

Genesis 5:24

And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.

When you read the genealogy from Adam to Noah, you find that Noah's great grandfather was Enoch, and Enoch never died, as we read in today's verse that "*Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.*" But when we read on about Noah, we read the same thing, and that is that "*Noah walked with God*" just like his great grandfather, Enoch did.

† *Genesis 6:9 This is the genealogy of Noah. Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God.*

Did you catch that in both verses?

† *Enoch walked with God*

† *Noah walked with God*

I pray that they would say the same about my sons and grandsons and great grandsons as well, and that is that they walked with God, just like their dad, grandfather and great grandfather did.

But one thing I want to focus on today, and that is that both Enoch and Noah walked with God, but God only took Enoch, but not Noah. Did you ever wonder why? Was Enoch more righteous than Noah? The bible doesn't say, but if they both walked with God, our thinking is that God should treat them both the same. But the key to that statement is "our thinking".

We tend to see something in the bible and think that God will do the same for us. But if you read throughout the bible, God seldom repeats Himself as far as how He deals with each person.

We have many examples of that just reading the Gospels and how Jesus ministered to people. People with the same illnesses, but all healed in different ways. We also read in the New Testament of people being healed by God through the apostles, but we also read of believers who were not healed.

If you think about it, there are ministries in the bible that some had, that you would not want to have the same experience for yourself. Stephen is one example. Stephen was a Deacon in the church, and what happened to him, he got stoned to death. Yet most Deacons do not get stoned to death or even killed for sharing their faith.

We even look at others walk or relationship with the Lord, and some tend to think that they want that same relationship with the Lord. Why? I don't know, maybe because they see how fruitful their ministry is and they want the same thing. But what people don't know is the years of things that they went through to get to that place. If you knew what they really went through, would you

really want what they have? Maybe not. Plus each of us have our own relationship with the Lord, no two are alike.

Enoch and his great grandson, Noah, both walked with God. Enoch was taken to heaven by God, and Noah was not. Even though God delighted in both of them, God was not finished with Noah here on this earth, and God had more plans for him. And that plan was to save mankind, because God flooded the earth and God did not take Noah so that he and his three sons would repopulate the earth. Noah was the only righteous man on the earth at the time, and if God would had taken Noah like He did his great grandfather, Enoch, then none of us would be here.

But it's something for you to think about when you wonder why God does something for someone one way, but He is not doing it the same way for you, no matter how much you ask God to. If God treated us all the same way, life would be boring, because we would know the formula and know how to deal with things. BORING!!!! And I don't know about you, but I don't serve and love a boring God.

Plus, if you could figure out God, and know each and every time how He would do something, then He wouldn't be God. If I could figure out God, then He would be a wimpy god that I was serving.

But none if us can figure out God, that's why He is God, and if you think about it, that's why life is not boring and is so exciting.

- † **1 Chronicles 28:9** *As for you, my son Solomon, know the God of your father, and serve Him with a loyal heart and with a willing mind; for the LORD searches all hearts and understands all the intent of the thoughts. If you seek Him, He will be found by you; but if you forsake Him, He will cast you off forever.*
- † **Deuteronomy 5:33** *You shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God has commanded you, that you may live and that it may be well with you, and that you may prolong your days in the land which you shall possess.*
- † **Micah 6:8** *He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the LORD require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?*
- † **Isaiah 48:17 (NLT2)** *This is what the LORD says— your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel: “I am the LORD your God, who teaches you what is good for you and leads you along the paths you should follow.*