



# Hebrews 11:5-6

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**If the Lord Jesus Christ returned for His church today – would you be ready?**

**Been an “interesting” week – in the midst of an interesting season**

- All heard report–Mon Dow Jones fell 777 points–greatest 1 day loss ever
  - 777...interesting number. 7 number of perfection (666 satan, man's)
- On top of that – at very moment–Rosh Hashana began – Jewish new year
  - Rosh Hashana – a feast that celebrates the beginning of the end
- If the Lord had returned Monday, Tuesday...would you have been ready?

**Feasts? Celebrating the end...what I am talking about?**

- For those regular hear – you should know – we talk about at each feast
  - God prescribed for the nation of Israel 7 feasts to celebrate each year
  - **1st three occur virtually together – grouped as feasts of unleavened bread**
  - **What is powerful – is these 7 feasts give a visual reminder of Jesus work**
    - 1<sup>st</sup> three His work of redemption – Cross, sin defeated, resurrection
  - **4th feast occurred 50 days later – fulfilled as well – Acts 1**
    - God also calls this feast the feast of the harvest
    - In scheme of time, we are still in the shadow, effect of that feast
    - God is bringing a harvest of souls from every tribe, tongue, nation
  - **5th, 6th, and 7th feast - occur months later – 7th Jewish month**
    - Like the 1<sup>st</sup> three, these grouped together, called feast of ingathering
    - Picture of the second coming of Christ – coming work
    - 5<sup>th</sup>–Trumpets, rapture? Beginning of the end? God defending Jews?
    - 6<sup>th</sup> – Atonement – Yom Kippur – 2<sup>nd</sup> coming
    - 7<sup>th</sup> – Tabernacles – Jesus reigning, millennium
  - **Timing for 2008**
    - 1<sup>st</sup> three we celebrated back in March (Easter)
    - 4<sup>th</sup> in May – talked about then
    - 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> – right now. Last Tuesday, coming Thurs, following Tues
  - **As each of these feasts come around – like to remind you, myself about**
    - Not that we are to go back under law, celebrate feasts
    - But it is a good time to remember, bring into forefront of mind truths
    - Challenge, call you to do so – this next two weeks
    - Jesus calls us to live in expectation **Mark 13:33-37**
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# I. Enoch was Raptured

## 1. Notice the description

- a. **He was taken** – from one place to another
- b. **He did not see death** – experience death
- c. **Was not found** – has the idea that people were looking for him
- d. **God had taken him**...raptured him

## 2. What happened to Enoch – is going to happen again – to an entire generation

- a. **1 Cor 15:51-52** – in a twinkling of an eye – changed
- b. **1 Thess 4:15-17** – caught up, raptured to be with the Lord

## II. Enoch's Life - Gen 5:18-24

### 1. Why so old?

- a. Large subject– but suffice it to say, that before the flood, people lived longer
- b. In fact, Enoch was raptured young in that scale–most lived 900 years

### 2. Key description of Enoch's life – he walked with God

- a. Understand how wonderful that term is – describes God's intention for us
- b. Was so in the Garden...will be in heaven – consistent relationship

### 3. Yet, he did not always walk with God – started at 65 years old...why?

- a. After he begot Methuselah – he began to walk with God
- b. On one hand – it might be what happened, happening to many of you
  - i) Having a child can change your life – before, selfish, unconcerned
  - ii) But now a child...how raise, what will happen to them–see need for God
  - iii) To Enoch's great credit – began at that point – continued for 300 years
  - iv) Speak directly to parents – allow God to use this season to draw to Him
- c. There is another thought – that is interesting..Methuselah's name
  - i) Know God did use Enoch to speak to his ungodly times – **Jude 14-15**
  - ii) Literally – means “his death shall bring” – why? Did God reveal to Enoch that at the death of his son, judgment would come? Maybe?
  - iii) That is exactly what happened – when Methuselah dies – flood comes
  - iv) Imagine growing up raising Methuselah with that understanding – wow
  - v) Yet, interesting–picture of grace of God – Methuselah oldest person ever
- d. Prophetic Pause here...or thought...
  - i) Consider the timeline of Enoch generation – relatives
    - A. Enoch knew Adam....kind of a cool thought
    - B. Enoch was taken at a relatively young age
  - ii) Flood is a picture, preview of world judgment coming – tribulation
  - iii) Noah is a picture of God rescuing Jews through the judgment
  - iv) Enoch is a picture of ones being raptured out before the flood
  - v) Time between Enoch and Flood – 669 years.
    - A. Just a crazy thought – if deduct 3.5 years to middle of trib
    - B. we come to 666 years between Enoch and judgment, trib
    - C. 666 is the number of man – picture of time between rapture and trib?

