

He Pleased God

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The sermon emphasizes the importance of having intimate communion with God through faith, as demonstrated by the life of Enoch.

Scripture: Genesis 5:24, Psalm 25:14, John 15:15, Romans 8:1, 2 Corinthians 5:8, Philippians 3:20, Colossians 1:10, Hebrews 11:5, James 4:8, 1 John 1:3

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Description

David Wilkerson emphasizes the profound relationship Enoch had with God, highlighting that Enoch's faith and intimate communion with the Lord were the reasons for his translation to glory. Enoch's life exemplified a deep, pleasing connection with God, which was not marked by miracles or grand achievements but by a simple yet powerful act of walking with God for 300 years. This close fellowship was so significant that God chose to bring Enoch home, illustrating the importance of faith and intimacy in our relationship with the Lord.

Transcript

Enoch enjoyed close fellowship with the Lord. In fact, his communion with God was so intimate, the Lord translated him to glory long before his life on earth might have ended. "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God" (Hebrews 11:5).

Why did the Lord choose to translate Enoch? The opening word of this verse tells us very plainly that it was because of his faith. Moreover, the closing phrase tells us Enoch's faith pleased God. The Greek root word for please here means fully united, wholly agreeable, in total oneness. In short, Enoch had the closest possible communion with the Lord that any human being could enjoy. And this intimate fellowship was pleasing to God.

The Bible tells us Enoch began walking with the Lord after he begot his son, Methuselah. Enoch was sixty-five at the time. He then spent the next 300 years fellowshiping with God intimately. Hebrews makes it clear that Enoch was so in touch with the Father, so close to him in hourly communion, God chose to bring him home to himself. The Lord said to Enoch, in essence, "I can't take you any further in the flesh. To increase my intimacy with you, I have to bring you to my side." So he whisked Enoch away to glory.

According to Hebrews 11:5, it was Enoch's intimacy that pleased God. To our knowledge, this man never performed a miracle, never developed a profound theology, never did any great works worthy of mention in Scripture. Instead we read this simple description of this faithful man's life: "Enoch walked with God."

Enoch had intimate communion with the Father. And his life is yet another testimony of what it means to truly walk in faith.

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