

Study of Hebrews #47
“Living by Faith: Enoch”
Text: Hebrews 11:5-6

I. Introduction & review

1. Basic definition of faith (vs. 1-3).
2. The faith of Abel (v. 4).

II. Enoch went to God without dying (v. 5a).

1. He didn't see death.
2. He was not found.

III. Enoch walked with God before dying (v. 5b).

1. Walking together implies agreement.
2. Walking implies a way of progressing in life.

IV. Important truths regarding Biblical faith (v. 6)

1. Faith is the only way to please God.
2. Faith is necessary to draw near to God.
3. Faith is expressed by confidence in the promises of God.

V. Conclusion – a final word

QUOTES

1. Philip Edgecumbe Hughes:

The Septuagint, which our author echoes, has 'he pleased God' instead of 'he walked with God'; but this is not to say something different, since only he who pleases God walks with God, that is, enjoys a relationship of harmonious fellowship with him.

2. Kent Hughes:

The preacher is saying that faith precedes and produces the walk with God that so pleases him... In other words, if we are not living a life of faith, we cannot be pleasing to God. We cannot have God's smile on our lives without faith.

3. John MacArthur:

- *Believing that the true God exists is what is pleasing to Him. Mere recognition of a deity of some sort – the “ground of being,” the “man upstairs,” or any of the man-made gods... - is not the object of belief in mind here. Only belief in the existence of the true God, the God of Scripture, counts.*
- *Every good thing that God has, including eternal life, constitutes the reward for belief. For faith we receive forgiveness, a new heart, eternal life, joy, peace, love, heaven – everything! When we trust in Jesus Christ, we become mutual heirs with Him. All that God's own Son has is ours as well.*

4. Albert Einstein:

Certainly there is a God. Any man who doesn't believe in a cosmic force is a fool, but we could never know Him.

5. Paul David Tripp:

No body of knowledge is more essential to human thinking, understanding, and living than the knowledge of God. God is the ultimate fact that gives meaning and understanding to every other fact that your mind could consider.

SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:

- **Gen. 5:21-24; Jude 14-15**
- **2 Kings 2:11-12**
- **Rom. 9:20-21; John 21:20-22; 1 Thess. 4:15-18**
- **Gen. 6:9; Amos 3:3; Gal. 5:25; Eph. 2:1-2; Eph. 2:10; Eph. 4:1**
- **Rom. 14:23; Heb. 10:19-22**
- **James 2:19; John 17:3; 2 Tim. 4:6-8; James 1:12; 1 Pet. 5:4**
- **Rom. 3:10-11**
- **2 Cor. 5:6-9**