### 4. If lost – come back. Enoch is an amazing man

- a. Picture of one who was raptured, of one who walked with God
- b. Why? What is it we are supposed to see....go back to **Hebrews 11**

# III. How Did Enoch Please God?

## 1. Enoch pleased God

- a. Danger of sinful slants – hard to imagine in holiness
- b. Try – picture a child pleasing a father
- c. We were created for His pleasure
- d. It is in His pleasure, His presence find significance, joy, life
- e. If the rapture happened today – and you don't please God – miss Him
  - i) Suppose, pleasure has degrees – again like kids – some things please and some things really please
  - ii) 3 John – no greater joy than walk in truth
  - iii) Yet again – if don't please God – not walking & could miss His coming

## 2. By Faith

- a. So essential – that God underscores it. W/O faith – cannot please God
  - i) Did you hear that...think it through
- b. What is faith? What seen so far?
  - i) Faith is how we are right with God
  - ii) Faith confidence in and solidness
  - iii) Faith is rooted in God's revelation – how we know He created
    - A. Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God
  - iv) Faith is obedience – trust and obey – like Abel

## 3. By believing He Is

- a. Faith must believe that God is real...yet more.
- b. **Most people believe in "god" – but the god of their own creation**
  - i) Grandfather God
  - ii) Police Office God
  - iii) Distant designer God
- c. **Point – this is by faith – which is based on the Bible – believe what it says**
  - i) Believing what He tells us about Himself
- d. **Remember Moses – asked God His name**
  - i) God replies- I AM...became God's name – Yahweh, Jehovah
  - ii) God is I AM...but from our perspective – He Is
  - iii) Further God revealed His character to Moses - **Ex 34:6-7**
    - A. Note when see LORD – all capitals – is God's Name "I AM"

**e. Throughout Scripture God adds to – unveils who He is**

- i) Yahweh Tseba'oth - of hosts, commander (Josh)
- ii) Yahweh-Nissi - my banner (Ex 17:15)
- iii) Yahweh-Rapha –healer (Ex 15:26)
- iv) Yahweh-Rohi -my shepherd (Ps 23:1)
- v) Yahweh-Jireh – my provider (Gen 22:14)
- vi) Yahweh-Shalom – my peace (Jgs 6:24)
- vii) Yahweh-tsadaq – my righteousness (Jer 23, 33)

**f. Jesus adds to – saying that He is the “I Am” (Jn 8:58) – showing character**

- i) “I Am the bread of life.” (Jn 6:35)
- ii) “I Am the light of the world.” (Jn 8:12)
- iii) “I Am the door of the sheep.” (Jn 10:7-9)
- iv) “I Am the good shepherd.” (Jn 10:11)
- v) “I Am the resurrection and the life.” (Jn 11:25-26)
- vi) “I Am the way, the truth, and the life.” (Jn 14:6)
- vii) “I Am the true vine” (Jn 15:1)

**g. To please God – need to know Him, know who He is – pursue**

**4. By Believing He rewards those who seek Him**

- a. Again – the basis of this – God says so, tells us
- b. God wants a relationship with us, invites us to it – to seek Him in it
- c. Jer 29:13-14, Deut 4:29; James 4:8 Isa 55:6-7**
- d. Do you believe this?
- e. Yes, it must be diligent. Many lack for this very reason
  - i) Many seek God – half heartedly – like when you send you kid to look for something...can't find it...but they barely looked
- f. Yet, do you believe if you seek Him, will find Him
- g. Dangerous generation that does not – **Zeph 1:12**

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## Conclusion

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### If Jesus comes back today...this week...will you be ready?

- Only those who are pleasing God will
- “Before he was taken he had this testimony”
- Won’t have time to change your mind – instant, twinkling of a eye
- I call you to be ready...

### Enoch is a testimony of one who was ready....but also more – one who endured

#### Enoch walked with God – for 300 years

- What if God does not come back this week – what if waits for more to be saved – **2 Pet 2**
- Can you walk with God until then?
- For some – feel can’t endure 3 more weeks...much less 300 years
- Enoch is telling you, such a life can be lived....and well