



COVENANT

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Preaching Christ for His Glory and His Kingdom

Order of Worship – 1 September 2019

Theme for the Year: "Strength in Weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9)

Prelude	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
Call to Worship	
*Opening Hymn	Psalm 145 – <i>O Lord, Thou Art My God</i>
*Invocation & † <i>Gloria Patri</i>	
Scripture Reading	Luke 15:1-32
The Lord's Supper	
Hymn	143 – <i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>
Hymn	596 – <i>Faith Is the Victory!</i>
Tithes & Offering	
*†† <i>Doxology</i> & Offertory Prayer	
Scripture Reading	John 3:1-3
Hymn	29 – <i>O Father, Thou Whose Love Profound</i>
Confession of Faith & Pastoral Prayer	
Sermon	"Our Father's Great Love"
*Closing Hymn	361 – <i>Jesus Loves Even Me</i>
*Benediction & <i>Threefold Amen</i>	
Silent Prayer & Postlude	
Announcements	<i>*Congregation standing</i>

†Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen.

††Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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He Walked with God and Had a Godly Legacy

We are a product of our upbringing. And if that upbringing is godly, there is a high chance that we will be godly.

This is what we see in the life of Enoch. Not much is said about him. But we can learn much about him and his walk with God and his instruction of his family.

Other Great Men of the Bible

Enoch was different from other great men of the Bible.

Abraham was the one that God chose to be the father of many nations. He demonstrated his faith by offering Isaac as a sacrifice in obedience to God.

We know the boldness of Joshua and Caleb - how they were bold and led Israel forward in conquering of the Promised Land. They were the only 2 in Israel who urged Israel to trust God. If Israel had, they wouldn't have perished in the wilderness nor waited 40 years to enter the Promised Land.

We know the love of David for God and for God's people. He shepherded Israel in the toughest of times and secured a capital for God's people - a place where the temple would be built.

We know the wisdom of Solomon - how he handled the problems in Israel with an astute mind.

We know the tenacity of Jeremiah - how, despite his calling to preach to a dying nation, he continued to weep for her and urge the people to repent.

Enoch was not known for his sacrificial faith, neither his boldness, nor his love or wisdom, or even his tenacity.

He may have been all of these things - but the Bible only reveals certain things about him.

He Never Died

He is mentioned 4 times in the Old Testament and twice in the New Testament.

In Luke 3:37, he is mentioned as being one of the ancestors of Jesus. And in his time on earth, Jude 1:14 reveals that he was a prophet and a preacher.

But what is most remarkable about Enoch is that he never died.

In Genesis 5:24 records that he was a godly man and God took him to heaven without him facing death - "And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Hebrews 11:5 says the reason why God took him was because he pleased God.

Abraham pleased God. So did Joshua, Caleb, David, Solomon, and Jeremiah. In fact, so did a whole lot of other people in the Bible. But none of them were taken up to heaven.

How He Lived

Enoch walked with God when he was alive. Enoch was born at a time when Adam and Eve were still alive (Adam lived to be 930 and was 622 years old when Enoch was born). He was the 7th from Adam - he was Adam's great-great-great-great-grandson.

This means that he would have heard the stories about the Garden of Eden. He would have heard about Satan tempting Eve, about Adam breaking the Covenant with God, and about how they were prevented from ever entering the Garden of Eden. He would also have learned about atonement and sacrifice - that God sacrificed animals to make coats of skins to cover the shame of Adam and Eve.

He would have heard about Cain and Abel - about the ungodly line of Cain.

He knew the meaning of sin and the curse that came along with it. He saw

how there was the godly line of Seth, of which he was a part; and he also saw the ungodly line of Cain. He saw the world becoming more and more wicked.

And in the years that he was alive, he had a son Methuselah and a grandson Lamech. The Bible doesn't say that he had more children, but he may well have had.

We are told that he preached. And the reason why he preached was because he saw the evils of the world. Things were becoming worse and worse - to the extent that when it came to his great-grandson Noah, there was widespread wickedness. A wickedness that caused God to destroy the earth with a flood.

In fact, Enoch may have known this. As a prophet of God, who walked with God, he prophesied about Christ's second coming, where Christ would judge the world with fire. He surely would have known about the first judgment with water.

He named his son Methuselah, which means "when he dies, it will come."

Surely, as foretold, the flood came in the year that Methuselah died.

His Legacy

Enoch's legacy was the godliness of his son, grandson, and great-grandson. Despite the wickedness that had grown in the world, there was a family that still clung onto God.

Genesis 6:5 says, "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the

earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

And only one family found grace in God's eyes. Genesis 6:9 says, "...Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God."

Just as Enoch walked with God, Noah also walked with God.

Noah was himself a preacher of righteousness, taking 120 years to preach the gospel and warn the people, as he built the ark. Methuselah probably helped him.

He also understood about atonement. He offered sacrifices to God for sin.

Where had Noah learned to do this? From the godly example that was passed down from Enoch through Methuselah and Lamech to him.

Conclusion

We may want great wisdom, boldness, and success in our children. Those things are good things. But the things that we must desire the most for our children is that they walk with God.

Enoch walked with God and God was pleased with him. His legacy was in preserving the lineage of man through Noah - the only godly one left.

In a world of great wickedness - these are the days of Noah - may our children learn godliness from godly fathers. ~

Pastor



Catechism for Younger Children

19. What else did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies? He gave them souls that will last forever.

20. Do you have a soul as well as a body? Yes. And my soul is going to last forever.

21. How do you know your soul will last forever? Because the Bible tells me so.

Worship Service Roster

<i>Service</i>	<i>This Week (1.9.19)</i>	<i>Next Week (8.9.19)</i>
Speaker	Mark Chen	Mark Chen
Worship Leader	Mark Chen	Jacob Woo
Pianist	Ian Tay	Jerome Ng
Welcomers	John & Adeline Ng	Putri Harapan & Rebecca Lee
Offering Stewards	Chris Budiman, Ken Hong Jacob Woo, Jansen Ng	John Tan, David Lim Ken Chong, Steven Lim
Ushers	Heng Qi Ban & Jemima Ng	Josephine Austin & August Ng
Kitchen Duties	Sarah Siew, Hui Min Lim Mary Loh, Rebecca Lee	Jemima Ng, Andressa Carvalho Eileen Tay
PA Duty	Raymond Woo	Ian Tay
<i>Prayer Meeting</i>	<i>6 Sep 2019</i>	<i>13 Sep 2019</i>
Chairman	Jimmy Orchard	Jacob Woo
Pianist	Mark Chen	Nancy Lim

Announcements

1. A warm welcome to all worshipers. May God richly bless you. Please stay behind after the service for fellowship lunch.
2. We are celebrating the Lord's Supper today. Please spend some time in quiet meditation and self-examination to prepare yourself to partake of the elements in the Sacrament.
3. Next week's message: "What is Your Thorn?" (2 Cor 12:1-10).
4. Ministry reports for ACM 2019. Please submit by 1 October 2019 - email Jacob Woo (jacob.woo[at]gmail.com).
5. JF/TF & YPG Fellowship Meetings on Saturday 7th September, 4:30pm and 4:00pm respectively at Church.

Appointments for the Week

FRI 7:45 pm CBI & Prayer Meeting

SUN 9:00 am Sunday School

10:00 am Worship Service

Last Lord's Day Tithes & Offering, & Attendance

General Fund - \$2,021.85 (ET - \$200.00)
 Missions Fund - \$200.00 (ET - \$100.00)
 Building Fund - \$300.00 (ET - \$300.00)
 Total Tithes & Offering - \$2,521.85.

*ET: Electronic Transfer Attendance - 102.