



What Pleases God

Hebrews 11:5-6

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Introduction:

Many Christians will live with a sense that they cannot please God. Satan has tempted them to believe that God is a hard master and no matter what you do, or how hard you try, pleasing him is only a dream. Is this true? Does the Bible say anything about how to please God and know it and be assured of it?

ENOCH — son of Jared, not son of Cain. (*Genesis 5*)

1. A Clear _____ (5)

TESTIMONY — WITNESS

A. Enoch was _____ by God

Hebrews 11:5 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.

DEFINITION—TRANSLATED: moved from one place to another; taken up

B. Enoch _____ God

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DEFINITION—PLEASED: to please well; to take delight; to please in an especially positive way.

Hebrews 13:16 But to do good and to communicate forget not; for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.

DOING GOOD — *morally pleasing, do right*

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COMMUNICATE — *participation fellowship*

See Acts 2:42; Philippians 1:5

HOW DID ENOCH PLEASE GOD?

Genesis 5:18–24 And Jared lived an hundred sixty and two years, and he begat Enoch: 19 And Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 20 And all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty and two years: and he died. 21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: 22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: 23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: 24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

QUOTE: Enoch lived 365 years, walked with God, and was no more. His life-span of 365 years is unusually short compared to other members of Seth's lineage. —Lexham Bible Dictionary

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO WALK WITH GOD?

Amos 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

Genesis 3:8 And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God amongst the trees of the garden.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

2. A Central _____ (6)

A. Faith is _____ to Pleasing God (6a)

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him:

DEFINITION—IMPOSSIBLE: not capable of occurring or being accomplished or dealt with.

DEFINITION—PLEASE: to please well; to take delight; to please in an especially positive way.

Romans 14:23 And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

Proverbs 21:4 An high look, and a proud heart, And the plowing of the wicked, is sin.

B. Faith is _____ so we _____ Please God (6b)

Hebrews 11:6 ...for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

DEFINITION—COMETH: approach

THOSE THAT APPROACH GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE EXISTS. "...must believe that he is..."

THOSE THAT APPROACH GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE REWARDS. "...and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."

DEFINITION—REWARDER: a person who makes payments in return for services rendered.

James 4:8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.

A Faith Flyby (Hebrews 11)

How did they have faith in God?

Abel — believed God's solution for sin — a blood sacrifice. (4)

Enoch — believed fellowshiping with God was the highest priority. (5)

Noah — believed that God had authority to judge and that obedience to God was more important than public acceptance. Believed God enough to preach Him to his generation. (7)

Abraham — believed that following God was the right thing to do even when it made no human sense. (8-10)

Sara — believed that God could enable her to conceive and bear the child of promise knowing that God was trustworthy. (11-12)

Summary — saw, persuaded by, embraced and confessed the promise. (13-16)

Abraham — believed that God was worthy of his only begotten son and that God was able to raise him up from the dead. (17-19)

Isaac — believed God in blessing his sons. (20)

Jacob — believed God in blessing Joseph's sons and worshipped while leaning on his staff. (21)

Joseph — believed the promise of God so much that he made provision for his bones to be brought there. (22)

Moses' Parents — believed life given by God was sacred even though Pharaoh had made a law calling for death. (23)

Moses — believed that identify with God and facing affliction was superior to enjoying the temporary highs of sin in Egypt. (24-27)

Moses — believed that the blood of the lamb was the solution to the condemnation of death. (28)

Moses and Israel — believed God for safe passage on dry land through the midst of the Red Sea. (27)

Joshua and Israel — believed God enough to march silently around Jericho expecting victory. (30)

Rahab — Believed God's Word for deliverance while others faced destruction. (31)

Gideon — believed God though insecure. (32)

Barak — believe God though afraid. (32)

Samson — believed God while in captivity because of sin. (32)

Jephthae — believed God for victory. (32)

David — believed God in the face of death. (32)

Samuel — believed God and stayed truth to His Word. (32)

Conclusion

See Hebrews 12:1-3



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