



## Lesson 47

### Lesson 47: What Is Faith? (Part 3) Faith of Enoch

**Scripture:** Hebrews 11:5

#### **An Outline of the Life of Faith** (vv. 4-7)

- (v. 4) The faith of Abel – the beginning of faith – how to approach and worship God.
- (vv. 5-6) The faith of Enoch – “walking in newness of life” (Romans 6:4, 19; Ephesians 4:22-24; 1 John 2:6)
- (vv. 6-7) The faith of Noah – “obedience” and “witness” for God.
- The **order** of faith is absolute. It cannot be **re-ordered!**
  - Unless one approaches God **first** through the blood sacrifice of the Lamb there can be know “walking” or “fellowship” with God.
  - Unless one is walking with God none of his works or witnessing will be pleasing to God.

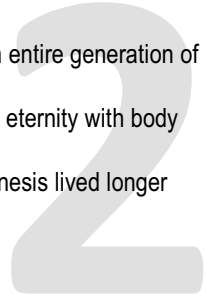
#### **Enoch Walked with God** (Genesis 5:24)

- “walk” signifies:
  - a **voluntary** act.
  - a **direction/plan**
  - a **goal/direction/pursuit** - for the Christian it is PERFECTION - Philippians 3:12-14; **Ephesians 4:13**
    - God’s command to **PURSUE**: Holiness (Hebrews 4:12); things that edify another (Romans 14:19); love (1 Cor 14:1); what is good for you and for all (1 Thess 5:15); righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness (2 Timothy 2:22); peace (Hebrews 4:12)
  - a **steady advance/progress** - **2 Corinthians 3:18; 4:16**; Romans 12:1-2
- IF YOU ARE NOT WALKING you are going BACKWARDS! (Hebrews 2:1; **Jeremiah 7:24; 15:6; Isaiah 1:4**)
- Our “walk” is our life. “To walk” means “to live.”
- Before Enoch walked with God:
  - He walked “according to the course of this world.” Ephesians 2:2; John 7:7: 15:19; Romans 12:2; Galatians 1:4; James 4:4; 1 John 5:15-16, **19**.

- He walked in his “own way.” Isaiah 53:6; 55:7; Romans 3:12
- After Methuselah’s birth, Enoch no longer walked as above, but **with God**.
- Enoch **walked** with God **300** years.
- “walked with God” implies:
  - ① Enoch, a sinner and enemy of God, was now **reconciled** to God. (2 Corinthians 5:20)
    - Only when two agree can they walk together. (Amos 3:3)
  - ② Enoch **surrendered** his life to God. Enoch had to submit and conform himself **to GOD** – it could never be the other way around.
  - ③ Enoch’s life was **controlled by God’s word**. Faith presupposes **revelation from God!** (Romans 10:17) Jesus said, “Man does not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds from the God.” (Matthew 4:4; Luke 4:4; Deuteronomy 8:3)
  - ④ Enoch lived **for** God. (1 Peter 4:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:15)
- Enoch’s faith was NOT an easy FAITH.
  - He walked with God for **300** years!
  - He walked with God during very **ungodly** times. (See Genesis 6:5; Jude 14, 15)

### **Translated!** (Hebrews 11:5)

- “translated” is the KEY word in this verse in that it is used 3 times.
- μετατίθημι metatithemi {met-at-ith'-ay-mee} – “to pass over”
- (Colossians 1:13) God has **translated us** into the kingdom of His dear Son.”
- (John 5:24) Those who believe have already “**passed over**” death unto life.
- Enoch’s translation teaches us some important truths:
  - Those who believe live in such a way that their affections and thoughts are on things above **NOW** because of faith. (Colossians 3:1-3)
  - When a sinner is saved through faith he is **immediately** “translated” out of this world into the presence of God. (Ephesians 2:6)
  - There is a LIFE after death! This is real **HOPE**.
- Some other truths taught by Enoch’s translation:
  - ① God is **sovereign** over death and life.
  - ② God’s plan for Abel was **martyrdom**, but His plan for Enoch was **translation**.
  - ③ What God did for Enoch He has promised to do for an entire generation of His people. (1 Corinthians 15:51)
  - ④ As Enoch was translated body and soul, all will spend eternity with body and soul – either in Heaven or in Hell.
  - ⑤ Godliness does not guarantee long life. Others in Genesis lived longer than Enoch.



- **BEFORE** his translation, Enoch, **pleased God**.
  - One pleases God by living the will of God.
  - An unsaved person **cannot** please God! (Romans 8:8)
  - We are to be God-pleasers and not people pleasers – even in our work places. (Ephesians 6:6)
  - Children obeying their parents pleases God – this we must teach our children. (Colossians 3:2) Disobedient children are NOT pleasing to God.
  - We are to live our lives to please God. 1 Thessalonians 4:21
  - Obedience pleases God. (1 John 3:2)
- Consider the “scary” thought of continuing to learn the will of God through the study of His Word and the preaching of His Word and **NOT** living according to His will – see Luke 12:47.

### **Commanded to Walk with God**

- Micah 6:8; Deuteronomy 10:12-13
- In the New Testament, we are commanded to “walk (live) worthy of our calling” (Ephesians 4:1)
  - Our calling is a HEAVENLY calling - see 1 John 2:15-17; Heb 3:1
  - Our calling is an UPWARD/HIGH calling - Philippians 3:14; Heb 4:1
  - Our calling is to be DIFFERENT from the world - Romans 12:2; Ephesians 4:17-20; James 4:4;
  - Our calling is a BE HOLY calling - 1 Thessalonians 4:7; 2 Timothy 1:9
- (Romans 8:1) There is now no condemnation for those who walk according to the Spirit and not the flesh. (Galatians 5:16, 25)
- (2 Corinthians 5:7) We “walk by faith and not by sight”.
- (1 John 2:6) Our walk (life) to be just as Christ walked! - **WE ARE OBLIGATED!**
- (Ephesians 2:10) We were saved to walk in the works that God foreordained.
- (Ephesians 5:8) We are children of light and therefore we are commanded to walk in the light as He is in the light. (1 John 1:6-7)
  - ★ Only in His light do we see light. (Psalm 36:9)
- (Psalm 119:105) “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” (**Psalm 19:8; 43:3; Proverbs 6:23**)

