

Big Idea:
To walk by faith is to live for victory.

FAITH
AS OUR
FUTURE
HEBREWS 11:5-6

1.) A sublime VICTORY lies ahead (v. 5, Genesis 5:21-24).

- Enoch's example proves that there is an amazing, somewhat mysterious destination entirely separate from this world.
- God removed Enoch completely from this world and translated him into heaven.
- **Enoch's story prefigures the RAPTURE** (1 Thessalonians 4:15-17).
 - There is an unimaginably blessed victory for everyone who is "taken up" by God.

2.) This victory comes only by FAITH (v. 5-6).

- The victory described in the Rapture is a victory only given to those who walk by faith (Luke 18:7-8).
- Enoch was commended as one who pleased God (v. 5) and pleasing God is all about faith (v. 6).

Three Elements of Enoch's Faith (v. 6)

a.) Victorious faith believes that God is who he says he is.

- *"...must believe that he exists..."*

b.) Victorious faith believes that God does what He says He'll do.

- *"...and that he rewards those who seek him."*

c.) Victorious faith PURSUES God.

- *"...those who seek him..."*

- Enoch didn't merely acknowledge God's Person and promises; he lived by them as well.

- **Earnestly seeking God means living each day with God as our goal** (1 Corinthians 10:31, Philippians 3:7-9).

3.) Walking by faith means living for ultimate VICTORY (1 Corinthians 9:24-25, Philippians 3:13-14).

– **It is thoroughly biblical to live to win, so long as you understand the terms of victory.**

a.) Victory in the end will be measured by sincere **HUMILITY** (1 Peter 5:5-6, Luke 14:11).

b.) Victory in the end will be measured by selfless **SERVICE** (Mark 10:42-44).

c.) Victory in the end will be measured by our **MOTIVES** (1 Corinthians 4:5, Colossians 3:23-2).

d.) Victory in the end will be measured by what faith **PRODUCES** (1 Corinthians 3:12-15).

e.) Victory in the end is about earnestly **SEEKING** God today (v. 6, Matthew 6:33).

– These parameters of victory are not substitutes for faith, but evidence of it.

– **Make no mistake: There will be winners and losers on the last day.**

– The difference between victory and defeat will be measured by the degree to which we have walked by faith (Matthew 9:29).

Conclusion: Live to WIN

– A life of faith is a life lived in such a way as to win in the end.

– To live for real victory, we must live each day as an earnest pursuit of God.

– Based upon our conviction that God is what He says He is and does what He says He will do, let us, like Enoch, walk with God so that we, like Enoch, may be transported with joy into His kingdom.