

Enosh & Enoch

ENOSH

Knowing His Fragility and Impotence

Enosh's father, Seth, was born to take Abel's place (**Gen.4:25**). This shows that he was consistent with Abel and was the continuation of Abel. He named his son Enosh, which means "frail man." This surely indicates that as he took God's way of redemption and life, he sensed the extreme fragility, the impotence, and the complete helplessness of fallen man. His son, whom he begot and named Enosh, must have inherited the same realization and sense.

Gen.4:25 And Adam knew his wife again; and she gave birth to a son and called his name Seth; for, she said, God has appointed me another seed instead of Abel, because Cain slew him.

Calling on the Name of Jehovah and Thus Enjoying His Riches

Because Seth sensed his own fragility, impotence, and helplessness, he must have sought God's help by calling on the name of Jehovah, the One who is, who was, and who will be forever—that is, the name of the One who always is—and thus enjoying His rich supply. This One who exists forever is everlasting, immortal, ever unchanging, self-existing, and ever-existing. He is the source of every rich supply and is fully sufficient to meet man's every need. (**Rom.10:12**) Whenever a person calls on His name, he will enjoy His rich supply. The name Seth gave to his son indicates that before naming him, Seth may have already begun to call on the name of Jehovah. Therefore, after he gave his son such a name, it says in the Scriptures that men began to call on the name of Jehovah. (**Gen. 4:26**) Because Enosh was born of such a father, one who called on the name of Jehovah, he inherited this blessing naturally and became one who called on the name of Jehovah, thus enjoying God's riches.

Rom.10:12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord *is Lord* of all *and* rich to all who call upon Him;

Gen.4:26 And to Seth also a son was born, and he called his name Enosh. At that time men began to call upon the name of Jehovah.

Becoming the Representative of All Those Who Call on the Name of Jehovah

Enosh, as one who called on the name of the Lord, became a model representing all those who call on the name of Jehovah and enjoy God's riches. The blessing of calling on the Lord's name continues throughout the entire Bible. It is inherited throughout the generations by those who take God's way of redemption and life, and it is practiced by the New Testament believers also. In the Old Testament age, Job, Abraham, Isaac, Moses, Samson, Samuel, David, the psalmist Asaph, the psalmist Heman, Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and others all practiced calling on the name of the Lord.

Job	Job 12:4	I have become a laughingstock to my friends, I, who have called out to God and He answers me. The righteous man, the perfect man, is a laughingstock.
	Job 27:10	Does he take delight in the Almighty? Will he call upon God at all times?
Abraham	Gen.12:8	And he proceeded from there to the mountain on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to Jehovah and called upon the name of Jehovah.
	Gen.13:4	To the place of the altar, which he had made there formerly; and there Abram called on the name of Jehovah.
	Gen.21:33	And Abraham planted a tamarisk tree in Beer-sheba, and there he called on the name of Jehovah, the Eternal God.
Isaac	Gen.26:25	And he built an altar there and called upon the name of Jehovah and pitched his tent there. And there Isaac's servants dug a well.
Moses	Deut.4:7	For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as Jehovah our God is whenever we call upon Him?
Samson	Judg.15:18	And he was very thirsty, and he called on Jehovah, saying, You have granted this great victory by the hand of Your servant. And will I now die of thirst and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised?
	Judg.16:28	And Samson called on Jehovah and said, O Lord Jehovah, remember me, I pray; and strengthen me, I pray, this one time only, O God, that I may be avenged of the Philistines at once for my two eyes.

Samuel	1Sam.12:1 8	And Samuel called to Jehovah, and Jehovah sent thunder and rain on that day. And all the people feared Jehovah and Samuel greatly.
	Psa.99:6	Moses and Aaron among His priests, And Samuel among those who called on His name - They called out to Jehovah, And He answered them
David	2Sam.22:4	I called upon Jehovah, who is worthy of praise, And from my enemies I was saved
	Psa.17:6	I call on You, for You will answer me, O God; Incline Your ear to me; hear my speaking.
	Psa.55:16	As for me, I call out to God, And Jehovah will save me
	Psa.116:4	But I called upon the name of Jehovah. O Jehovah, I pray, deliver my soul.
	Psa.118:5	Out of my distress I called upon Jehovah; Jehovah answered me and set me in a place broad and free.
Asaph	Psa.80:18	Jehovah is near to all who call upon Him, To all who call upon Him in truth.
Heman	Psa.88:9	Then we will not turn back from You. Revive us, and we will call upon Your name.
Elijah	1Kings 18:24	My eye wastes away at the affliction; I have called out to You, O Jehovah, every day; I have spread out my hands to You.
Isaiah	Isa.12:4	Then call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of Jehovah; and the God who answers by fire, He will be God. And all the people answered and said, The word seems good.
Jeremiah	Lam.3:55, 57	And you will say in that day, Give thanks to Jehovah; call upon His name! Make His deeds known among the peoples; Remind them that His name is exalted.
		(55) I called upon Your name, O Jehovah, From the lowest pit. (57) You drew near in the day that I called upon You; You said, Do not fear.

