

Humility In Wisdom: 6

They Walked With God [part 1]

In these studies over the last few weeks we have seen that God exalts the humble, in our study last week we saw that God gives His grace to the humble and can therefore conclude that it is the outworking of grace that elevates us and raises us up.

As we take this a little further we are going to look at some examples from the Scriptures where God's grace at work raised up men and lifted them to a new level.

First let us remind ourselves what it means to be humble - it is to be submissive and obedient to God. It is not as many believe, to debase yourself or make yourself to be so unworthy, so poor, or so insignificant.

Putting it quite simply - Humility is being submissive and obedient to God, and agreeing with what He says about you.

There is a very interesting phrase in the Bible, which is used only three times in the entire Scriptures. This phrase highlights what it means to be humble - '*..walked with God*".

Enoch – Genesis 5.18-24

This phrase is used first of all (and two of three times) in connection with Enoch both in this chapter.

Not much is mentioned about this man in the Bible, but let us look at what the Bible does say.

- Enoch was the son of Jared (Genesis 5.18-19).
He is not to be confused with Enoch son of Cain (1st cousin 4 times removed) or the city that was named after him. (Genesis 4.17-18).
- Enoch was the father of Methuselah (Genesis 5.21)
- Enoch lived for 365 years (Genesis 5.23)
- Enoch *walked with God* (Genesis 5.22,24)
- Enoch did not die – God took Him (Genesis 5.24)
- Enoch is mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus – through the legal line, as recorded by Luke (Luke 3.37)
- Enoch had this testimony that he pleased God (Hebrews 11.5)
- Enoch functioned as a prophet preaching the coming of the Lord to judge the ungodly of their sinful ways. (Jude 1.14)

Enoch walked with God – what does this statement mean?

1. ***Enoch was at peace with God*** – The wicked are “without hope and without God” (Ephesians 2.12). Enoch walked with God, therefore he was at peace with God - the Bible declares that two cannot walk together unless they are agreed (Amos 3.3) “[Can two walk together, unless they are agreed?](#)”
2. ***Enoch enjoyed close communion and fellowship with God.*** Like that He had with Adam in the garden of Eden. Enoch and God enjoyed that close fellowship and must have spent many sweet precious times together in each others presence. God was a pleasure to Enoch and Enoch pleased God. Walking with God was his habit, it was his custom. The Amplified version says “[Enoch walked \[in habitual fellowship\] with God..](#)” (Genesis 5.22).
3. ***Enoch was a man of faith.*** He had to be, Hebrews tells us “[he had this testimony that he pleased God](#)”. Faith pleases God (Hebrews 11.5-6). Enoch trusted in God, he relied upon Him, he believed God. It didn't matter what his friends or family thought – Enoch believed God.
4. ***Enoch lived a blameless life in a wicked age.*** He lived a separated life in that he did not walk in the 'way of sinners' of that corrupt age. He had no fellowship with what was unclean and God received him (2 Corinthians 6.12-18). His life, character and conduct were a living testimony and rebuke to the ungodly around him. His life matched up to the message he preached.
5. ***He walked progressively with the Lord*** – He did not walk alone, God was with him, leading him. This was not an on/off progression, he walked steadfastly with God. Enoch walked with His eyes fixed on the Lord, Like Peter when he walked on the water. He grew in his walk from one level to another – from one degree of glory to another degree of glory (2 Corinthians 3.18)
“[And all of us, as with unveiled face, \[because we\] continued to behold \[in the Word of God\] as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are constantly being transfigured into His very own image in ever increasing splendor and from one degree of glory to another; \[for this comes\] from the Lord \[Who is\] the Spirit](#)” (Amp)
6. ***Enoch was translated*** – Enoch was one of only two that did not die (the other being Elijah). “[He was not, for God took him](#)”, the implication of this statement means that his friends/family searched for him, as a missing person, but could not find him. It has been suggested (by Andrew A Bonar) that God and Enoch were enjoying walking together so much that one day God said to him 'why go home, come back with me'

God's grace was upon Enoch and that grace lifted him straight into heaven. The Bible declares that '[righteousness exalts a nation..](#)' (Proverbs 14.34)

Righteousness will raise you up! - it was Enoch's testimony of faith and righteousness that pleased God, and caused God to show him such grace and favour – that led to God literally raising him up from the earth.

