

Hebrews 11:5

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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.

Analysis

Enoch 'was translated that he should not see death' (Genesis 5:24), demonstrating exceptional faith. The phrase 'was not found' indicates a search was made after his translation. 'Before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God'—his faith was evident in his life. His translation without death foreshadows the rapture of believers and proves God can deliver from death entirely.

Historical Context

Enoch walked with God 300 years (Genesis 5:22-24), an extraordinary testimony in the pre-flood world's wickedness. Only he and Elijah escaped death by translation, pointing to Christ's power over death.

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

Hebrews 11:1 — Definition of faith

Study Questions

1. What does it look like to walk with God in a wicked generation?
2. How can your life testimony be that you please God?

Interlinear Text

Πίστει Ἐνώχ μετέθηκεν τοῦ μὴ ἰδεῖν θάνατον καὶ οὐχ
By faith **Enoch** **had translated** ^{G3588} **not** **see** **death** **and** **not**
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εὕρισκετο, διότι μετέθηκεν αὐτοῦ ὁ θεῶ· πρὸ γὰρ
found **because** **had translated** **him** ^{G3588} **God** **before** **for**
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τῆς μεταθέσεως αὐτοῦ μεμαρτύρηται εὐηρεστηκέναι τῷ
^{G3588} **translation** **him** **he had this testimony** **that he pleased** ^{G3588}
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θεῶ·
God
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Additional Cross-References

2 Kings 2:11 (Parallel theme): And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

Jude 1:14 (Parallel theme): And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,

Hebrews 11:6 (Faith): 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.

Psalms 89:48 (Parallel theme): What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave? Selah.

1 John 3:22 (Parallel theme): And whatsoever we ask, we receive of him, because we keep his commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in his sight.

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