

Pleasing God

Text: Hebrews 11:5-6

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I. Enoch: A walk of faith (Heb. 11:5)

What does it mean that Enoch walked with God? This means that he had ongoing fellowship fleshed out in a worship and obedience that pleased God. While certainly not perfect, however, he did live his life in a way that brought glory to God instead of pleasure to himself. Walking with God means living in accordance with His revelation.

In Jude 1:14-15 we find that Enoch pleased God while the earth rebelled against God. This proves a person can live godly in an ungodly world.

II Pet. 3:5-9: Our God is giving all an opportunity to repent. That is His grace and compassion for a lost world. Just as Enoch's life was lived as a testimony of obedient faith, so should we live in obedient faith as a testimony to God's desire that none should perish. We have a longsuffering, loving God, a God of multiple chances.

II. Enoch: Belief in God (Heb. 11:6)

On account of Enoch's walk, the writer concludes:

A. He believed God is (Heb. 11:6a-b)

Do you know what was impossible? That Enoch could walk without faith and please God. And guess what? You and I don't have a way to circumvent that truth. In other words, the truth applies to every single believer.

The idea is, 'Without faith it is impossible to please Him at all'.¹

There is nothing that we can do separate from God to please God. This eliminates everything else: religion, money, people, possessions, race or you name it. We cannot please God by working a certain way or saying a certain thing. "To please God is to walk before Him in righteousness and obedience, to respond to His overtures and trust His guidance" (Kent 221).

Do you want to please God? Do you want to walk with God? Do you want the peace and joy that comes from those things? Then you have to trust in God and His plan. But you can't do that unless you believe God exists.

Here is the truth: God exists. In order to have faith in God, He has to exist. In order to please God, He has to exist. Too many in the world, and even many in the church, do not truly believe that God exists. They believe in manifestations, in ideas, in their mind. They actually believe in replicas or idols. They believe in the man upstairs. They believe in a man who doesn't care how mankind lives. They believe in a god in a box. Simply put, the Bible says God exists. Enoch believed it. Otherwise, the Bible would not say that he pleased God.

B. He believed God would (Heb. 11:6c)

God would do what? Keep His promises.

¹ Wuest, K. S. (1997). [*Wuest's word studies from the Greek New Testament: for the English reader*](#) (Vol. 10, p. 198). Eerdmans.

This doesn't just mean that God exists as a Rewarder but that He will purposefully show Himself to be the One who rewards *those that diligently seek Him*.

No one can come to God unless they believe He will keep His word. What point would be there in seeking God if He didn't keep His word? What is the point in trying to please a god who doesn't reward right choices? God is a moral, just Person who rewards faith. Like Enoch, you and I can have a personal relationship with our loving God who compassionately rewards those who obediently follow Him by faith.

We must learn then the following:

- Faith is the key
- Faith is the only way to please God
- God exists, so the first two truths are not only possible but applicable.
- God rewards those who obey the first two truths.

Application: What was Enoch's reward? Eternal for sure, but God demonstrated His power and grace by translating him. Enoch is proof that God exists and that God rewards. The ultimate reward is salvation. Enoch was saved physically, a picture of his faith in God.