

Hebrews 11:5 (C. W.) 52444

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"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." Heb. 11:5.

This verse gives us a most blessed example of faith in Enoch. A great deal is said about David, Solomon, Josiah, and many other saints, but all we hear about Enoch is, that he "walked with God: and he was not; for God took him"; and before his translation he had this testimony, "that he pleased God." Doubtless he had his failures, as we all have, but the characteristic feature of his life was, "he walked with God." And it is this that the Holy Ghost records. Beloved friends, is this what we are doing? What appears to me so very beautiful in this narrative is, that Enoch is not a man soaring far above our heads in circumstances we know nothing about, but one who walked with God in all the realities of everyday life—in his business and his family. Very likely he led about his flocks as a simple shepherd; certainly, for God's Word tells us so, he "begat sons and daughters," and it was in these relationships "he walked with God."

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