

Enoch

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Introduction.

- I. The question has been asked, “How many people have lived on the earth?”
 - A. There is no certain answer to this question.
 - B. The present world population is approaching 6 billion, and some think this is the majority of the people who have lived. Others give estimates of 69 to 110 billion people. No one knows or has any way of finding out.
- II. **Whatever the actual number** is it is certain that since the creation of man billions of people have lived on the earth.
 - A. All who have ever lived have either died or destined to die. There are two exceptions. Their names are Enoch and Elijah.
 - B. I would like for us to make a study of Enoch for the Bible reveals some interesting facts about this great man of faith.
 1. Genesis 5 names the descendants of Adam. In this chapter Moses tells of the birth and death of Adam’s descendants. In Genesis 5:18 Moses comes to Enoch the 7th in genealogy of Adam.
 2. Here is the brief description of Enoch.

GEN 5:18 And Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and became the father of Enoch.

21 ¶ And Enoch lived sixty-five years, and became the father of Methuselah. 22 Then Enoch walked with God three hundred years after he became the father of Methuselah, and he had other sons and daughters.

23 So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. 24 And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

4. The **Hebrew writer** penned these words about Enoch. (Heb. 11:5).

HEB 11:5 By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should 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.

- III. From these verses we learn that Enoch was the son of Jared and the father of Methuselah and other sons and daughters. It is said twice that “he walked with God” and at the end of 365 years was translated without seeing death.
- IV. There are several lessons we can learn from the godly Enoch.
 - I. **The Meaning Of Walking With God** - The first lesson we learn is the meaning of walking with God.
 - A. To walk with God means more than just believing He exists. To walk with God means more than to fill you have some obligation to God. Hell will be filled with people who believe in the existence of God and felt some moral obligation to God. To walk with God was the Hebrew way of describing those who were living according to the will of God. It describes those living close to God. It describes those seeking to please God.

B. That this was the case with Enoch is brought out by the Hebrew writer. (Heb. 11:5b).

C. Those of us today who wish to walk with God must do those things which are well pleasing to Him.

1. We must not please ourselves, but we must always seek to please God. This is what Enoch did, what Jesus did, and what we must do.
2. Matt. 6:10; Jn. 5:30; Heb. 5:9; 1 Jn. 5:3
3. May this great hymn “Just A Closer Walk With Thee” always be in our hearts and on our lips.

<p>1. I am weak, but Thou art strong Jesus, keep me from all wrong. I'll be satisfied as long As I can walk, dear Lord, close to thee.</p> <p>2. Through this world of toil and snares, If I falter, Lord, who cares? Who but Thee my burden shares? None but Thee, oh Lord, none but Thee.</p>	<p>3. When my weary life is o'er Pain and suffering are no more. Who will lead me safely o'er Canaan's shore, that sweet Canaan's shore.</p> <p>Refrain: Just a closer walk with Thee, Grant it, Jesus, is my plea. Daily walking close to Thee, Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.</p>
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II. **Courage** - A second lesson we learn from Enoch is courage.

A. As far as we know from the biblical record there were few, if any, who were walking with God during the days of Enoch. The masses of the people were living in sin with no thought for God and His commandments. It must have been a great temptation for Enoch to have said, “Oh, what’s the use,” and yielded to the way of the world. Enoch did not, however, become discouraged and fall away from the faith. He continued to serve God all his days on the earth.

B. Today the righteous are often tempted in this sin-filled world to say, “Oh, what’s the use” and yield to the way of the world.

1. We need to persevere as Enoch did.
2. If we will have the courage to persevere (daily walk with God), we will be blessed by God.

III. **A Father’s Responsibility** - A third lesson we learn from Enoch is a father’s responsibility.

A. Enoch, in order to walk with God, taught his children the word of God and lived a godly life before them. He realized God had given him the responsibility to rear his children in the way of righteousness.

B. Fathers today need to realize **the tremendous responsibility God** has place on their shoulders. Many fathers do not seem to be aware of the responsibility God has given them in reference to the spiritual training of their children. They do little or nothing to help get their children in heaven.

1. Father need to realize that God has given them the **responsibility of teaching** their sons and daughters His ways. (Prov. 22:6; Eph. 6:4).
2. God also emphasizes that fathers must **teach by example**.
 - a. Most children imitate their fathers to a great extent in the things they say and do. To them their father is

the grandest person in the world.

- b. I have heard many children say, “My father said this or that.” “My father did this or that.”
- c. This fact has been especially impressed on me over the years. I have seen my children in years past and now my grandchildren trying to imitate me in much that I say and do. Example of putting orange juice on my cereal.
- d. I hope and pray God will help me to set a good example before them, lest I lead them astray. I know some day that I, as all fathers, will stand in the judgment and give account for the way I have trained my children.
- e. An unknown author has written these words entitled, “In Daddy’s Shoes.”

