

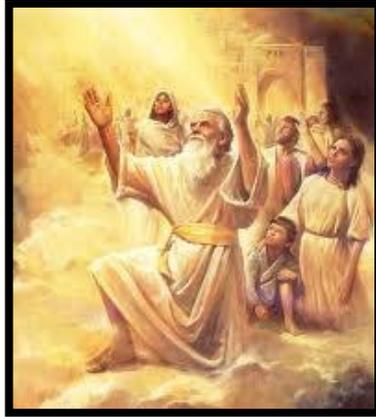


FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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BEGINNING WITH GOD #5

Genesis 3:24; 4:16 - 5:24



TAKEN BY GOD (Enoch)

SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK

Repeat 2x with congregation:

2 Corinthians 5:7

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

GOD’S PURPOSE FOR ME

JESUS, I LOVE YOU, SO I PRAY

TAKE ME AND USE ME EVERY DAY

1. INTRODUCTION: Did you remember to rule over sin and not let anger get a foot in the door of your heart this week? God expected Cain, and expects us, to rule over sin by making those angry thoughts be obedient to the Gospel of peace so that anger cannot come in to our hearts. But Cain did not rule over anger; so his anger turned to rage and he killed his brother Abel. Cain’s sin separated him from his family, like our sin separates us from God. It is impossible to walk with Jesus when we let pride rule in our hearts. By making wrong sacrifices with a rebellious heart, we can like Cain, lose the life God had planned for us, and ultimately, without being born again, would die the second death.

2. LIFE PARABLE - The Yard Sale



Lee was excited because it was that time of year when he could make a few extra dollars. “Gather clothes and toys you don’t need any more and bring them to the garage for the Yard Sale!” said Dad. “I know what we can sell,” said Lee, “we can sell that tree-house race track I made, I think someone will pay a lot of money for it!” So Lee gathered the pieces together with a couple of cars, and brought the box to the garage.

On the morning of the Yard Sale, Lee helped set things out on tables, and he was a great help taking care of the little kids in the back yard. After lunch, Lee came out front to see how the sale was going, and saw that Mom had marked down his box from \$10 to \$5 to \$2. There was a mother and her little boy looking at the sign, but Mom could not even get them to pay 25 cents! “I’m sorry Lee, I tried to sell it for you but everyone who looked thinks it isn’t worth very much,” she explained. “Wait!” shouted Lee to the little boy and his mother, “That’s a tree house race track and it’s a lot better than the ones you can buy at the store!” Lee took the tracks from the box, connecting them one by one, round and round up the tree until the tracks reached the lowest branch. Then he climbed up to place the cars at the top and said, “Ready, set, go!” He flicked the cars with the tip of his finger and the race was on! You could hear the cars swooshing round and round, and down through the tracks until they reached the ground! The little boy squealed in delight and begged his mother to buy the racetrack so she offered the \$2 marked down price, but a man who was watching said, “I’ll pay you \$5!” And another said, “I’ll pay you \$10!” The three of them kept bidding until one of them walked away with Lee’s tree house race track invention after paying him \$15! “I don’t believe it!” exclaimed Mom, I couldn’t give that thing away! How did you get them to buy it?” Dad smiled and said, “It just took a touch from the designer’s hand.”

Some days we may feel we are not worth very much, but when we let our Designer, Jesus, take our life and put it in order, like Lee put the racetrack in order, then our real value will shine! Do you talk to Jesus every day? Talk to Jesus and listen to Him, and Jesus will show you how to make your life be worth a great value!

3. UNBELIEF CAUSED DISORDER, HEARTACHE, AND SUFFERING FOR ADAM & HIS FAMILY.

Genesis 3:24 Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. ¹⁷ And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it... So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden Cherubims and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.”



Because Adam and Eve chose to follow Satan, not only did their physical bodies begin the process of dying that very day, but they were now spiritually separated from God by their sin, and lost the close relationship they had enjoyed as children of their Daddy, God.

Isaiah 59:2 “But your iniquities have separated between you and your God and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.”

