

The Lord's Day Evening

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**“The Faith of Enoch”**

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Introduction:

1. Faith of Abel
  - a. He trusted God as way of right approach to Him
2. Enoch's faith shows that can live with God on earth
3. Basis of Enoch's faith
  - a. Believe God is
    1. Cannot see with eyes
    2. Faith says He is
    3. Not blind faith, but faith built upon a solid basis. Man in far north woods found cabin built with bunk; stove there and food was stored. He knew some man had prepared it and had expected to occupy it. Native Arab guard who was told there was no God, but next morning the man he was guiding saw camel tracks and said a camel had been about and guide asked how he knew and he answered because he saw the tracks. The guide pointed to the sun rising in the east and said, “I am just as sure there is a God because I see yonder His footprints.”
  - b. Believe He is rewarder of them who diligently seek Him
    1. Must believe that it is worth living for Him
    2. We cannot see this with natural eyes, but we can know it is true by watching other people.
    3. Horace Hull telling about Williams in Memphis who a few years ago started tithing and came lately to see Horace and said when he began tithing he made a small salary and that last year he made \$20,000.
    4. Is not always shown in financial way, but is shown in many ways. Mr. Deaderick never made much money, but he has a serenity and peace which few men have known.

I. Enoch had testimony that he had pleased God

1. So we see if is possible to please God
  - a. So many feel that they cannot do so
    1. They say their weakness will keep them from being able to do so
    2. So many say circumstances are such
    3. Notice Genesis 5 – They lived so many years and died. These people evidently were not concerned about pleasing God, but here in the midst stood a man who changed the whole formula of record of men of his day. He walked with God.
  - b. So we can please God
  - c. When ask how we have answer

1. He walked with God
- d. What it means to walk with God

## II. Walking with God

### 1. Means will make God companion

#### a. Go in His direction

1. #352 – Wings of the Spirit – Hurlbutt
2. God has a direction
3. He hates sin and will lead away from it. Around it. He will be opposed to it.

#### b. Walk in agreement

1. Dad and Dick George could not remain partners because could not agree about owing money

#### c. Must keep step with Him

1. Peter rushed ahead
2. Peter followed behind
3. Israel waited at Red Sea
4. Refused to move from Kadesh Barnea

### 2. To do this must remember His presence

#### a. In your actions

1. #264 – Wings of the Spirit – The Companion Christ

#### b. In your troubles and difficulties

1. Psalm 23, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.”

### 3. Must have faith

#### a. He will furnish light as we move along

1. #17 – Wings of the Spirit

“In Kansas a shop meeting was held for some railroad employees. Among a group that remained after the meeting was an engineer, a man of more than ordinary influence. He had never taken a stand for Christ, but he seemed deeply concerned. His chief difficulty was, as he expressed it, fear that he couldn’t hold out as a Christian to the end.

‘I haven’ enough light on the subject of conversion and salvation,’ he said. ‘Until I have more light, I ‘m not going to make a start.’

A conductor who had been silent said, ‘Now, look here Jack. Consider this matter in a consistent way, and you’ll come out all right. You know you have obeyed orders many a dark night when you could see no farther down the track than the headlight could shine; haven’t you?’

‘Yes, but what has that got to do with religion?’

‘Perhaps, that didn’t have much to do with it,’ replied the conductor, ‘but when you climbed into the cab and pulled open the throttle, that engine

moved down the track, and the light moved on ahead, and you could see as far as the headlight could shine. You never ran out of light, did you?’

‘No, not as long as the headlight was working; but what has that got to do with conversion?’

‘Well, it’s like this, Jack; you never ran out of light and what you had moved on ahead of you as you used it until you finally reached the end of your run. If you had waited till someone had invented a light that would shine the full length of your division, you would never have been an engineer.’

‘Yes,’ interrupted Jack, ‘but what has that got to do with salvation?’

‘I’m coming to that,’ said the conductor. ‘You have enough light to start; now just use your headlight and move out on the right track, and make your run for Christ. God will give you more light as you need it. Take orders from God, and you’ll be able to see clearly to the end, though you can’t see all the way at once.’”

b. He will furnish protection

1. #335 – Wings of the Spirit – The Ever Present Father

“At certain points on the shore of the great Bay of Fundy the waters rise and fall sixty-five or seventy feet every twelve hours. The beach, consisting of strips of sand, coarse gravel, larger stones, boulders, and great flat rocks on top of which are clear pools of water left by the outgoing tide, has an uneven descent of perhaps a quarter of a mile at low tide.

One fine summer day I noticed a group of picnickers among whom was a little fellow probably six years old. This little chap soon wandered away by himself, and attracted by the various objects which he was seeing for the first time, kept moving down toward the sea.

There were rocks, slippery rocks, over which he made his way; but it was downhill, and it did not take long to reach a point within a few rods of the great, splendid, pitiless sea. Down there on a flat rock he became interested in something that was floating in a pool; and he did not notice that the tide was coming in, until it was well up about the rock. Then, appearing to sense his gander, he slid down from the rock and started to run up the beach to safety. But it was uphill, and there were sharp and slippery stones in the way. He fell and bruised himself. He got up, but was soon down again. He was confused and did not know which way to go, while the sea, the pitiless sea, was coming in. He could hear the roar of the waters and was frightened. Soon he appeared to become completely

discouraged; and when he fell again, he lay still, covered his face and sobbed in despair.

Now the child's father who had never lost sight of him, came quickly to his side, and bending over the lad, spoke words of encouragement. Instantly the little fellow was on his feet, his little hand trust into the strong one of his father. He was now smiling as he sturdily trudged up the rocky way to safety.

When we wander away from God, we are on dangerous ground; and the way back is difficult; but our Father is ever near and if we recognize and trust Him, all will be well.

### III. Enoch was translated

1. God showed men of that day He was a rewarder of them who seek Him
  - a. Did it for Enoch
  - b. Did for illustration to them and us
2. We, too, will reach heaven
  - a. Bodies may be laid aside
  - b. Absent from body present with Lord

### Conclusion:

1. Here a man of faith walked with God
  - a. Girl came home from Sunday School and said they had talked about Enoch and her mother asked what she had learned about him. The girl said Enoch went walking with God and finally they got so far from Enoch's home and so close to God's that God said, "We are so close to my home; you just come on home with me" and Enoch walked on home with God. God just took him home with Him.
2. Let us walk with God upward and upward until finally slip into heaven
  - a. Not death, just moving on into heaven