

Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY TEACHER'S PACKET

3rd - 5th Grade

Sunday Morning

Study 3

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Enoch

The Objective is the key concept for this weeks lesson. It should be the main focus of the study

These are the key verses that you will find helpful in teaching your study this week. The “Main passage” is the basis of the study, where the other verse support the objective of the lesson.

There is a memory verse for the students that relates to every study. If a student can memorize the verse for the following week you may give them a prize from the “reward box” found on your cart.

An introductory activity or question that will settle the class, draw their attention to the study and prepare their hearts for God’s Word.

Objective To show the students that like Enoch, even if no one else in the world is honoring God, we can still walk with, and trust Him.

Key Verses

Hebrews 11:5-6—Main Teaching Passage

Genesis 5:18-24

James 2:18

Memory Verse - Hebrews 11:6

“But 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 diligently seek Him.”

Hook

Review last week’s memory verse, James 1:22.

Last week we looked at Abel’s faith and saw that he showed his faith by believing the Word of God and doing what it says.

Read James 2:18. Ask the students: “What does faith look like? What does it mean to have faith? What does it mean to show faith?”

What does the Bible say? This is where we will read a passage or series of passages that teach on the subject of the day.

BOOK

We continue our verse by verse (or perhaps character by character) study of Hebrews 11 by looking at the faith of one of the Bible's briefest characters. In Genesis 5, Enoch's life consists of a mere 4 verses, and yet his example of faith is worthy of being recorded in the hall of faith alongside the likes of Noah, Abraham, Moses, and David.

There are two key phrases in Genesis 5:21 and 24. Genesis 5:21 tells us something about Enoch that it says about no other person listed in its genealogy. It says that Enoch "walked with God 300 years." In a world that was moving further and further from the Lord, Enoch walked with Him. Then in verse 24, instead of telling us that Enoch died, like all of the other men listed in this chapter, it tells us that, "He was not, for God took him." Enoch, it appears, did not die, but rather was taken by God to be with Him directly. This is backed up by Hebrews 11, which tells us that not only did Enoch not die, but that He pleased God. Truly Enoch is an example that all of us can aspire to.

The interpretation/exegesis of the passage. What does this passage mean? How does this passage apply to my life?

LOOK

Enoch is an incredible character to study. We don't know very much about him. We do know that he lived for 365 years (Genesis 5:23), had sons and daughters, prophesied to the people around him (Jude 14), and pleased God (Hebrews 11:5). What is perhaps the most interesting thing about Enoch is his death, or lack of one.

Genesis 5 and Hebrews 11 tell us that Enoch is one of two people that never actually died, the other being Elijah. Elijah is someone we read a lot about in the book of Kings. We read about his incredible miracles, his faith in the face of persecution, and his absolute trust in God. In some ways we can understand why God would sweep him up into Heaven by a whirlwind. Enoch on the other hand isn't given nearly as much press. The few verses that we do read about Enoch however are incredibly powerful. The two important things that we read about Enoch are that he pleased God and that he walked with Him for 300 years. Surely there is no goal in life more worthy of striving for than those. In all honesty I would settle for walking with God perfectly for one day, let alone 300 years, and I long to stand before the Lord and hear Him say that I pleased Him.

Enoch was an incredible man, if only for the fact that He knew His God intimately, and that he brought the Lord of the universe pleasure. What makes Enoch's life more powerful however, is looking at the culture around him.

LOOK (Continued)

Enoch's ability to walk with God, and to please Him, is only highlighted when you realize that the world around Enoch was growing increasingly more antagonistic toward God. In fact, only a few generations after Enoch lived, there was only one true worshipper of God left in the entire world, a man named Noah.

It is one thing to love and honor God in a church on a Sunday morning when everyone else is, but Enoch walked with God, and pleased Him in world that was opposed to God. The people around Enoch probably thought he was a fool, that his faith was outdated, old fashioned, and backward. He was probably ridiculed and mocked. What we know for certain is that He knew God, He walked with God, and He pleased God so much that God spared him from death and took him directly to Himself.

