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The Faith of Enoch

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The faith of Enoch DIG: Why was God pleased with Enoch? What reward does God promise for those who seek Him? Will God ever turn away from those who come to Him with genuine faith? Is it possible for someone who doesn't believe in Jesus to please God? What is meant by the word "walk" in the New Covenant? What must take place before we can walk with God? Why can't sinful people have fellowship with Ha'Shem? What message did Enoch preach? What are some of the reasons YHVH took Enoch into His presence?

REFLECT: Jude tells us that Enoch confronted the false teaching and ungodliness of his day. We also live in an ungodly society saturated with false teaching. Like Enoch we are responsible to confront it, both with our lives (Phil 2:15) and our words (Second Timothy 2:24-26). Can you make the commitment to live a life-style that will be a rebuke to false teaching, then confront false doctrine when the opportunity arises?

The second person in the hall of **faith** is **Enoch**. Whereas **Abel** exemplifies worshipping **by faith** - which must always come first - **Enoch** exemplifies **walking by faith**. **But those who are righteous will live their lives by faith** (Hebrews 10:38 CJB quoting **Habakkuk 2:4 CJB**). Adam and Eve had **walked** and talked **with God** in the garden of Eden, but they fell, they were thrown out of the Garden and ceased to **walk with Him** any longer. The ultimate destiny of mankind was reinstated **with Enoch**, who represents for all of us what it means to be in **fellowship with ADONAI**. In **Enoch**, our true destiny is again reached, as he experiences the **fellowship with YHVH** that Adam and Eve forfeited (see the commentary on **Genesis**, to see link click **By - Enoch was the Father of Methuselah and Walked with God for 300 Years**).

I believe that **Enoch's faith** included everything that Abel's included. In other words, **Enoch** had to have offered a blood sacrifice to **God**, symbolic of the ultimate sacrifice of **Messiah**, because a blood sacrifice is the only way into the presence of **ADONAI**. **He** could not have **walked with God** if **he** had not first made a blood offering to **Him**. That principle has not changed from the days of Abel and **Enoch** until today.³⁰¹



Enoch believed that God existed: And without **faith** it is impossible (Greek: *adunatos*) to **please God**, because anyone who comes to Him must **believe** that He exists (11:6a). The first step to **faith** is simply to **believe** that He exists. God was pleased with Enoch because he believed in Him. This is where the walk of **faith** begins. Both covenants are filled with teaching that YHVH not only *can* be found, but that it is His great desire *to be* found. David said to his son Solomon: **If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will reject you forever (First Chronicles 28:9); I love those who love Me, and those who seek Me will find Me (Proverbs 8:17); You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart (Jeremiah 29:13).**

Yeshua was very clear: **For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened (Luke 11:10 and Revelation 3:20).**

Without **faith** it is impossible (Greek: *adunatos*) to **please God**. But only **believing** in the One true God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of the Bible, counts. And since we have never seen Him, our **belief** in Him must come by **faith**. **No one has seen God at any time (John 1:18).** Nor can we know ADONAI by reason. Two chapters of the book of **Job (38-39)** are dedicated to **the LORD's** forceful and colorful illustrations of how we cannot even fathom how nature works. How much less can we understand **God Himself** by our own observations and reasonings.³⁰²

Enoch sought God's rewards: Anyone who comes to God must believe that He is and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him (11:6b). The reward that YHVH gives for **faith** is salvation. **Whoever believes** in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (see the commentary on **The Life of Christ Ms - The Eternal Security of the Believer**). **But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well (Matthew 6:33).** In other words, every good thing that ADONAI has,

including eternal life, constitutes a **reward** for **belief**. For **faith** we receive forgiveness, a new heart, eternal life, joy, peace, love, heaven (see the commentary on [The Life of Christ Bw - What God Does for Us at the Moment of Faith](#)). When we **trust** in **Jesus Christ**, we become mutual heirs **with Him**. All that **God's** own **Son** has is ours as well.³⁰³

Enoch walked with God: Enoch walked faithfully with God for 300 years (Genesis 5:22a). Believing that YHVH exists is the first step *toward faith*. Believing that **He rewards those who trust in Him** is the first step *of faith*. **Trusting** fully in **Yeshua Messiah** as **Lord** and **Savior** is only the beginning of the **faithful** life in **ADONAI**. **Walking with God** requires a holy lifestyle. To continue to please **God**, we must **fellowship with Him, walk with Him**, just as **Enoch** did. The word **walk** in the B'rit Chadashah basically refers to the manner of daily conduct. For example, an **unbeliever** walks according to the things of the world, and a believer **walks in the Spirit**. **Enoch walked** daily in the presence of the **LORD**.