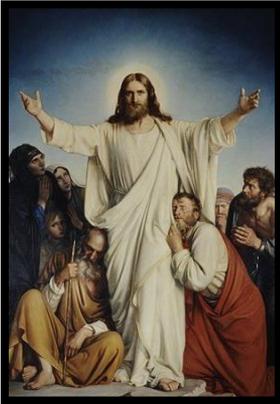
Forever after, their children, grandchildren, and all of us, are not born naturally immersed in God’s Holy Spirit as glorified humans by nature, but are born as fallen humans subject to sin and death, and spiritually separated from God.

Ephesians 2:1-3 “And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.”

Dead in trespasses and sins means that our sins have caused us to be dead to the things of God. Children of wrath are those who refuse salvation and only care about pleasing themselves with things that are harmful and cannot bring lasting happiness like Jesus does.

4. GOD ALWAYS HAD A PLAN TO SAVE ALL MEN: HE TOOK ON HIMSELF, ADAM'S UNGLORIFIED FALLEN NATURE OF FLESH SO THAT HE MIGHT REDEEM US.

Our Lord Jesus Christ made a way for us to be adopted into the family of God, so we can know Him as our Daddy and be raised up to live forever with Him in heaven! Jesus in form being the Spirit who is God, became flesh to pay the penalty for sin.



*1 Timothy 3:16 “And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: **God was manifest in the flesh**, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.”*

Jesus was born in the fallen body of a servant, with the veil of flesh between He and the Spirit form that He shared with the Father, until the resurrection when His body was transformed into a perfect glorified body.

*Hebrews 10:19-20 “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, **through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.**”*

All men, even after being born again and spiritually reconnected to God, are still a mortal, fallen body of flesh, that is subject to death until Jesus comes at the resurrection. Paul served the Lord with all his heart, but recognized he was still subject to sin and death, and longed for resurrection when the dead will rise up alive with Jesus!

*Romans 7:23-24 “But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. ²⁴ **O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?**”*

*2 Corinthians 5:4 “For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: **not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.**”*

5. OUR HOPE IS NOT IN DEATH BUT IN RESURRECTION WHEN THE LIVING ARE INSTANTLY CHANGED.

Paul did not groan to be unclothed as a disembodied spirit, but longed for Jesus to come at the LAST TRUMP when both the sleeping dead and the living, will be clothed in immortality.



1 Corinthians 15:51-53 “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, **at the last trump**: for the trumpet shall sound, and **the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.** ⁵³ **For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.**”

Philippians 3:20-21 “For our conversation is in heaven; from whence also we look for the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: ²¹ **Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body,** according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.”

Though in His form as God, Jesus took upon Himself the nature of a fallen man, even as the Father of Spirit, He lived in that veil of flesh as our Lord Jesus Christ, performing salvation and miracles.

John 14:10 “Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but **the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.**”

Adam and Eve were guilty for their own sins and paid the consequence of being both spiritually separated from God, and they became mortal humans subject to death, so producing offspring with fallen human bodies subject to death. IN THE DAY THEY ATE OF THE FRUIT, AS GOD SAID, THEY DIED.

Our baptism does not remove the consequence of original sin, but God made the way for us to be spiritually reconnected, alive in Him, promising the **deposit of His Spirit as guarantee of salvation to come at the resurrection, when this mortal puts on immortality!**

6. GOD GAVE CAIN A NEW FAMILY BUT HE CHOSE TO LIVE IN UNBELIEF.

Genesis 4:17-24 And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he builded a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. ¹⁸ And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael: and Mehujael begat Methusael: and Methusael begat Lamech. ¹⁹ And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. ²⁰ And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents, and of such as have cattle. ²¹ And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and organ. ²² And Zillah, she also bare Tubalcain, an instructor of every artificer in brass and iron: and the sister of Tubalcain was Naamah. ²³ And Lamech said unto his wives, Adah and Zillah, Hear my voice; ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: for I have slain a man to my wounding, and a young man to my hurt. ²⁴ If Cain shall be avenged sevenfold, truly Lamech seventy and sevenfold”

When *Cain* left Eden, he moved to Nod, married and started a new family. He built a city for his first son and had many children. Cain’s great, great grandsons were named Jabal, Jubal, and Tubal-Cain.