Also, Isaiah charged God's seekers to call upon the name of the Lord (**Isa.55:6**). It is God's commandment (**Psa. 50:15; Jer. 29:12**) and desire (**Psa. 91:15; Zeph. 3:9; Zech. 13:9**) that His people call on Him. It is the joyful way to drink from the fountain of God's salvation, and the enjoyable way to delight oneself in God (**Isa. 12:3-4; Job 27:10**). Hence, the psalmists called upon the Lord's name daily (**Psa.88:9**). Joel the prophet prophesied that people would call upon His name in the year of the New Testament jubilee (**Joel 2:32**).

Isa.55:6	Seek Jehovah while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near.
Psa.50:15	And call upon Me in the day of trouble: I will deliver you, and you will glorify Me
Jer.29:12	Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you;
Psa.91:15	He will call upon Me, and I will answer Him. I will be with Him in distress; I will deliver Him and honor Him.
Zeph.3:9	For then I will change the language of the peoples Into a pure language That they may all call upon the name of Jehovah, To serve Him with one accord.
Zech. 13:9	And I will bring the third part through fire And refine them as silver is refined And try them as gold is tried. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, They are My people, And they will say, Jehovah is my God.
Isa.12:3-4	Therefore you will draw water with rejoicing From the springs of salvation, And you will say in that day, Give thanks to Jehovah; call upon His name! Make His deeds known among the peoples; Remind them that His name is exalted
Job 27:10	Does he take delight in the Almighty? Will he call upon God at all times?
Psa.88:9	My eye wastes away at the affliction; I have called out to You, O Jehovah, every day; I have spread out my hands to You.
Joel 2:32	And everyone who calls on the name of Jehovah shall be saved; For in Mount Zion and in Jerusalem will be an escape, As Jehovah has said, Even for the remnant Whom Jehovah calls.

Joel's prophecy was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost when all who believed were saved by calling on the name of the Lord (**Acts 2:17, 21**). This became the way in the New Testament by which man can be saved and enjoy God's riches (**Rom.10:10-13**). The early believers practiced calling on the name of the Lord everywhere (**1Cor.1:2**), and this calling became a popular sign by which Christ's believers were recognized by the unbelievers, especially the persecutors (**Acts9:14, 21**). When he repented and believed in the Lord, Saul, who had helped to persecute Stephen, one who called on the name of the Lord (**Acts 7:58-60**), was told by Ananias to be baptized, calling on the name of the Lord. In this way Saul washed away his sin of persecuting those who called on the name of the Lord (**Acts 22:16**). Thereafter, he himself also became one who called on the name of the Lord. This can be proved by the fact that he exhorted others to be saved by calling on the name of the Lord (**Rom.10:13**) and to enjoy all the riches of the Lord by calling on His name (**Rom.10:12**). He told us that all who seek the Lord out of a pure heart call on the name of the Lord in this way (**2Tim.2:19, 22**).

Acts 2:21	And it shall be that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved
Rom.10:10-13	For with the heart there is believing unto righteousness, and with the mouth there is confession unto salvation. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes on Him shall not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord is Lord of all and rich to all who call upon Him; For "whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved
1Cor.1:2	To the church of God which is in Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, the called saints, with all those who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, who is theirs and ours:
Acts9:14, 21	(14) And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call upon Your name. (21) And all who heard him were amazed and said, Is this not the one who ravaged those who call upon this name in

	Jerusalem and came here for this, that he might bring them bound before the chief priests?
Acts 7:58-60	And they threw <i>him</i> of the city and stoned <i>him</i> . And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man called Saul. And they stoned Stephen as he called upon <i>the Lord</i> and said, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit! And kneeling down, he cried out with a loud voice, Lord, do not hold this sin against them. And when he had said this, he fell asleep
Acts 22:16	And now, why do you delay? Rise up and be baptized and wash away your sins, calling on His name
2Tim.2:19, 22	(19) However the firm foundation of God stands, having this seal, The Lord knows those who are His, and, Let everyone who names the name of the Lord depart from unrighteousness. (22) But flee youthful lusts, and pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart

ENOCH

From Enosh, the third generation from Adam, to Enoch, the seventh generation from Adam, there were no outstanding persons who could serve as spiritual representatives or signs. Therefore, in terms of spiritual representation and significance, Enoch was the continuation of Enosh. Enosh called upon the name of Jehovah and enjoyed the riches of God; Enoch, in the spiritual sense, carried on from Enosh and went a step further to walk with God, and was taken by God so that he escaped the ultimate issue of man's fall, that is, death.

