

**EPISTLE OF JUDE  
ENOCH'S PREACHING  
JUDE 14-15; GENESIS 5:21-24; HEBREWS 11:5**

**Introduction**

Last week we looked at what we know of the man Enoch...we saw his life!

*WE SAW HOW THAT ENOCH LIVED IN THE TIME OF AN  
INCREASINGLY UNGODLY WORLD!*

*WE SAW HOW THE BIRTH OF METHUSELAH TRIGGERED A  
CHANGE IN ENOCH'S LIFE!*

*WE SAW HOW THAT WHILE THE WORLD WALKED IN  
WICKEDNESS, ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD!*

*Walking With God Means Walking In God's Direction!*

*Walking With God Means Walking By Faith!  
Walking By Faith Means We Are Not Walking By Sight!  
Walking By Faith Means We Are Walking In Trust!  
Walking By Faith Means Taking God At His Word!  
(i.e. Believing God!)*

*Walking With God Means Sharing His Companionship!*

**Tonight we look at this man of God who pleased God and look at his Preaching! (Read Jude 14-15) What do we know of Enoch's Preaching?**

**WE KNOW THAT ENOCH'S WALK WITH GOD CAUSED HIM TO BEAR A STRONG WITNESS! (Jude 14-15)**

These two verses suggests that Enoch preached hard against **sin and apostasy!** The phrase there in *verse 14* says that Enoch "*prophesied of these.*"

The "*these*" there refers to the ones we have been warning you about—*i.e. apostates apostate teachers, preachers, and people!*

**Apostasy is made up of two types of SIN AGAINST THE TRUTH:**

**1. There Are Those Who Have Been DERELICT OF THE TRUTH!**

**(i.e. The Light They Were Given Is Outright Refused!)**

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**I want you to really grab ahold of this concept: Light obeyed brings further light...light disobeyed or refused brings darkness!** Romans 1:21 "*Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*"

*There Are Those Who Have Been DERELICT OF THE TRUTH!*

**2. There Are Those Who Have Been DRAWN AWAY FROM THE TRUTH! (That in itself is a DERELICTION OF THE TRUTH!)**

**Let's take a look at a couple of early examples from Scripture:**

- 1. Satan Was The First Apostate!**  
**Satan was DERELICT OF THE TRUTH!**  
**He knew God, but he was full of pride and wanted to exalt himself above God! (Isaiah 14:12-14 the "I will" statements)**  
Satan is THE supreme apostate preacher/teacher behind ALL apostasy!
- 2. Eve Was The First To Be DRAWN AWAY FROM THE TRUTH Into Apostasy By Listening To The Serpent (Satan) The Apostate Preacher/Teacher!**

What TRUTH was she drawn away from? The TRUTH in: *Genesis 2:16-17—"16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: 17 But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."*

When the serpent told Eve in: *Genesis 3:4-5—"4 ...Ye shall not surely die: 5 For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil."*

That statement was designed to pull Eve AWAY FROM THE TRUTH IN GOD! (That is APOSTASY!—Falling away from the TRUTH IN GOD!)

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3. **Adam Was Another Drawn Into Apostasy By Eve!**  
*Genesis 3:6 "And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat."*

Adam **KNEW THE TRUTH** but he was **DERELICT OF THE TRUTH** in that he took of the fruit and did eat when he knew it was forbidden by the LORD!

Adam was also **DRAWN AWAY FROM THE TRUTH** by Eve! He allowed himself to be influenced by her!

4. **Cain Was Another Who Was DERELICT OF THE TRUTH!**  
**What TRUTH was he DERELICT OF?**

a. **The First Prophecy Of The Redeemer:**

*Genesis 3:15—"And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel."*

b. **The First Picture Of The Redeemer:**

*Genesis 3:21—"Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them."*

**God shed the blood of animals to clothe Adam and Eve from the nakedness of their sin and pictured the coming Redeemer's blood being shed by God to clothe them in His own righteousness!**

c. **The Picture Of The Redeemer In Able's Sacrifice:**

Able brought a blood sacrifice. Cain did not!  
Cain was **DERELICT OF THE TRUTH!**

**What TRUTH? The TRUTH of the COMING REDEEMER!**

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5. **The generations before the flood in Noah's day were, by and large, increasingly wicked and evil and increasingly DERELICT OF THE TRUTH!**

*Genesis 6:5 – 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.*

**So, how did things get so bad so quickly?** Well, the flood in Noah's day was 1656 years after creation, **so that is not really quickly.** Plus people were living longer back then. Understand though that things were already getting bad in Enoch's day! Enoch died 987 years after creation! (That's 669 years before the flood!) But understand that Enoch saw ALL six generations before him! He was 308 years old when his great, great, great, great grandfather Adam died at the age of 930.

But things got bad then, the same way they have gotten bad in our day! It is because of folks being **DERELICT OF THE TRUTH!** When you are **DERELICT OF THE TRUTH**, there is a downward spiral of sin that takes place that Paul speaks of in *Romans 1:18-32* ! That downward spiral of sin was prevalent in Enoch's day!