Jabal was father of those who take care of livestock and live in tents. Jubal was the father of those who play the harp and flute.

Tubal-Cain was the father of those who make tools of bronze and iron.



Cain did not teach his family to worship God. They followed wicked ways instead of God's ways, and they began to worship false gods they made for themselves. No matter how smart or talented anyone may be, sin robs you of happiness that God planned for you.

7. GOD GIVES ALL MEN GIFTS AND A WILL TO CHOOSE.

God creates each one of us for a great purpose and gives us talents to become great people. Choosing life without God does not take away the gifts and talents He gave you. But when you use those gifts selfishly, the world misses out on God's real purpose for you.



OBJECT LESSON: (*Prepare 3 jewelry boxes with bows: Inside 1st Box: dirty rock, Inside 2nd Box: empty, Inside 3rd Box: jewels & picture of Jesus*)

I have three Boxes of Treasure! *Each looks like it must be holding something very special! Would you like to open one and see what is inside? (Choose 3 children to open boxes).*

*Inside the **first one** is: a **dirty rock!** Are you surprised? With such a beautiful package on the outside, you would think something of great value was inside. We can spend a lot of time and money to look really good on the outside, but inside, forget to cleanse our heart, how embarrassing for someone to see your dirty heart!*

*Inside the **second box** is: it is **empty!** Sometimes people may look very spiritual and important, and speak beautiful words, but inside, they might be hurting and empty, just like this beautiful empty box.*

*Inside the **third box** are **beautiful jewels** with a **picture of Jesus** inside. Only the precious jewels of Jesus' words hidden inside our hearts will last forever, and count when Jesus comes!*

Some of us will choose to follow Jesus and some will not. It makes us sad for the ones who choose sin and unbelief and become like this (**empty shell**), but we can be happy and thankful for those in our family who choose to love Jesus and have faith in God (**jewels**), and we can pray the others be filled with Jesus until all are saved!

Romans 8:10-11; 14-15 *“And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.”¹¹ But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you...¹⁴ For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.¹⁵ For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but **ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.**”*

8. EVERYONE MUST CHOOSE TO BELIEVE OR SUFFER THE CONSEQUENCES OF UNBELIEF.



The future children of Adam were commanded to separate themselves from the wicked children of Cain. Sin is removed from the camp so that believers can remain pure.



Numbers 14:28 *Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the LORD, as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you.*”

From the beginning we find a recurring principle that appears in God’s word throughout the Bible, that is the creation principle of words that are spoken: that we receive that which our mouth speaks.

Luke 6:45 *“A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.”*

1 Corinthians 10:10-11 *“Neither murmur ye, **as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.** ¹¹ Now all these things happened unto them for examples: and **they are written for our admonition,** upon whom the ends of the world are come.”*

Jesus was without sin, and we, with a spirit born again of Him, abiding in Jesus every moment, we can live a life without sin; but until the redemption of our bodies at the resurrection, we are still a fallen people living in a fallen world and subject to sin. Our God took upon Himself the fallen nature of an unglorified human man, so that by being fully human and capable of sinning yet without sin, He could be the Lamb without spot, the redeemer of the world!

2 Peter 1:4 *“Whereby are given to us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these **ye might be partakers of the divine nature,** having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.”*

So do not choose the lust of the world, but choose life in Jesus!

9. WAS IT GOD'S WILL THAT ADAM, EVE AND CAIN SHOULD SIN FOR HIS GREATER PURPOSE, OR AS SOME PREACHER'S SAY IT WAS HIS "PERMISSIVE WILL"?

Is it God's permissive will for every good or evil thing that happens because "God controls all that happens?" Is God there watching and permissively willing the rape, torture and murder of every child, every accident, every tragedy, every divorce, and every cruelty, because He is Sovereign and controls all things?is this true?

Hosea 4:6 "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: *because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, ...that thou shalt be no priest to me, seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*"

God is not standing by planning every atrocity of man, nor does He plan for married persons to fall in love with someone other than their spouse, but some do. Families fall apart and suffer like Cain and his family **because they will not believe in God and so be saved.** But what of the scripture that says Jesus promised to never leave us?

