**SERMON OUTLINE**

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| **SERMON TITLE:** | Learning to Walk with God |
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1. INTRODUCTION
   1. Today’s message features Enoch.
      1. Hebrews 11:5-6
         1. Enoch pleased God.
      2. The topic of the message is walking with God.
   2. Genesis 5 reads like an obituary.
      1. Genesis 5:8
      2. Genesis 5:11
      3. Genesis 5:14
      4. Enoch did not die however.
         1. Genesis 5:21-24
         2. God took him.
            1. Enoch was translated that he should not see death.
   3. The life of Enoch is a picture and a prophesy of the rapture of the church.
      1. He was caught up to Heaven without dying.
   4. Genesis is the seedbed of prophecy.
   5. The main emphasis is on Enoch’s walk with God.
      1. If you walk with God, you will please God.
         1. God wants, more than anything else, for us to walk with Him.
      2. Micah 6:8
      3. Amos 3:3
   6. Is Jesus Christ a bright, living reality to you?
      1. Can you honestly say that you walk with Him?
      2. Not just coming to church and worshiping Him.
         1. We need to bring our worship to church.
         2. We live in His presence; we do not just come into His presence.
      3. Many people act differently while in the church.
         1. There can be joy and happiness in church.
         2. Psalm 46:10
         3. Psalm 47:1
         4. 1 Timothy 2:8
         5. Psalm 66:1
         6. Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
      4. Our walk with God inside the church and outside the church should not be different; we are to be walking with God every day.
      5. When we walk with God, we will please God.
2. a life of faith (Genesis 5:24 & Hebrews 11:5-6)
   1. It takes faith to walk with God.
      1. The first step in walking with God is a step of faith.
      2. Where did Enoch and where will we get that faith?
         1. Romans 10:17
            1. We never have faith until we hear from God.
      3. “Word” in this passage does not refer to the logos, but to the rhema.
         1. God speaks to us personally and intimately.
         2. God may speak to you through the Holy Spirit or through the Bible, but God has spoken to you personally.
      4. We will never walk with God, we will never have faith until we hear from God.
   2. Enoch was a prophet.
      1. Jude 14
   3. Enoch was a contemporary of Adam.
      1. He looked forward through time and saw the coming of Jesus with His saints.
      2. Adam was 622 years old when Enoch was born.
         1. Genesis 5:3-18
         2. Genesis 3:8
   4. Enoch heard from God, he knew God and became a prophet of God.
   5. His walk was a walk of faith.
   6. Do you have that kind of faith?
      1. To walk with God is a life of faith.
3. a life of fellowship (Genesis 5:22 & Hebrews 11:5-6)
   1. Enoch walked with God.
      1. To walk with God is a figure of the most intimate fellowship with God.
      2. Micah 6:8
   2. Why did God save us?
      1. Some people say, “To serve God.”
         1. If God wanted servants, He could get the angels to serve Him.
            1. Angels make much better servants than we do.
         2. God is not looking for scholars.
   3. God saved us so that we may know Him intimately.
      1. Some people sit in church and listen to sermons and understand the message but do not know Jesus personally.
4. a life of faithfulness (Genesis 5:22)
   1. Enoch walked with God 300 years after the birth of Methuselah.
   2. Enoch did not walk with God in an easy time.
      1. Enoch walked with God in a time of apostasy.
      2. Matthew 24:37
         1. Because of man’s wickedness, God is preparing to destroy the world.
      3. Our problems and environment do not keep us from walking with God.
         1. We all have problems.
      4. We have the power to walk with God.
   3. When Jesus is in our hearts, we have all we need to continually walk with the Lord.
      1. Therefore, we are to be faithful.
      2. God have mercy upon us if somedays we choose to walk with God and some days we do not.
5. a life of fruitfulness (hebrews 11:5-6)