For us the example of Enoch's faith is profound. You and I live in world that is becoming cold to the Gospel. The country that we live in is rejecting the precepts of God and turning away from Him. There are even people today who laugh at Christians and mock us as being foolish for believing books written thousands of years ago. Yet just like, Enoch we can walk with God. We can trust in God. We worship and honor God, even if no one else around is. You might be the only Christian in your school, or your family. If that is the case, look to Enoch and emulate his faith. Walk with God and please Him.

What is my response to this passage of Scripture? How should my life change according to what this passage teaches me? What are the practical things I can do throughout the week to make this true in my life?

TOOK

As a class memorize Hebrews 11:6.

Ask the class, "Was the rest of the world in Enoch's day walking with God? Did Enoch use this as an excuse? How can we walk with God like Enoch?"

Pray: Thank the Lord for His kindness and goodness toward us. Praise Him for His love toward us and His desire to see us walk in light and truth. Ask Him for the ability to, like Enoch, walk with Him everyday and honor Him with everything that we have.

Parent Question: In what ways should we be like Enoch?

FURTHER STUDY

Commentary on Hebrews 11:5-6 and Genesis 5:21-24 by David Guzik

Hebrews 11:5-6 - Enoch's faith.

By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "and was not found, because God had taken him"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But 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 diligently seek Him.

a. **By faith Enoch:** Enoch is one of the mystery men of the Old Testament being mentioned only in Genesis 5:21-24 as the man who *walked with God and he was not, for God took him*.

i. Many Jewish and Christian traditions make Enoch the recipient of some spectacular and esoteric revelations. Jude recognizes him as a prophet (Jude 14-15). But the value of other prophecies attributed to him is uncertain at the very best.

b. **By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death:** The writer to the Hebrews assumes that only a man of faith can enjoy close communion with God. Anyone with this of fellowship with God must obviously please God, and in pleasing God Enoch fulfilled the purpose for which man was created (Revelation 4:11).

c. **But without faith it is impossible to please Him:** This is the basic faith required of any who seeks God. One must **believe that He is**, and one must believe **He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him**. We must believe that God is there, and that He will reveal Himself to the seeking heart.

i. The writer to the Hebrews doesn't say that it is *difficult* to please God without faith. He says that it is **impossible**.

ii. "These two elements seem most simple, but, alas, how many professing Christians act as if God were not living; and how many others, though seeking after Him, are *not expecting from Him* as Rewarder!" (Newell)

Genesis 5:8-27 - From Jared to Methuselah.

Jared lived one hundred and sixty-two years, and begot Enoch. After he begot Enoch, Jared lived eight hundred years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; and he died. Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. Methuselah lived one hundred and eighty-seven years, and begot Lamech. After he begot Lamech, Methuselah lived seven hundred and eighty-two years, and had sons and daughters. So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died.

- a. **Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him:** Enoch, the son of Jared, was carried away to God in a miraculous way.
- b. **Enoch walked with God:** Walking with God means walking by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7), walking in the light (1 John 1:5-7), and walking in agreement with God (Amos 3:3). After walking like this with God, it was as if one day God told Enoch, “You don’t need to walk home. Why don’t you just come home with Me?”
- i. Hebrews 11:5 tells us the foundation of Enoch’s walk with God: *By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, “and was not found, because God had taken him”; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.* You can’t walk with God, or please God, apart from faith.
- c. **After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God:** It seems Enoch began to walk with God in a special way after the birth of **Methuselah**. The name Methuselah means, *When he is dead, it shall come*. At the birth of Methuselah, Enoch had a special awareness from God that judgment was coming, and this was one of the things that got him closer in his walk with God.
- i. Jude 14 also tells us Enoch was a prophet; even from his vantage point long ago, he could see the second coming of Jesus (*Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly...*).
- d. **So all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred and sixty-nine years; and he died:** Methuselah’s long life was no accident. It was because of the grace of God. When Methuselah died, the flood came. God kept him alive longer than anybody to give people as long as possible to repent.