I watched him playing ‘round my door, My neighbor’s little boy of four I wondered why a child would choose To wear his dad’s old worn out shoes.	And then a shout and cry of joy. A ‘Hell-o, Dad,” and a “Hi-ya, boy.” They walked along in measured stride Each face aglow with love and pride.
I saw him try with all his might To make the laces snug and tight, I smiled to see him walk and then He’d only step right out again.	What have you done today, my lad? “I tried to wear your old shoes, Dad, They’re big, but when I am a man I’ll wear your shoes, I know I can.”
I heard him say, his voice so glad “I Want To Be Just Like My Dad.” I hope his dad his steps would choose Safe for his son to wear his shoes.	They stopped and stood there hand in hand, He saw his son’s tracks in the sand, His words - a prayer -come back to me— “Lord, let my steps lead him to Thee.”

- c. **A father was once showing a friend his sheep.** His friend asked how he raised such fine sheep. His simple answer was, “I take care of my lambs.” If we take good care of our lambs, they will grow up to be faithful sheep of God.

IV. **A Day Of Reckoning Is Coming** - A fourth lesson we learn from Enoch is a day of reckoning is coming. (Jude 14, 15).

JUD 1:14 And about these also Enoch, in the seventh generation from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord came with many thousands of His holy ones, 15 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. "

- A. Enoch preached the Lord would come with thousands of His angels to execute judgment on the ungodly. He was so certain of what he preached that he spoke of the judgment in the past tense.
- B. The Lord Jesus confirms Enoch’s prophesy. (Matt.16:27).
 - 1. In spite of the teaching of Enoch and Christ there are many people today who have deluded themselves into believing Jesus will not come with His angels to judge the world. They mock Christ saying, “He will not come again.”
 - 2. They do not realize that some day they will stand before the judgment seat of Christ and give strict account for the way they have lived. (2 Cor. 5:10).

3. They also fail to realize that if they are condemned in judgment that they will spend eternity in the fires of hell. (Matt. 25:41, 46).
4. Since Christ is coming again to judge the world, it behooves us to be ready for His coming. Only those who trust in Jesus will be acquitted by the redeeming blood of Jesus in that last day.
 - a. **Some time ago a little girl listened to her mother** talk to some friends about the second coming of Christ and how He could come at any time. After some hours she was missed and the mother found the little girl upstairs looking out of a window. When asked what she was doing, she said, "Oh, Mother, I heard you say Jesus might come at any time and I wanted to be the first to see Him. See! I washed myself and put on a clean nightgown.
 - b. In her childlike way she was prepared for the Lord's return. May each of us cleanse our lives of sin and put on the garments of righteousness that we may be ready for His coming. (Matt. 25:13).

V. Responsibility To Teach Others - A fifth lesson we learn from Enoch is the responsibility of teaching others.

- A. Enoch, an antediluvian, spent his life teaching men that they must live righteous lives to escape the wrath of God. If he had refused to do so, he would have brought judgment upon himself.
- B. We have the responsibility today to teach men to turn to God for a day of reckoning is coming. If we neglect this command we will be condemned in the judgment. (Ezek. 3:18, 19).

EZE 3:18 "When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die'; and you do not warn him or speak out to warn the wicked from his wicked way that he may live, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. 19 "Yet if you have warned the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered yourself.

1. **Years ago a great tragedy occurred here in Texas.** There were 400 children and their teachers killed in a school explosion. One family lost all five of their children in the explosion. Scores of families lost two or three of their children. Many bodies were so mangled that it was impossible to identify them and a gloom of darkness swept over the country. The government sent secret service men to investigate the cause. One day one of the investigators was questioning a wife of a man who worked on the construction of the building. She said, "My husband told me before this tragedy happened that he knew there was faulty construction in the gas line under the building." The investigator asked, "Did he report it to anyone?" "No," said the wife. "Then your husband is a criminal." All of us are probably saying, "This is terrible. This man deserved to be severely punished. His failure to warn cause so many to lose their lives."
2. This is true, but do we not also deserve to be punished when we fail to warn the lost of the terrible doom that awaits them. If we do not warn the lost we are just as guilty of sin as this man who said nothing about the faulty construction in the gas line. (1 Cor. 9:16).

VI. Reward Of Faith - A sixth lesson we learn from Enoch is the reward of faith.

- A. Because of his obedient faith Enoch was translated (taken up) from the earth without seeing death.
- B. From the scriptures we know that he is in Paradise with the other righteous awaiting the judgment. From other scriptures we know, by deduction, that Enoch is not flesh, but was transformed before entering Paradise. (1 Cor. 15:50).

C. One day he and all who have lived faithfully will hear the words. (Matt. 25:34).

Conclusion.

- I. If we would like the Lord to speak these words to us in the judgment, we must walk with God the days of our sojourn upon the earth.
- II. In order to begin this walk with God, we must turn from yours and be buried with Jesus in baptism. This is how the people at Rome began their walk with God. (Rom. 6:4).
- III. Will you give your life to Jesus as we stand and sing the hymn of invitation?

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