

## Message Five

**Enoch – The One walked with God by Faith to Escape Death and to Obtain Testimony**

Scripture reading: Gen. 5:22-24; Heb. 11:5-6.

**I. Genesis 5 is a record of the living and begetting of some saved people, but they still lived under the ultimate result of the fall—death.**

- A. Genesis 4 speaks of the wonderful matter of the calling on the name of the Lord whereas Genesis 5 speaks of the matter of walking with God; walking with God must follow our calling on the name of the Lord.
- B. While Genesis 4 tells us how certain people invented religion and human culture, Genesis 5 is nothing of deeds and activities of people but is filled with names and how many years they lived; all they did was to live and to beget.
- C. Our profession is unique—it is living and begetting.
  - 1. God ordained that man should multiply and God's eternal purpose can never be fulfilled without man's multiplication.
  - 2. The living and begetting in Genesis 5, along with Luke 3, eventually brought forth the Lord Jesus.
- D. However, with the record of genealogy of Genesis 5, there is a black spot; that is, after the people lived and beget, they died.
  - 1. Although Genesis 5 is a wonderful record of the living and fruit-bearing ones, this chapter still shows that they were under the ultimate issue of man's fall, which is death.
  - 2. Death remained in Adam's genealogy since Christ had not yet come—cf. Matt. Chapter 1; 2Tim 1:10.
- E. Among the records of the ten generations in Genesis 5, we find that one generation escaped death; Enoch lived, begat, walked with God, begat, and did not die.
  - 1. Enoch lived in such a way that he was kept from death both literally and totally.
  - 2. Before Enoch was taken up by the Lord and while he was living and walking on earth, death had ceased to kill him.

**II. Enoch walked with God by faith to escape death and to obtain the testimony that he was well pleasing to God—Gen. 5:22-24; Heb. 11:5-6.**

- A. To walk with God is to not override God, to not be presumptuous, to not do things according to our own concept and desire, to not do things according to the current of the age, and to not do anything without God—cf. Psa. 19:12-13; Josh. 9:14b; Luke 24:15-17.
- B. To walk with God is to take Him as our center and everything, to live and do things according to God and with God, according to His revelation and leading, and to do

everything with Him—Rom. 8:4, 13-14; Gal. 2:2a; 2 Cor. 5:14-15.

- C. To walk with God is to walk by faith; faith means that we believe that God is—v. 7; Heb. 11:5-6, 1-2; 2 Cor. 4:13, 18.
1. Without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to God, to make God happy—Heb. 11:6a.
  2. To believe that God is, is to believe that He is everything to us and that we are nothing—John 8:58; Eccl. 1:2.
  3. To believe that God is implies that we are not; He must be the only One, the unique One, in everything, and we must be nothing in everything—Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5.
  4. To believe that God is, is to deny our self; in the whole universe He is, and all of us are nothing—Luke 9:23.
  5. I should not be anything; I should not exist; only He should exist—“it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ” —Gal. 2:20.
- D. Faith means that we believe that God is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him—Heb. 11:6; Gen. 15:1; Phil. 3:8, 14.
1. Enoch’s reward was the highest degree of life—escape from death—Heb. 11:5a; 2 Cor. 5:4; Rom. 8:6, 10-11; 5:17.
  2. The Lord is a rewarder, and we need to be His seekers—Psa. 27:4, 8; 42:1-2; 43:4; 73:25; 119:2, 10.
- E. Faith means that we believe in God’s word—cf. Luke 1:38; Rom. 10:17.
1. When Enoch had lived sixty-five years, he had a son and gave him the name Methuselah (Gen. 5:21); this name has a prophetic significance, meaning “when he is dead, it will be sent”:
    - a. By naming his son Methuselah, Enoch prophesied of the coming judgement of the flood in the year that Methuselah died, which was Noah’s six hundredth year—7:6; 5:25-29a.
    - b. Enoch’s prophecy was uttered when he was sixty-five, at which time he must have received God’s revelation, been inspired with the divine will, and learned of the coming judgement upon the entire ungodly generation of mankind—cf. Jude 14-15.
  2. Thereafter, day and night Enoch was expecting the fulfillment of that prophecy, and that expectation motivated him not to follow the current of the age but to walk with God and thus live a godly and holy life—cf. 2Pet. 3:10-12.
    - a. Our being raptured depends on our being mature in the divine life by our walking with God—Heb. 6:1a.
    - b. Enoch continually walked upward with God day and night for three centuries, becoming closer to God and more one with God each day until “he was not, for God took him” —Gen. 5:24; cf. S.S. 8:5a.