Hebrews 13:5-6 "Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: *for he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee.* ⁶ So that we may boldly say, *The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*"

The above verse was given to the early suffering Christians to assure them that no matter what tortures men devised to do to them, God would not forsake them. God promises He will not forsake those who are walking with Him so they should not be afraid of what man can do to them. To presumptuously excuse blatant sin against God preaching that God cannot leave or else He is a liar, presumes something that God did not say, and is simply not true.

1 John 1:6-7 "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."



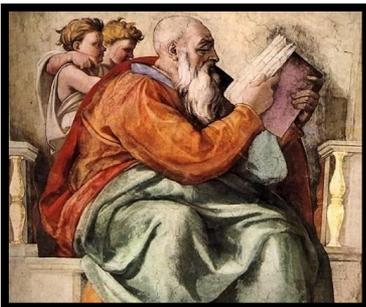
10. ADAM LIVED TO TELL SEVEN GENERATIONS ABOUT THE LOVE OF GOD.

Genesis 4:25-26 “And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For God, said she, hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew. ²⁶ And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enos: then began men to call upon the name of the LORD.”

After Cain moved away, God gave Adam and Eve a new baby boy they named Seth. Seth grew up and had children – and only then in the third generation from sin, did Adam's family of hundreds of people **began to call on the name of the Lord and walk in faith.**

Deuteronomy 7:9-12 “Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; ¹⁰ And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. ¹¹ Thou shalt therefore keep the commandments, and the statutes, and the judgments, which I command thee this day, to do them. ¹² Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep, and do them, that the LORD thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant and the mercy which he sware unto thy fathers.”

Genesis 5:1-23 “This is the book of the generations of Adam....”



Adam was 130 years old when Seth was born, and he lived to be **930** years old! Why do you suppose Adam could live so long? Well, when Adam lived, **the earth was new and the atmosphere was like a greenhouse.** The fresh misty atmosphere protected the earth from the rays of the sun, and men had not polluted the earth and air

like it is today. Also, **Adam's body had not suffered generations of disease and poor nutrition** so his body could live to a very old age to tell many about their living, loving God in heaven!

11. BECAUSE ENOCH BELIEVED, HE WAS CAUGHT UP TO BE WITH GOD!

Do you remember that God said that the day Adam and Eve disobeyed and chose to sin, they would die? And they did begin to die that very day because their sin separated them from God's glory.

Seth lived to be **912** years old and he died. His son **Enosh** lived to be **905** years old and he died. His son **Cainan** lived to be **910** years old and he died. His son **Mahalalel** lived to be **895** years old and he died. His son **Jared** lived to be **962** years old and he died. And His son **Enoch** lived to be **365** **but he never died!**



Why do you think Enoch did not have to die? Will we have to die? Enoch is a picture of those who are found walking with God when Jesus comes, so they will be caught up into the clouds just like Enoch!



Genesis 5:24 “*And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.*”

Jesus showed us how we will rise up to heaven, while His disciples watched, and He is coming again for all those who love Him!



Acts 1:9-11 “*And when He had spoken these things, while they beheld, He was taken up; and a cloud received Him out of their sight. And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel; which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into Heaven.*”

12. ENOCH WALKED BY FAITH, AND NOT BY SIGHT.

Jude 14-16 “And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, **Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints,** ¹⁵ **To execute judgment upon all,** and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. ¹⁶ These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage.”



There were wicked men of Enoch's time, just like the wicked men we have of our time, who would not obey God. **Enoch was not “seeker sensitive” with his message, no, he warned them that God was coming in the clouds to judge them!** Do you think they got angry at him? Sure they did, but Enoch kept on preaching and God rewarded him! One day when Enoch was 365 years old, he got to be the very first Superman when God caught him up to be with Him forever in heaven!

Hebrews 11:5 “By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death and was not found because God had taken him; for **before he was taken he had this testimony that he pleased God.**”

1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 “For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven...and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”

Because of his faith, Enoch was taken straight up to heaven! How wonderful to live in beautiful heaven with Jesus and never have to die! **Jesus is coming in the clouds for those who believe in Him!** Does the Bible tell us what those people will be like when Jesus comes? Yes it does!

