

- I. Introduction and review: Enoch has been the subject of much speculation. Gen. 5:21-24 Jude 14-15 Luke 3:37**
- II. By faith, Enoch pleased God. v. 5-6a**
- A. Enoch was taken up to heaven because he pleased God. v. 5 Gen. 5:24**
- 1. Enoch stands out as the man who didn't die. 9:27 Gen. 5:5,8,11,14,17,20,27,31 II Kings 2:16-17**
  - 2. Those who are alive at the Lord's return will be like Enoch and Elijah. I Th. 4:17**
- B. How did Enoch please God?**
- 1. The fact that Enoch pleased God implies and proves that he had faith, because it is only by faith that God is pleased.**
  - 2. His life was controlled by the unseen reality of God. 11:1-2 10:38**
- C. You cannot please God in any other way than faith. v. 6a 10:38**
- 1. In what ways do men vainly hope to please God? Ro. 2:28-29 3:20 Gal. 3:28-29**
  - 2. Those who are in the flesh are incapable of pleasing God. Ro. 8:8 14:23 3:10-11**
  - 3. By faith you are made pleasing to God and like Enoch escape the sting of death. 2:14 I Co. 15:55**
- III. What kind of faith pleases God? v. 6b**
- A. You can only draw near to God through faith. v. 6b**
- 1. The book of Hebrews is all about how we gain access to God. 4:16 10:1,19-22**
  - 2. God Himself is the goal of faith.**
  - 3. Enoch walked closely with God and pleased God. Gen. 5:22,24**
- B. You must believe that God is. v. 6c**
- 1. Belief in God is the foundation for everything. Ex. 3:14**
  - 2. Can you prove God's existence? 1:1f Psalm 14:1f 19:1f Ro. 1:19f**
  - 3. It is not enough to merely believe that there is a god.**
    - a. Very few people profess to be atheists, yet many are without God. Eph. 2:12**
    - b. You must believe in the one true God, not false idols. Ex. 20:3-6 Deut. 6:4**
    - c. You must believe in God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.**
    - d. You must believe in the God whose attributes are revealed in the Bible.**
    - e. You must believe in the God who has made a way of access through the blood of His Son Jesus Christ. 10:19f John 14:6**
    - f. Your belief in this God excludes all other beliefs. Is. 45:5 Acts 4:12**
  - 4. Many claim to believe in God, but they live as if He does not exist.**
  - 5. Those who believe in God live continually in His presence.**
  - 6. Belief in the unseen God is the essence of faith. 11:1,27**
- C. You must believe that God generously rewards those who seek Him. v. 6d 10:35**
- 1. It is not enough to believe in God (even the true God). You must seek Him.**
  - 2. God is pleased when people seek Him (instead of the other things most seek).**
  - 3. By faith we believe it is worthwhile to seek and serve God. 11:1,13-16,25-26**
  - 4. Does the quest for God mean that we cannot enjoy worldly pleasures? I Ti. 4:3f**
  - 5. Some Christians have misconceptions about rewards.**
    - a. Your reward is not of merit, but of grace. Eph. 2:10 John 15:5 Ro. 11:6**
    - b. Does the desire for rewards make us mercenary? Job 1:9-10**

6. What is the reward for those who seek God? Gen. 15:1 Isa. 55:1-2  
The reward is God Himself!
7. The gospel isn't merely about getting forgiveness, avoiding hell, and enjoying eternal bliss. Salvation is about getting God! Ps. 16:11 73:25 43:4

#### **IV. Those who have faith walk in fellowship with God. Gen. 5:22,24 Ps. 26:3**

- A. While the fulness of God's presence will only be experienced in the world to come, we can walk closely with him now.
- B. By faith, Enoch walked with God.
  1. Walking with God implies sharing His nature. Gen. 1:27 II Pe. 1:4
  2. Walking with God implies surrendering your will to His. Amos 3:3 II John 1:6
  3. Like Enoch, walk with God in all you do. Col. 3:17
  4. Like Enoch, walk to please God, not men. Pr. 29:25 Gal. 1:10 I Th. 2:4
  5. Like Enoch, you walk with God in an evil age. A lonely walk. Jude 14-15
  6. Enoch walked with God for a long time.
  7. When Enoch was taken to heaven there is a sense in which he wasn't taken far.

#### **V. Concluding applications.**

- A. Is God pleased with you?
- B. Are you seeking God?
  1. If you are spending your life pursuing lesser things, you only have yourself to blame. I Chron. 28:9b Isa. 55:1-2
  2. God encourages you to seek Him? Mt. 6:33 7:7 Pr. 2:3-5 8:17 I Chr. 28:9 Jo. 6:37
- C. Are you walking with God? I Jo. 2:6 Eph. 4:17f

#### **Discussion questions**

1. What do we know about Enoch?
2. How can we be sure, when reading Genesis 5, that Enoch had faith?
3. What are some useless ways people try to please God?
4. Why is it impossible for us to please God apart from faith?
5. Why does faith please God?
6. What is the content of the faith that pleases God?
7. Why isn't it enough to believe in the existence of a supreme being?
8. Why does it please God that we would seek His reward?
9. What is the reward of faith?
10. What does it mean to walk with God? How is walking with God related to faith?