gen 17:1; 24:40; 48:15).
- 4) What does the Lord require of man – to walk humbly with God (Mic6:8).
- 5) I will walk before the Lord in the light of the living (Ps 116:9).
- 6) You shall follow the Lord ... listen to (walk with) His voice and cling to Him (Dt 13:4).
- 7) I shall walk before the Lord in the land of the living (Ps 116:9).
- 8) Those who wait for the Lord ... will walk and not become weary (Isa 40:31).
- 9) We are to walk in newness of life (Rom 6:4).
- 10) We are to walk in faith and not by sight (2Cor 5:7).
- 11) We are to walk in the Spirit (Gal 5:16).
- 12) God has beforehand prepared good works for us to walk in (Ep 2:2).
- 13) We are to walk worthy of our calling (Ep 4:1).
- 14) We are to walk in love (Ep 4:17; 5:1-2).
- 15) We are to walk in the light as children of light (Ep 5:8).
- 16) We are to walk carefully (Ep 5:15).
- 17) We are to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord (Col 1:10; 1Thes 2:12).
- 18) We are to walk in Christ (Col 2:6).
- 19) We are to excel more in our walk, seeking to please the Lord (1Thes 4:1).
- 20) We are to walk in the light (1Jn 1:6-7).
- 21) We are to seek to abide in Jesus and walk as He walked (1Jn 2:6).
- 22) Hate makes us walk in darkness (1Jn 2:11).
- 23) We are to walk in truth (2Jn 4; 3Jn 3; Ps 26:3; 27:11).