

The Dispensation of Innocence

Scripture reading: Genesis 5:21-24

God has separated our time into three dispensations. Let us look at the first dispensation today. We call it *"The dispensation of innocence,"* but it can be called any other name. During this time, Adam began to teach his children what happened to him when he walked in the garden with God Almighty. Have you ever thought of it? The privilege of walking with the Living God? Adam had this experience and he began to teach his children. He taught them hundreds of years and then, after somewhere around nine hundred years, somebody got the message. One man! The man Enoch had the capacity, the determination, and the power of faith to break through into the presence of God and to COMMAND the deliverance!

"And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him" (Genesis 5:23-24).

Adam taught Enoch, and the Bible says here that it took 365 years. The number 365 looks somewhat suspicious, doesn't it? 365 days make one solar year. So then, in 365 years one man got the message. God translated Enoch when he was 365 years old, and thereby, by type showed us what is going to happen at the end of time when God will bring man into the fullness.

"...And Enoch walked with God..." The first man that we read of that walked with God was Adam. It says that Adam walked with God. He taught Enoch, and Enoch learned to walk with God. And Enoch's wife said, "Enoch walked with God and is not for God took him." For the Bible says that Enoch had sons and daughters (Genesis 5:22). That shows that the man was a natural, normal man who had a wife and children, and a home. And it says that he walked with God!

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Now, Enoch's wife didn't mourn. She wasn't crying and weeping that she lost him, because she didn't lose him. She gained him! Enoch *"walked with God,"* and she said, "Enoch is not." That means to say that, "He is no longer here. He is no longer a natural, carnal, physical man. He has ASCENDED!" And the Bible tells us that he did it by faith!

"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" (Hebrews 11:5).

He walked with God by faith, and it said, *"And...God took him."* What would make God want a man? Can you imagine how much God must have loved that man? See him walking like the perfect NEW CREATION MAN! God had a plan to make us into a new creation man, so when Adam fell it did not bother God. For God saw this same Adam that fell ahead at the end of the day WALKING IN POWER AND GLORY! Amen!

So then, God said to Enoch, "Would you like to come with Me?" And Enoch said, "That is what I want." Amen! "Nothing else would satisfy me. The reason I live is to worship Thee!" Amen! Yes! "The reason I live is to worship Thee, God!"

"And Enoch... was not; for God took him."

This was absolutely amazing! I cannot imagine how it must have seemed. He just stepped from natural into supernatural. Enoch never died but is alive this very day. He just went from natural into supernatural. Amen!

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Thought for today: Let the following be the confession of our mouths and hearts: "Nothing else will satisfy me, Lord, but to come away with Thee. The reason I live is to worship Thee!"