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## Reference Scripture Verses:

**Gen. 5:22-24.** 22 And Enoch walked with God after he had begotten Methuselah three hundred years, and he begot more sons and daughters. 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years. 24 And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

**Heb. 11:5-6.** 5 By faith Enoch was translated so that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God had translated him. For before his translation he obtained the testimony that he had been well pleasing to God. 6 But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

## I.

**Gen. 5:1-32.** 1 This is the book of the generations of Adam. When God created Adam, He made him in the likeness of God. 2 Male and female He created them, and He blessed them and called their name Adam, on the day when they were created. 3 And Adam lived one hundred thirty years and begot a son in his likeness according to his image, and he called his name Seth. 4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Seth were eight hundred years, and he begot more sons and daughters. 5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred thirty years, and he died. 6 And Seth lived one hundred five years and begot Enosh. 7 And Seth lived after he had begotten Enosh eight hundred seven years, and he begot more sons and daughters. 8 And all the days of Seth were nine hundred twelve years, and he died. 9 And Enosh lived ninety years and begot Kenan. 10 And Enosh lived after he had begotten Kenan eight hundred fifteen years, and he begot more sons and daughters. 11 And all the days of Enosh were nine hundred five years, and he died. 12 And Kenan lived seventy years and begot Mahalalel. 13 And Kenan lived after he had begotten Mahalalel eight hundred forty years, and he begot more sons and daughters. 14 And all the days of Kenan were nine hundred ten years, and he died. 15 And Mahalalel lived sixty-five years and begot Jared. 16 And Mahalalel lived after he had begotten Jared eight hundred thirty years, and he begot more sons and daughters. 17 And all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred ninety-five years, and he died. 18 And Jared lived a hundred sixty-two years and begot Enoch. 19 And Jared lived after he had begotten Enoch eight hundred years, and he begot more sons and daughters. 20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty-two years, and he died. 21 And Enoch lived sixty-five years and begot Methuselah. 22 And Enoch walked with God after he had begotten Methuselah three hundred years, and he begot more sons and daughters. 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years. 24 And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him. 25 And Methuselah lived one hundred eighty-seven years and begot Lamech. 26 And Methuselah lived after he had begotten Lamech seven hundred eighty-two years, and he begot more sons and daughters. 27 And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty-nine years, and he died. 28 And Lamech lived a hundred eighty-two years and begot a son. 29 And he called his name Noah, saying, This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands, which come because of the ground which Jehovah has cursed. 30 And Lamech lived after he had begotten Noah five hundred ninety-five years, and he begot more sons and daughters. 31 And all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy-seven years, and he died. 32 And Noah was five hundred years old. And Noah begot Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

**ID2.**

**2Tim. 1:10** But now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,

**II.**

**Gen 5:22-24.** **22** And Enoch walked with God after he had begotten Methuselah three hundred years, and he begot more sons and daughters. **23** And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years. **24** And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

**Heb. 11:5-6.** **5** By faith Enoch was translated so that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God had translated him. For before his translation he obtained the testimony that he had been well pleasing to God. **6** But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing *to Him*, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**A.**

**Psa 19:12-13** **12** Who can discern his errors? / Clear me of my secret faults. **13** Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins; / Do not let them have dominion over me; / Then I will be blameless and cleared / Of great transgression.

**Josh 9:14b** ... but they did not ask for the counsel of Jehovah.

**Luke 24:15-17** **15** And while they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself drew near and went with them. **16** But their eyes were kept from recognizing Him. **17** And He said to them, What are these words which you are exchanging with one another while you are walking? And they stood still, looking sad.

**B.**

**Rom 8:4** That the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the spirit.

**Rom 8:13-14** **13** For if you live according to the flesh, you must die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the practices of the body, you will live. **14** For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

**Gal 2:2a** And I went up according to revelation, and I laid before them the gospel which I proclaim among the Gentiles, ...

**2 Cor 5:14-15** **14** For the love of Christ constrains us because we have judged this, that One died for all, therefore all died; **15** And He died for all that those who live may no longer live to themselves but to Him who died for them and has been raised.

