

THE FAMILY – 5:23-32

- Enoch, the man who never died
- Methuselah, the man who lived the longest
- Lamech, the man holding to the promise
- Noah, the comforter for those on cursed ground

THE FAILURES – GOD’S EVALUATION (1:31) VS (6:5-7)

- Chronology of Gen 5 brings us “up to date” to the story
- 6:1-6 look backward, not forward, and introduces God’s evaluation.
 - Men began to multiply, and gave birth to daughters
 - The “sons of God” took notice, and took a woman for themselves
 - This action caused God to limit that civilization to 120 years
 - Moses’ commentary on the situation on earth is given in v. 4. This commentary is packed with theological significance and intrigue.
 - God’s work has gone from “very good” (1:31) to “the wickedness of man was great” (6:5)

THE FORTUNE OF THE HUMAN RACE – “BUT NOAH FOUND GRACE” (6:8-9)

- The key, “Blameless in his time”
- Noah’s faith – Hebrews 11:7
 - Its ground: God’s Word
 - Its sphere: things not seen
 - Its character: moved with fear
 - Its evidence: he built an ark
 - Its reason: the saving of his family
 - Its witness: the world’s condemnation
 - Its reward: righteousness