

## ENOCK'S WALK WITH GOD

What is told us of Enoch in the Scriptures is given in just a few words. Most of this information may be found in Gen. 5:21-24, Heb. 11:5,6 and Jude 14-15. He was the seventh from Adam (not the Enoch who was third from Adam) and was the father of Methuselah, who lived longer than any other man we read of in the Bible, 969 years. We are told that Enoch lived 365 years all told. Until that time he begat sons and daughters, and then God translated him from earth to heaven, so that he did not see death. We are also told that before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. And Jude tells us that he also prophesied of the ungodly and of their judgment. But of all that is said of him, the thing by which he is most well remembered is that "he walked with God."

If we had no more information about him than this, it would tell us a lot, for there is much involved in such a walk. He walked in close communion with God at a time when the world was ripening for the flood because of its wickedness. He walked with God in spite of the ungodliness of those around him. He lived a consistently godly life and continued in the fear of the Lord in bold opposition to their evil deeds and their "hard speeches" against God. And in order to "walk with God" he had to have walked in godly paths, for God never walks out of the paths of holiness.

The Scriptures do not say that "God walked with Enoch," but that Enoch walked with God. He was in the way of righteousness or there would have been no communion with God, for God is always in the path of truth and right. And though Enoch lived a short life compared to the average life span of that day, yet it was a long life, and the implication is that he walked with God all that time---all through the time that "he begat sons and daughters." Even the cares and concerns of rearing and providing for children did not distract him from walking with God. And is it not the sincere desire of every heaven-born saint that they might also walk with God? This is a goal for which we all should daily strive. Our efforts in that regard may seem sadly deficient to us, but it should be our constant resolve never to quit trying.

---Elder Ralph Harris