13. WHAT KIND OF BELIEVERS WILL JESUS BE LOOKING FOR AT HIS COMING?



Revelation 14:12 “Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.”

When Jesus comes He is looking for those who are found still keeping His 10 Commandments that are written in the hearts of those who love Him:

Jeremiah 31:33 “But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.”

Hebrews 8:10 “. ”

John 14:21 “He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him.”

Gentiles who believe are adopted into Israel as one people of God - God’s commandments are about love! IF we love Him we will be found keeping His commandments. The Old Testament law with 613 commandments attached to penalties was tedious, and keeping the letter of that law was death - but the 10 Commandments are about God’s love and that is why they are to be kept close to our hearts: the first four commandments are about how to love our God and the last six commandments are about how to love each other; that is why Jesus said if we love Him we will keep them.

John 8:24 “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins.”

Luke 18:7-8 “And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them? ⁸ I tell you that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?”

14. ENOCH HEART WAS FULL OF FAITH! WHEN JESUS COMES, WILL HE FIND FAITH IN YOUR HEART?

John 3:16 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”

Is your heart like the box filled with jewels, because you have Jesus living in your heart? Or does your heart feel like the beautiful box that is empty inside? You can ask Jesus to forgive your sin and come into your heart right now! Do you need to let go of something you are holding back? Completely give all of your heart to Jesus.

1 John 1:9 “If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

Jesus wants you to know Him as your best friend and tell Him how you feel so He can cleanse you from every spot and make you whole! But still we all ask, “How can I have faith like Enoch?”

Hebrews 11:6 “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.”



Enoch was **diligent** in seeking God in his prayers. Jesus loves to answer your prayers when you believe His word. **Believe God’s word with all your heart because He loves you** and He is coming soon!

Romans 10:17 “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.”

Your faith will grow when you read and pray God’s word **out loud!** As you **hear** God’s word, faith will come, stronger & stronger until it is as natural to you as breathing! Will we be like Enoch and be ready to go when Jesus comes? AMEN!!!

15. GOD'S PURPOSE FOR ME

Jesus loves you so much that He became a man to suffer and shed His own blood on the cross to pay the penalty of death for your sins so that by faith you can live forever with Him in heaven. God's purpose for our lives is that we abide in Him and be ready for His soon coming!



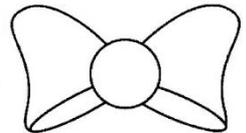
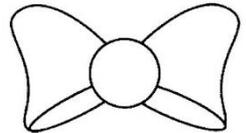
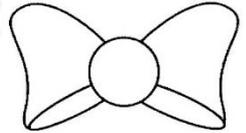
1. Bringing our lives into the order God created, by following the way of His Commandments, brings more value to our lives.
2. Adam and Eve's children were born into a sinful world that resulted from parents following Satan's ways instead of God's.
3. Listening to Satan's lies and following his ways of unbelief instead of God's, will bring heartache and suffering to your life.
4. Many die in sin because they do not know the way of the Lord.
5. The results of sinning lasts for generations, but when one person turns to Jesus, the result of blessing lasts for generations.
6. Even when evil men use their God given gifts for evil purposes, God does not take back the gifts that He gives to all men.
7. God gives you wonderful gifts to bless yourself and others, and choosing to use your talents to please God, brings Him glory.
8. God gave Cain's children talents to invent tools and musical instruments.
9. Enoch did not die because he lived his life to please God.
10. Believe and serve Jesus with all your heart and you will be caught up to live with Him forever, just like Enoch!

Dear Father God, Thank you for loving me and coming to live in my heart. Help me to choose to hear only Your voice so I will follow Your way, and help me to read your word and pray so my faith will grow like Enoch's faith and I will know you better as my very closest friend, in Jesus name, Amen.



**Enoch was caught up to Heaven!
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Directions:

1. Enlarge & copy to Cardstock.
2. Color & cut out kite and bows.
3. Staple wood sticks to back of kite.
4. Staple bows to 14" length of yarn.
5. Tie end of yarn to bottom of kite.
6. Tie 3' length of string to crossed sticks at back of kite.
7. Run & fly Enoch up to Heaven!