Enoch was reconciled with God: The first thing implied in **Enoch's walk with ADONAI** is reconciliation. **Do two walk together unless they have agreed to do so (Amos 3:3)?** Obviously not! **Walking together**, then, assumes both are in harmony. Since **Enoch walked with YHVH**, he was obviously in agreement **with Him**. However, since Adam fell, everyone born into this world has been in rebellion against **Ha'Shem**. We do not *grow* into rebellion or *fall* into rebellion, we are *born* into rebellion. We have a **sin nature** from conception; therefore, we are **by nature children of wrath (Ephesians 2:3)**. The purpose of salvation is to restore our broken relationship **with God**. Because of **his faith**, **Enoch** was reconciled **with ADONAI**; and because **his** reconciliation, **he** could **walk with God**.

Enoch had the same nature God: The second truth implied in **Enoch's walk** was that **Enoch** and **God** had corresponding natures. It is impossible for an **unbeliever** to have **fellowship with God**. **Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness? What harmony is there between Christ and Belial? Or what does a believer have in common with an unbeliever? What agreement can there be between the Temple of God and idols (Second Corinthians 6:14-16a)?** Even an **unbeliever** is created in **God's** image, but that image has been so shattered by **sin**, his nature is corrupted, and as a result, **fellowship with God** is not possible. There is no common ground in which he and **ADONAI** can agree. When we are saved, we become **citizens** of a new domain. We are still on earth, but our true home, or real **citizenship**, is in heaven (**Philippians 3:20**). As **Peter** says: **we participate in the divine nature (Second Peter 1:4)**. When we are saved we are given a heavenly nature, **Messiah's** own

nature, and therefore we can **fellowship with God**. Because **Enoch walked with God**, he must have had a nature that corresponded **with God's**.

Enoch surrendered his will to God: The third truth implied in **Enoch's walk with God** was that **he** had a surrendered will. We cannot have a new nature unless **God** takes away our **sin**. When we **walk with God** it means our **sin** has been forgiven and that we are justified and counted righteous by **ADONAI**. Only when all of **God's righteousness** has been credited to us, at the moment of salvation, can we move into **His** presence and begin **walking with Him**. Because **ADONAI** cannot tolerate to be in the presence of **sin**, **He** can only **walk** in holiness. **If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in darkness, we lie and not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin (First John 1:6-7).** The only people **the LORD walks with** are those who are cleansed of **sin**. Since **Enoch walked with God**, he had to have been forgiven of **his sin** and declared **righteous**.³⁰⁴

Enoch Prophesied About God: We only learn that **Enoch** prophesied about **God** from the book of **Jude** (see the commentary on **Jude At - Enoch, the Seventh Generation from Adam, also Prophesied about These People**). **Jude's** report of **Enoch's** prophesying puts to rest any notion that **he** lived in an easy time. It seems that **he** was surrounded by false teachers and false teaching. We do not know if **he** had the **fellowship** of any other believers, but we do know that **he** lived in the midst of a godless society. It would have been impossible for **him** to prophesy as strongly as **he** did without considerable opposition. **He** battled against **his** generation in the same way that Noah would later battle against his generation. **Enoch** let them know that they were ungodly, and that **Ha'Shem** was going to judge them. I believe that **YHVH** was pleased **with Enoch** because **his faith** was not just something **he** felt in **his** heart. It was heard on **his** lips and seen in **his** life. **His faith** was active and dynamic, vocal and fearless.

Enoch entered into God's presence: By **faith** **Enoch** was taken up from this life so that he did not experience death. **"He could not be found, because God had taken him away"** (Hebrews 11:5a quoting **Genesis 5:24**). For before he was taken up, he was commended as one who **pleased God** (Hebrews 11:5b). Finally, after **three hundred years** of faithfully walking with **God** and prophesying about **Him**, **Enoch** went to be **with the LORD** in a wonderfully unique way. **ADONAI** just **took him** up to heaven without experiencing **death** (see the commentary on **Revelation Dc - I Will Give Power to My Two Witnesses and They Will Prophecy for 1,260 Days**). **He** pleased **YHVH** so much that **God** just reached down and **lifted him up** to heaven. One moment **he** was there,

and the next moment **he was no more, because God took him away (Genesis 5:24).**

We don't know the reason **Ha'Shem** waited **three hundred years** before **taking Enoch** to be **with Him** in heaven. Perhaps it was to allow enough time for **him** to prophesy and witness to the hard and unbelieving generation in which **he** lived. Additionally, we do not know why **ADONAI** took **Enoch** in such an unusual way. Possibly it was to spare him further ridicule and persecution. Maybe it was simply that **God** wanted to be even closer to **the one** who pleased **Him** so much: **Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His faithful servants (Psalm 116:15).** **Enoch** was so **precious** to **God** that **He** bypassed the death of His servant.³⁰⁵

Enoch is commended for **his** exemplary **walk with God** and **his** witness in a godless and unbelieving world. We also live in an ungodly society saturated with false teaching. Like **Enoch**, we are commanded to confront it, both with our lives (**Philippians 2:15**) and our words (**Second Timothy 2:24-26**). As believers, we too should be examples to the world of what it means to **walk with God**. Our **God** is so wonderful! Let us make time to share **His** great love and holiness.