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Enoch: Faith Takes Us to the Rapture

There is a great company of believers within the Christian church in our day willing to take God at His word when He says our world is headed for judgment. On the other hand, there are many who scoff at the idea of judgment and contend that everything around us will continue as it is forever and ever.

Some segments within the Christian church believe that God surely is a Holy God and that it is possible for men and women of faith to live in a way pleasing to Him. Others presume God expects men and women to find happiness in their own devices. Thus they rule out the validity of the many scriptural warnings as well as the Bible's appeals for godly living.

These observations bring to mind the faith of one man – Enoch – who lived near the beginning of our race. We can only wonder how he would have measured Christianity as we know it in the twentieth century!

One of the greatest Bible commentaries on godly faith is the single sentence in Genesis telling us that “And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him” (Genesis 5:24). The New Testament assessment of Enoch's faith is also brief – a single paragraph in the letter to the Hebrews:

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)

God has given us a faithful and trustworthy record. Any person who refuses to believe the over-riding wisdom and illumination of God's Holy Spirit will never have or hold a clear and a proper estimate of the human race. In Enoch God has given us an example of faith and a model of daily fellowship with God. AMEN.

~ Dr. A W. Tozer

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

