

“Which Enoch Are You?”

Genesis 5:18-24

Tuesday Bible Lunch

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Introduction: There are two Enoch’s in the Bible. The first Enoch is in Genesis chapter four. This Enoch was the son of Cain (Genesis 4:16-17). This Enoch was the more spectacular by contemporary standards. The first city mentioned in the Bible is named after him (Genesis 4:17). I imagine that he was the talk of that generation.

The second Enoch in the Bible was the son of Jared (Genesis 5:18). His brief biography is only six verses (Genesis 5:18, 21-24; Hebrews 11:5; Jude 14).

The first Enoch mentioned in Bible, the son of Cain, was well known. In the great honor roll of faith chapter (Hebrews 11), the first Enoch was passed over. It is the Enoch the son of Jared that is mentioned (Hebrews 11:5).

Question: Why is the second Enoch the one included in Hebrews 11?

1. The second Enoch “walked with God” (Genesis 5:22,24).

- Walking implies progress.
- He did not walk with God and then stand still.
- Each day he was nearer to God.
- He was weaned from the ways of the world.
- He did not walk alone. He “walked with God.”

2. The second Enoch “pleased God” (Hebrews 11:5).

- We are not told that he pleased people—sometimes hard to do.

- We are told that he pleased God—something all of us can do—by faith (Hebrews 11:6).

Conclusion: Walking with God ends well. Enoch, the son of Jared, did not see death (Hebrews 11:5). Elijah, the prophet of God, did not see death (2 Kings 2:11).

Live your life walking with God and you will not see death. Jesus said, “Whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die” (John 11:26).

Yesterday I was reminded of this in a hospital visit. To hear the story, listen to the sermon on the church web page www.fbp.org.