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On this week's episode of Chosen and Cherished, we talked about how when we rely on anything or anyone other than the Lord and His word, the things we turn to will never satisfy and they actually cause damage. But God loves us so much and He wants to be our safety and our strength. He WAITS for us to turn to Him, not so that He can condemn us, but so that He can rescue us. If you'd like to listen to the podcast, here's the link... <https://summitpoint.org/chosen-and-cherished/>

*Blessings,
Jonna*

Genesis 5:1-32

What nuggets of truth does God want me to learn from Genesis 5 about the God of Blessing?

First, I can see that, despite sin and rebellion, God brought blessing... He even revealed Himself so that people would begin to call on His name. I doubt they were following Cain's example... or even Adam's. Both rebelled against God. But the Holy Spirit is always at work, and He will always reveal Himself either through the general revelation of nature, or the specific revelation of His intimate involvement in our personal lives.

I've heard of missionaries going into remote tribal villages where no missionary had gone before... and the people saying, "We've been waiting for you to come! We had a dream that a white man with blue eyes would come and tell us about a Savior." Nothing is impossible with God.

Here, in Genesis 5, I see the lineage of Seth. Some really important people came through His line... a guy named Enoch, a guy named Methuselah, Noah, and eventually... Jesus.

It seems that it was through Seth's line that "people began to call upon the name of the LORD... Yahweh."

Enoch was one of them. Vs. 24 says, "Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him." What does that mean??? Is that a way of saying that he died? No. Hebrews 11:5 speaks of his faith. It says, "By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God." Wow. Enoch pleased God and God blessed him in a very special way. God blesses ALL of those who genuinely seek to please Him.

Well... are we sure that this is the Enoch of Hebrews 11? I mean, Cain had a son named Enoch and he named a city after him. But nothing was said about that Enoch's faith. For this Enoch, it was made clear in Jude 1:14-15 that God was referring to the 7th generation down from Seth Enoch. "It was also about these that Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied, saying, "Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His holy ones, to execute judgment on all and to convict all the ungodly of all their deeds of ungodliness that they have committed in such an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things that ungodly sinners have spoken against Him." So Enoch pleased God AND Enoch was a prophet who spoke of God's judgment.

This is a BIG deal! Enoch's great grandson was NOAH. As in "Noah and the ark" Noah. Enoch was prophesying while Noah was building the ark for when God was going to bring judgment down on all the ungodliness that was rampant at that time. Genesis 6:5 says, "The Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that EVERY intention of the thoughts of his heart was ONLY EVIL continually." That's pretty bad.

Enoch faithfully spoke the truth and pleased God, and God blessed him. In fact, his name means, "dedicated." He was dedicated to the Lord, and the Lord was dedicated to him... as He is to ALL His kids.

Noah was born 4 years after Enoch died... I imagine the people who were hearing Enoch's prophecies 500 years before Noah started building the ark figured that he was just an annoyance, and they could do whatever they wanted with no consequences. Not so. It wasn't a matter of IF prophecy would be fulfilled. It was a matter of WHEN.

Enoch had a son. His name was Methuselah. His name has a few meanings, but one of them is "when he dies, it shall be sent." Methuselah lived longer than any man ever to have lived... 969 years. He was 369 years old when Noah was born. We know that Methuselah died the year of the flood... possibly even the week before the flood. Some scholars say he died the week before the flood... then there was the traditional week of mourning in their culture... and then God sent the flood.

What do I learn from this? God is in charge. God will bring blessing to those who seek to please Him. O Lord, if anything could be said about me when I'm gone, I pray that what will be said about me is, "She walked with God."