**C.**

**2 Cor 5:7** For we walk by faith, not by appearance

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**Heb 11:1-2.** 1 Now faith is the substantiation of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 For in this the elders have obtained a good testimony.

**2 Cor 4:13** And having the same spirit of faith according to that which is written, "I believed, therefore I spoke," we also believe, therefore we also speak,

**2 Cor 4:18** Because we do not regard the things which are seen but the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal.

**C1.**

**Heb 11:6a** But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, ...

**C2.**

**John 8:58** Jesus said to them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Before Abraham came into being, I am.

**Ecc1 1:2** Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; / Vanity of vanities; all is vanity.

**C3.**

**Gen 5:24** And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

**Heb 11:5** By faith Enoch was translated so that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God had translated him. For before his translation he obtained the testimony that he had been well pleasing to God.

**C4.**

**Luke 9:23** And He said to them all, If anyone wants to come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

**C5.**

**Gal 2:20** I am crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.

**D.**

**Heb 11:6** But without faith it is impossible to be well pleasing to Him, for he who comes forward to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.

**Gen 15:1** After these things the word of Jehovah came to Abram in a vision, saying, Do not be afraid, Abram; I am your shield and your exceedingly great reward.

**Phil 3:8** But moreover I also count all things to be loss on account of the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, on account of whom I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as refuse that I may gain Christ

**Phil 3:14** I pursue toward the goal for the prize to which God in Christ Jesus has called me upward.

**D1.**

**Heb 11:5a** By faith Enoch was translated so that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God had

translated him. ...

**2 Cor 5:4** For also, we who are in this tabernacle groan, being burdened, in that we do not desire to be unclothed, but clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life.

**Rom 8:6** For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the spirit is life and peace.

**Rom 8:10-11** **10** But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the spirit is life because of righteousness. **11** And if the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who indwells you.

**Rom 5:17** For if, by the offense of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

## D2.

**Psa 27:4** One thing I have asked from Jehovah; / That do I seek: / To dwell in the house of Jehovah / All the days of my life, / To behold the beauty of Jehovah, / And to inquire in His temple.

**Psa 27:8** When You say, Seek My face, / To You my heart says, Your face, O Jehovah, will I seek.

**Psa 42:1-2** **1** As the hart pants / After the streams of water, / So my soul pants / For You, O God. **2** My soul thirsts for God, / For the living God. / When will I come and appear / Before God?

**Psa 43:4** And I will go to the altar of God, / To God my exceeding joy; / And I will praise You with the harp, / O God, my God.

**Psa 73:25** Whom do I have in heaven but You? / And besides You there is nothing I desire on earth.

**Psa 119:2** Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, / Who seek Him with all their heart.

**Psa 119:10** With all my heart I have sought You; / Do not let me wander from Your commandments.

## E.

**Luke 1:38** And Mary said, Behold, the slave of the Lord. May it happen to me according to your word. And the angel departed from her.

**Rom 10:17** So faith comes out of hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.

## E1.

**Gen 5:21** And Enoch lived sixty-five years and begot Methuselah.

### E1a.

**Gen 7:6** And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters came upon the earth.

**Gen 5:25-29a** **25** And Methuselah lived one hundred eighty-seven years and begot Lamech. **26** And Methuselah lived after he had begotten Lamech seven hundred eighty-two years, and he begot more sons and daughters. **27** And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty-nine years, and he died. **28** And Lamech lived a hundred eighty-two years and begot a son. **29a** And he called his name Noah, saying, This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands, ...

### E1b.

**Jude 14-15** **14** And Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied also of these, saying, Behold, the Lord came with myriads of His saints. **15** To execute judgment against all and to convict all the ungodly concerning all their ungodly works which they have done in ungodliness, and concerning all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.

**E2.**

**2 Pet 3:10-12** **10** But the day of the Lord will come as a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the elements, burning with intense heat, will be dissolved, and the earth and the works in it will be burned up. **11** Since all these things are to be thus dissolved, what kind of persons ought you to be in holy manner of life and godliness, **12** Expecting and hastening the coming of the day of God, on account of which the heavens, being on fire, will be dissolved, and the elements, burning with intense heat, are to be melted away?

**E2a.**

**Heb 6:1a** Therefore leaving the word of the beginning of Christ, let us be brought on to maturity, ...

**E2b.**

**Gen 5:24** And Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.

**S.S. 8:5a** Who is this who comes up from the wilderness, / Leaning on her beloved? ...