

**BIBLE STUDY LESSON:  
10 PEOPLE IN THE BOOK OF GENESIS**

**ENOSH**

**Gen 4:25-26** 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. 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.

**I. Knowing His Fragility and Impotence**

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

**II. Calling on the Name of Jehovah and Thus Enjoying His Riches**

- A. 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.
- B. This One who exists forever is everlasting, immortal, ever unchanging, self-existing, and ever-existing.
- C. He is the source of every rich supply and is fully sufficient to meet man's every need.
  - 1. Romans 10:12 says, "For the same Lord of all is rich to all who call upon Him."
  - 2. Whenever a person calls on His name, he will enjoy His rich supply.
  - 3. The name Seth gave to his son indicates that before naming him, Seth may have already begun to call on the name of Jehovah.
  - 4. Therefore, after he gave his son such a name, Genesis 4:26 says that men began to call on the name of Jehovah.
- D. 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.

**III. Becoming the Representative of All Those Who Call on the Name of Jehovah**

- A. 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.
- B. The blessing of calling on the Lord's name continues throughout the entire Bible.
  - 1. 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.
  - 2. In the Old Testament age, Job (Job 12:4; 27:10), Abraham (Gen. 12:8; 13:4; 21:33), Isaac (Gen. 26:25), Moses (Deut. 4:7), Samson (Judg. 15:18; 16:28),

Samuel (1 Sam. 12:18; Psa. 99:6), David (2 Sam. 22:4; Psa. 17:6; 55:16; 116:4; 118:5; 145:18), the psalmist Asaph (Psa. 80:18), the psalmist Heman (Psa. 88:9), Elijah (1 Kings 18:24), Isaiah (Isa. 12:4), Jeremiah (Lam. 3:55, 57), and others all practiced calling on the name of the Lord.

- 3. Also, Isaiah charged God's seekers to call upon the name of the Lord (Isa. 55:6).

**IV. 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.**

- A. 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).
- B. Hence, the psalmists called upon the Lord's name daily (Psa. 88:9).

**V. This became the way in the New Testament by which man can be saved and enjoy God's riches (Rom. 10:10-13).**

- A. Joel the prophet prophesied that people would call upon His name in the year of the New Testament jubilee (Joel 2:32).
  - 1. 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).
- B. The early believers practiced calling on the name of the Lord everywhere (1 Cor. 1:2), and this calling became a popular sign by which Christ's believers were recognized by the unbelievers, especially the persecutors (Acts 9:14, 21).
- C. 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.
  - 1. In this way Saul washed away his sin of persecuting those who called on the name of the Lord (Acts 22:16).
  - 2. Thereafter, he himself also became one who called on the name of the Lord.
  - 3. 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).
- D. He told us that all who seek the Lord out of a pure heart call on the name of the Lord in this way (2 Tim. 2:19, 22).

**FOCUS:** Enosh, who realized the fragility and helplessness of fallen man, sought God's help and followed God's way. Thus, inheriting the blessing of calling on the name of Jehovah, Enosh became a model for man to be saved and to enjoy the entirety of God's rich supply.

**Review Questions**

**Question 1.** Why did Seth name his son Enosh?

**Question 2.** Describe briefly the blessing of calling on the name of Jehovah.

**Questions 3.** Describe briefly how Enosh became the representative of all those who call on the name of Jehovah.