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Numbers

Enoch Walked With God for 300 Years

Gen. 5:21 "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."

The bible number **300** is associated with the subject of **faith**. Enoch **walked** with God for **three hundred years** after the birth of his first-born son Methuselah. Paul said, "(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)" (2 Cor. 5:7). To walk with God requires a walk by faith and not by sight, i.e., not by human reason or human logic or trusting in human qualities and abilities. In Amos 3:3, a question is asked and the answer is implied by the question: "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" The only way that a person can walk with God is that he be agreed with God. Since God will not change nor can he change, then we must walk with God on God's terms.

There are two ways that we can live our lives. We can live our lives based on our own human reason, logic, and abilities. We can believe that we can solve any of life's problems, trials, or difficulties, or that we can bring about our own joy or happiness through our reason, logic, or ability. This is a walk by sight.

The other way that we can live our lives is to trust in God to supply our needs and to give us direction in life, and to deliver us in times of trial, problems, tribulations, and difficulties. In addition, we can trust in God to give us an understanding of his word and to direct the path of our lives including who we marry, where we work, what we do with our lives, and how we use the gifts' that God has given us to serve Him and to serve others. This is walking by faith.

Heb. 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. 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him." Walking by faith not only gives us a fellowship with God, but it

is pleasing to God. Enoch pleased God when he walked by faith with God for three hundred years. What a great testimony Enoch's life is to us that he walked with God for **three hundred years** and that he pleased God by so doing. Likewise, when we walk by faith and not by sight, it is a testimony to those around us. The joy and peace we possess when we walk by faith is a testimony to others that God is pleased with us.

"But without faith it is impossible to please him." A person who has not been born of the Spirit cannot have faith, as faith is a fruit of the Spirit. Thus, such a person cannot please God. However, a person can be born of the Spirit and yet not walk by faith. Likewise, this individual's walk, also, is not pleasing to God. When we walk by faith, we please God. When we fail to walk by faith, we are not pleasing God. It is far better to walk by faith and to please God.

God is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. When we diligently walk by faith, as Enoch did, then we have the assurance that God will bless us in our walk. While I do not profess to know all the ways that God may bless us in our walk by faith, I am sure that he will bless us abundantly when we diligently walk by faith.