

## God's Calling in the Old Testament

### Lesson 3

**GOD CALLED ENOSH AND ENOCH** (Gen. 4:26; 5: 21-24; see Life-study of Gen. 25-26)

#### **Burden to Impart:**

*Enosh, due to his weakness and need, responded to God's calling by being the first man to call upon the Lord. Enoch overcame the ungodly generation around him and even overcame death by believing in God, seeking God, and walking with God.*

#### **Memory Verse:**

“By faith Enoch was translated so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him.” (Hebrews 11:5)

#### **Facts to Teach:**

1. After Cain and Abel, Adam and Eve had another son named Seth. Seth grew up and had a son whom he named Enosh. The name Enosh means “frail, weak, mortal man.”
2. This name, Enosh, shows us that by that time Seth and his family realized that man was a weak and frail creature, and would one day die.
3. Because Enosh realized his own weakness and mortality, he sensed his need for God; the Mighty One, the Eternal One, the All-Sufficient One. He was the first man that called upon the name of the Lord. The Lord will help us in all of our weaknesses and will meet our every need, if we will only call upon Him. By calling upon Him we may:
  - a. Be saved (Rom. 10:13).
  - b. Be rescued from distress, trouble, sorrow, and pain (Psa. 116:3-4).
  - c. Participate in the Lord's mercy (Psa. 86:5).
  - d. Partake of the Lord's salvation (Psa. 116:13; Isa. 12:2-4).
  - e. Receive the Spirit (Acts 2:17, 21).
  - f. Eat and drink the spiritual food and drink (Isa. 55:1, 6).
  - g. Enjoy the riches of the Lord (Rom. 10:12).
  - h. Stir ourselves up to answer God's calling (Isa. 64:7)
4. Another great man whom God called long ago was Enoch (Gen. 5:21-24; Heb. 11:5-6). At Enoch's time the people all around him were living as though there was no God. They were all living in ungodliness and wickedness, both in the things they would do and say (Jude 15).
5. Enoch, however, believed in God. He realized that God would one day judge all men and all wickedness (Jude 14). Also, He believed that God reward all those who loved Him and sought Him out.
6. Enoch answered God's call to not participate in the corruption and ungodliness of his generation by doing three things: believing in God, seeking God out, and walking with God.

7. Enoch lived lovingly in God's presence and faithfully walked with God, step by step, day by day, for three hundred years. To walk with a person you must watch them very closely, follow where they go, move at their pace, and stay close to them. To do this one must deny their self.
8. One day Enoch did not come home. They looked for him but did not find him. He walked with God until one day God simply took him away to be with Himself. Enoch is one of the only two men on this earth who never saw death. He saw God.

[This lesson may be divided into two lessons: one lesson on Enosh and one lesson on Enoch]