   1. Enoch’s testimony was that he pleased God.
   2. Jude 14
   3. Enoch did not appear to walk with God the first 65 years of his life.
   4. Enoch walked with God after the birth of his son Methuselah.
      1. Genesis 5:22
   5. Methuselah was the oldest man to ever live.
      1. 969 years
   6. Methuselah’s name meant, “When he is dead, it will be sent.”
      1. When Methuselah died, the flood would come.
   7. When God sends judgment, He always sends warning first.
      1. Amos 3:7
         1. Enoch was a prophet.
      2. Jude 14
      3. God informed Enoch that a flood was coming, and when his baby died, the flood would come.
      4. 2 Peter 3:9
         1. It was a wicked age and God wanted more people to be saved.
         2. Methuselah lived so long because God was giving man more chances, day after day.
   8. The flood came when Methuselah died.
      1. Methuselah was 187 years old when his first son, Lamech, was born.
         1. Genesis 5:25
      2. Genesis 5:28-29
         1. Lamech lived 182 years before his first son, Noah, was born.
         2. Methuselah is 369 years old at this point.
      3. Genesis 7:11
         1. 600 years, 2 months and 17 days into Noah’s life, the flood came.
         2. 187 + 182 + 600 = 969
         3. When Methuselah died after 969 years, then the flood came.
   9. This tells us of the accuracy of the Word of God, the great love and patience of God
      1. But it also warns us of the wrath of God.
      2. Just as it was in the days of Noah, it will be in our day.
         1. God was longsuffering, but yet, the flood came.
      3. And in this generation, the raging waters of God’s wrath are furiously pounding against the dam of His mercy.
         1. One day, that dam of mercy will give way to the floods of God’s wrath.
         2. One day, perhaps soon, Jesus is coming.
   10. Why did Enoch walk with God?
       1. He walked with God after he begat Methuselah.
       2. He saw the end.
       3. He was moved with fear.
       4. Some people do not believe on a religion built on fear.
          1. Psalm 111:10
             1. The man who does not fear God and His judgment, does not have a modicum of sense.
          2. Matthew 10:28
             1. The fear of God is love on its knees.
          3. Some people do not believe pastors should frighten people.
             1. Better to be frightened into Heaven than lulled into Hell.
       5. When Enoch had a child, it changed him.
          1. He saw impending judgment, and his life was a life of fruitfulness.
          2. He lived for God.
          3. He pleased God.
6. CONCLUSION
   1. Like Enoch, we are waiting on the end of the age.
   2. Like Enoch, we are expecting the Rapture.
   3. Genesis 5:24
   4. Hebrews 11:5-6
      1. Not a tomb, but a translation.
      2. It was sudden, instant; God took him.
   5. He was not found though they looked for him.
      1. One of these days, people will look for us and wonder where we are.
         1. One spouse will wonder what happened to the other.
         2. A parent will wonder what happened to their child.
   6. Luke 17:34-35
   7. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18
      1. The Rapture could happen at any moment.
      2. Just as Enoch was taken after walking with God; we could be taken.
      3. Those who are left behind will march with the armies of the beast to Armageddon.
      4. The saints will have been raptured and gone to Heaven.
   8. In the twinkling of an eye, Enoch was transformed into the likeness of his Lord.
      1. Because of his testimony that he pleased God.
   9. How do we know that it is true?
      1. Only the Holy Spirit can impart truth.
      2. The Holy Spirit of God will testify of the truth.
         1. Acts 5:32
      3. Faith is not wishful thinking.
      4. Faith is not “name it and claim it.”
      5. Faith is not a leap in the dark.
      6. Faith is taking God at His word and listening to the Holy Spirit who tells us what is true.
      7. We have no excuse.
         1. We cannot say, “I can’t believe.”
         2. Romans 12:3
            1. God will enable you to believe.
   10. Is faith a gift of God or something that you do?
       1. It is both.
          1. Breathing is a gift of God.
          2. God gives us lungs and air, but we can smother if we want to.
       2. God has given us all that we need to believe.
       3. Believing in God is not an emotional feeling.
          1. Our emotions are the shallowest part of our nature.
   11. Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
   12. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
       1. Romans 3:23
       2. Romans 10:9-10
       3. Romans 10:13
       4. Acts 16:31
       5. John 3:16