

## ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD

### I. Enoch is a role model as a parent.

- a. Notice the wording of Genesis 5:22.
  - i. See how it says that Enoch walked with God after he begat Methusaleh.
  - ii. According to verse 21, Enoch was 65 when Methusaleh was born.
- b. It appears that once Enoch had a child born to him, that he took living for God very seriously.
- c. Having children will do that to a person.
- d. It is a huge responsibility to be a parent to a child.
  - i. It is one which many in our society don't take very seriously.
  - ii. It is easy to beget children.
  - iii. It is much more difficult to be a parent to children.
- e. Enoch seemed to realize that if he was going to be a good parent he needed to have a good relationship with God.
- f. If you are a parent, the necessity of having a good relationship with God cannot be stressed enough.
  - i. Ephesians 6:4 is the passage that automatically comes to mind.
  - ii. There is no way a father can fulfill this passage without a good relationship with God.
- g. In today's society, it is looked down upon to be a disciplinarian in the home.
  - i. It is looked down upon to correct your children.
  - ii. It is looked down upon to say no to your children.
  - iii. Then we wonder why our society is like it is.
- h. There is a tremendous lack of respect for authority.
- i. There is a tremendous lack of respect for life.
- j. Much of this came about when there became a lack of two parent households and fathers in the home.
  - i. Children need dads who are present and accounted for in their children's lives.
  - ii. They need to see a father who loves their mother.
- k. Enoch is a role model as a parent because he took the job seriously.

### II. Enoch is a role model as a pleaser of God.

- a. Hebrews 11:5.
- b. Enoch, before His translation, or transfer from earth to heaven, pleased God with the manner in which he lived his life.
- c. How did Enoch please God?
  - i. The answer is that he did so by faith.
  - ii. The way Enoch lived was by faith.
- d. Faith comes by hearing God's word (Romans 10:17).
  - i. Enoch didn't have a Bible.

- ii. He lived by faith without any written record of God's word.
    - iii. This means that Enoch heard God's word audibly in some way and kept it in his heart and lived by it.
  - e. I believe his faithfulness is expressed to us in Hebrews 11:6.
  - f. He lived in a way that showed he believed God is.
    - i. We don't know all about how the people of his day lived.
    - ii. We do know they were getting increasingly wicked.
    - iii. It may be that many of them denied the existence of God.
    - iv. Enoch did not.
    - v. He believed that God existed, that He was and is.
  - g. Guy N. Woods wrote an article about Enoch back in 1978.
    - i. In it, he quoted Robert Ingersoll, the well-known skeptic.
    - ii. Ingersoll's brother had died and he said these words at his funeral: "Life is a narrow vale between the cold and barren peaks of two eternities. We strive in vain to look beyond the heights. We cry aloud, and the only answer is the echo of our wailing cry. From the voiceless lips of the unreplying dead there comes no sound".
  - h. Woods then made the point that Enoch had a completely different way of life.
  - i. Enoch believed in God and he believed that God rewarded those who seek a relationship with Him.
  - j. Enoch was rewarded in a remarkable way.
  - k. What Enoch does, as a role model in pleasing God, is to condemn those that cry out that it is too difficult to live for God in our sinful society.
    - i. The society in which Enoch lived was very sinful.
    - ii. He didn't let that stop him from pleasing God
  - l. The flowery way in which Woods stated it is: "From the deep shadow of a wicked and depraved age Enoch emerges, a constant rebuke to those of us who plead as justification for unworthy living the depravity of the age and the many temptations which assail us".
  - m. Enoch would tell us that pleasing God does not require a society that is also striving to please God.
  - n. Anyone can please God who is willing to walk by faith
- III. **Enoch is a role model as a preacher.**
  - a. Jude 14 and 15 are very interesting.
  - b. Here is recorded a prophecy of Enoch.
    - i. What this means is that Enoch spoke for God while on earth.
    - ii. He spoke against false teachers, because that is the topic about which Jude was writing.
  - c. We are never told when Enoch spoke these words.
  - d. There is a book that was found in the late 1700's and translated in 1821 called the Book of Enoch.