Walking with God

When Enoch was sixty-five years old, he begot a son, whom he named Methuselah, which means "when he is dead it [the judgment of the flood] shall be sent." The significance of this name corresponds with Enoch's prophecy: "Behold, the Lord came...to execute judgment against all" (**Jude 14-15**). This certainly indicates that he must have known, through God's revelation, that one day the Lord would come to judge that ungodly and unrighteous generation. Therefore, when he begot Methuselah, he gave him such a name. It has been calculated that when Noah was six hundred years of age, at the time when the flood came to judge that evil age (**Gen. 5:25-29; 7:6**), Methuselah was nine hundred and sixty-nine years old, the age at which he died. Enoch must have been warned concerning this, and, fearing God, he began to walk with God, that is, to live and move with God, taking God as his center and everything.

Enoch's walking with God must have been due to his believing in God and his seeking after God. According to Hebrews 11:6, Enoch believed not only that "God is," but that "He is a rewarder of those who seek Him out." This shows that Enoch not only believed that there is a God, that is, that God exists, and that He is real, living, and present, but he also believed that God is a rewarder who will reward those who seek Him out. In this way, Enoch believed in God, sought Him out, and walked with Him for three hundred years. This satisfied and pleased God, and as a result God rewarded him with Himself as the eternal life and enabled him to escape death and to be taken by God so that he did not have to see death.

Jude 14-15 And Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied also of these, saying, Behold, the Lord came with myriads of His saints To execute judgment against all and to convict all the ungodly concerning all their ungodly works which they have done in ungodliness, and concerning all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him

Gen.5:25-29 And Methuselah lived one hundred eighty-seven years and begot Lamech. And Methuselah lived after he had begotten Lamech seven hundred eighty-two years, and he begot more sons and daughters. And all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty-nine years, and he died. And Lamech lived a hundred eighty-two years and begot a son. And he called his name Noah, saying, This one will give us rest from our work and from the toil of our hands, which come because of the ground which Jehovah has cursed

Being Taken by God

Enoch's being taken by God meant that he was taken out of that evil age, which was ungodly and unrighteous. (Gen.5:21-22) Not only was he exempted from suffering the judgment of the catastrophe concerning which he prophesied, but he even did not have to see the death that all fallen men must pass through. Death is the ultimate destiny of fallen man. It is not only those who forsake God's way of redemption and life and take the way of death who must die; even those who take the way of God's redemption and life, and who live according to God's revelation and for God's will, are subject to death. However, Enoch found the way to escape death. By walking with God for three hundred years, fully enjoying God's salvation, he lived a life that enabled him to escape the power of death, to overcome the destruction of death. Therefore, God took him away, separating him from death so that he did not see death. This is God's ultimate salvation, the ultimate consummation of God's salvation.

Gen.5:21-22 And Enoch lived sixty-five years and begot Methuselah. And Enoch walked with God after he had begotten Methuselah three hundred years, and he begot more sons and daughters.

Becoming the Representative of All the Overcomers Who Will Be Raptured While They Are Living

Enoch walked with God and was taken by God while he was living. Thus, he also is a model, representing all the overcomers who will be raptured while they are living. This signifies that all who take God's way of redemption and life by calling on Him, enjoying His riches, and walking and living with Him can receive grace to such an extent that they will not see death (**John 8:51; 11:26**). Elijah, the overcoming prophet in the Old Testament, was raptured while he was living (**2Kings 2:11**). In the future, when the Lord returns, the overcoming believers, because they live soberly and watchfully, will be raptured while they are living, not having to see death. Thus they will escape the great tribulation that is coming upon the whole earth (**Matt. 24:21; Luke 21:34-35; 1Thes.5:3**) and will be taken up to Mount Zion (**Rev.14:1**), where the Lord Jesus has been since the time of His ascension. There they will walk, live, and be with Him forever. All these items are represented by Enoch's walking with God and being taken by God.

John 8:51	Truly, truly, I say to you, If anyone keeps My word, he shall by no means see death forever
John 11:26	And every one who lives and believes into Me shall by no means die forever. Do you believe this?
2Kings 2:11	And as they went on and talked, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared; and they separated the two of them. And Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven
Matt. 24:21	For at that time there will be great tribulation, such as has not occurred from the beginning of the world until now, nor shall by any means ever occur
Luke 21:34-35	But take heed to yourselves lest perhaps your hearts be weighed down with debauchery and drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day come upon you suddenly as a snare. For it will come in upon all those dwelling on the face of all the earth
1Thes.5:3	When they say, Peace and security, then sudden destruction comes upon them, just as birth pangs to a woman with child; and they shall by no means escape
Rev.14:1	And I saw, and behold, the Lamb standing on Mount Zion, and with Him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having His name and the name of His Father written on their foreheads

QUESTIONS

1. Why did Seth name his son Enosh?
2. Describe briefly the blessing of calling on the name of Jehovah.
3. Describe briefly how Enosh became the representative of all those who call on the name of Jehovah.
4. Describe briefly the reason that Enoch walked with God.
5. Describe briefly the issue of Enoch's walking with God.
6. Describe briefly how Enoch became the representative of all the overcomers who will be raptured while they are living.