**Again, light obeyed brings further light, but light disobeyed or refused brings darkness!**

*Romans 1:21 "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened."*

**The downward spiral of sin brings:**

1. **Darkness----->Idolatry (*Romans 1:22-23*)**
2. **Idolatry----->God gave them up to Uncleaness through the lusts of their own hearts! (*Romans 1:24-25*)**
3. **Uncleaness—>God gave them up to Vile Affections that were against nature! (*Romans 1:26-27*)**

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4. **Vile Affections—>Refusal To Acknowledge God! (*Rom 1:28*)**
5. **Refusal To Acknowledge God—>God gave them over to a Reprobate Mind! (*Romans 1:28*)**

**Though the downward spiral of sin was prevalent on the earth, ENOCH CHOSE TO WALK WITH GOD AND THAT WALK CAUSED HIM TO BEAR A STRONG WITNESS! (Jude 14-15)**

**I. ENOCH'S PREACHING WAS CONSISTENT WITH HIS WALK WITH GOD!**

- A. Enoch Preached With His Life! (A prerequisite!) (i.e. We Saw Last Week That He Walked The Walk!) John Maxwell is quoted as saying this: "*Your WALK TALKS and your TALK TALKS, but your WALK TALKS louder than your TALK TALKS!*"**

**How true that is! Before people will believe your words, they will normally look at your actions! If your actions are consistent with what you claim to believe (i.e. you live according to what you say), your actions will confirm the truth of what you say! But if your actions contradict or are inconsistent with your words most people are not going heed or even listen to your words and will brand you a hypocrite!**

**Enoch's walk was a witness to the fact that there is a God Who has a standard of Righteousness! He pleased God!**

He left a powerful influence behind! He left a godly legacy!  
He did not live in the wickedness and evil of those around him!

As people observe your life, what do they come to know of God? Do they see anything of God in your life? What impression do you give others about God? What kind of legacy will you be leaving behind in your tracks?

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**Sadly, today there are preachers who are known more for their scandals than they are for the TRUTH!**

*Enoch Preached With His Life!*

**B. Enoch Preached With His Lips!**

We see here that **Enoch condemned sin and apostasy!**

Don't you imagine that Enoch was probably labeled as being **intolerant** in his time?

And to suggest such a thing as there being an absolute standard for right and wrong, he probably heard something similar to "*Don't judge me, Bro!*" Or "*Look around, our society is OK with it!*"

The evil of the times was so prevalent that **Enoch went against the grain and preached against evil.** Can you pick up on what the key word in *Jude 15* is? "*Ungodly!*"

*"Who has a right to say what is 'ungodly'?"*—uh, God does!!!

**What are we told that Enoch's message was here?**

- a. **Enoch's message was a message about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ!**
- b. **Enoch's message was a message about the seriousness of sin!**  
People don't like being called out for their sin, no matter if it is what God says!
- c. **Enoch's message was a message about God judging sin!**
  - 1) **To convince the ungodly that they are ungodly because of the sin which they have committed!**

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**2) To convince the ungodly that they have spoke wrongfully about the LORD!**

**That is still the kind of preaching we need today!**

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**II. ENOCH'S PREACHING WAS RELEVANT FOR THE TIMES HE LIVED IN AS WELL AS TODAY!**

**Though I'm sure that Enoch's message was looked at with disdain, it was exactly the message that God wanted him to preach in his days!**

God saw Enoch's message as **RELEVANT**...though I'm sure there were many people living in his day who didn't see his preaching as **BEING RELEVANT!**

**That word "RELEVANT" means "bearing on or having reference to the matter in hand!"**

Listen to me very carefully, **GOD IS THE ONE WHO DETERMINES WHAT IS RELEVANT, NOT THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE UP SOCIETY IN THE TIME ONE LIVES!**

Someone might say, *"Oh preacher your preaching is not relevant to today's young people! You've got to make it relevant!"*

Baby Boomers (Born 1946 to 1964)

Generation X (Born 1965 to 1979)

Millennials Generation Y (Born 1980 to 1995)

Generation Z (Born 1995 to 2015)

Generation Alpha (Born after 2010)

**Oh really, the Bible says its still relevant! From what I see in Scripture:**

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Every Generation Needs To Know That They Are Sinners!  
Every Generation Needs Sin Called Out For What It Is!  
Every Generation Needs To Know That Their Sin Has Offended A Holy God!  
Every Generation Needs To Know That Judgment Is Coming!  
Every Generation Needs To Know That Grace Is Available!

It is **NOT** for me to **"make"** my messages **RELEVANT!** No, it is for me to **"PREACH THE WORD,"** as Paul told Timothy to do!

The Holy Spirit's job is to take the **WORD** and **convince** and **convict** folks that they are **RELEVANT** to them!

**Conclusion**

Enoch's Preaching was powerful and timeless!  
The LORD IS COMING with His Saints!

When He Comes He's Going To Execute Judgment Upon All!

He's Going To Convince All That Are Ungodly Of Their Ungodly Deeds Which They Have Ungodly Committed!

He's Going To Call The Ungodly For Their Hard Speeches Which They Have Spoken Against Him!

Don't allow yourself to be drawn into apostasy! Don't be fooled into thinking that something is true that is at odds with what the LORD has spoken!