

# Enoch

## *Hebrews 11:5*

By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death; he could not be found, because God had taken him away. For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God.

## *Genesis 5:24*

Enoch walked with God; then he was no more, because God took him away.  
(Whole Chapter: Genesis 5 In context: Genesis 5:23-25)

But after the birth of his first son, Enoch reached a higher experience; he was drawn into a closer relationship with God. He realized more fully his own obligations and responsibility as a son of God. And as he saw the child's love for its father, its simple trust in his protection; as he felt deep, yearning tenderness of his own heart for that first born son, he learned a precious lesson of the wonderful love of God to men in the gift of His Son, and the confidence which the children of God may repose (rest, relax, recline) in their heavenly Father. The infinite, unfathomable love of God through Christ became the subject of his meditations day and night; and with all the fervor of his soul he sought to reveal that love to the people among whom he dwelt. {PP 84}

Enoch's walk with God was not in a trance or vision, but in all the duties of his daily life. He did not become a hermit, shutting himself entirely from the world; for he had a work to do for God in the world. {PP 85}

His heart was in harmony with God's will. And this holy walk was continued for three hundred years... Enoch's faith waxed the stronger; his love became more ardent, with the lapse of centuries. {PP 85}

He was honored with special revelations from God; yet being in constant communion with Heaven, with a sense of the divine greatness and perfection ever before him, he was one of the humblest of men. The closer the connection with God, the deeper was the sense of his own weakness and imperfection. {PP 85}

Distressed by the increasing wickedness of the ungodly, and fearing that their infidelity might lessen his reverence for God, Enoch avoided constant association with them, and spent much time in solitude, giving himself to meditation (refection, thought, consideration) and prayer. Thus he waited before the Lord, seeking a clear knowledge of His will, that he might perform it. To him prayer was as the breath of the soul; he lived in the very atmosphere of heaven. {PP 85}

Through holy angels God revealed to Enoch His purpose to destroy the world by a flood, and He also opened more fully to him the plan of redemption. ...Enoch became a preacher of righteousness, making known to the people what God had revealed to him. {PP 86}

It was the spirit of Christ that spoke through Enoch; that Spirit is manifested, not alone in utterances of love, compassion and entreaty; it is not smooth things only that are spoken by holy men. God puts into the heart and lips of His messenger's truths to utter that are keen and cutting as a two-edged sword. {PP 86}

In the midst of a life of active labor, Enoch steadfastly maintained his communion with God. The greater and the more pressing his labors, the more constant and earnest were his prayers. He continued to exclude himself, at certain periods, from all society. After remaining for a time among people, laboring to benefit them by instruction and example, he would withdraw, to spend a season in solitude, hungering and thirsting for the divine knowledge which God alone can impart. Communing thus with God, Enoch came more and more to reflect the divine image. His face was radiant with holy light, even the light that shineth in the face of Jesus. As he came forth from these divine communings, even the ungodly beheld with awe the impress of heaven upon his countenance. {PP 87}

Though his warnings were disregarded by a sinful, pleasure-loving people, he had the testimony that God approved, and he continued to battle faithfully against the prevailing evil, until God removed him from the world of sin to the pure joys of heaven. ...Enoch's heart was upon eternal treasures. He had looked upon the celestial city. He has seen the King in His glory in the midst of Zion. His mind, his heart, his conversation, were in heaven. While still on earth, he dwelt, by faith, in the realms of light. {PP 87}

For three hundred years Enoch has been seeking purity of soul, that he might be in harmony with Heaven. For three centuries he had walked with God. Day by day he had longed for a closer union; nearer and nearer had grown the communion, until one day God took him to Himself. He had stood at the threshold of the eternal world; and now the portals opened, the walk with God, so long pursued on earth, continued and he passed through the gates of the Holy City. {PP 87}

The godly character of this prophet represents the state of holiness which must be attained by those who shall be redeemed from the earth at the time of Christ's Second Advent. {PP 89}

Like Enoch, God's people will seek for purity of heart and conformity to His will, until they shall reflect the likeness of Christ. Like Enoch, they will warn the world of the Lord's second coming and of the judgments to be visited upon transgression, and by their holy conversation and example they will condemn, the sins of the ungodly. {PP 89}