

In contrast to Cain and to his race is the race of Seth. To Seth is born a son, Enos, and "then began man to call upon the name of the Lord." Even in these early ages there seems to have been a distinction according to which men belonged either to the kingdom of sin or to the kingdom of God. Cain and his descendants had openly joined the kingdom of sin; Seth and his descendants stood apart and were known as having some knowledge and fear of God.

Enoch stands out pre-eminently among the latter because he had faith in God, and God was to him a reality, a living Personality, an existent ever-present Being. Towards Him his whole life turned, for he walked with God. "Can two walk together except they be agreed?" He must have been pure in heart, for it is the pure in heart who see God. Moreover, we see that he was no recluse living a life of solitary communion and fellowship with God, for he played his part in life, he begat sons and daughters, he cared for the condition of those around him. He prophesied of the judgment to come, and of the responsibility which each man had because of that judgment. He prophesied that they would have to give account, not only of their ungodly deeds, but also of their hard speeches which they had spoken against God (Jude 14 and 15).

The story of Enoch is of peculiar interest for two other reasons. He was the seventh son from Seth, just as Lamech was the seventh from Cain. As Lamech breathed the pride of life, so Enoch breathed the beauty of spiritual communion with God; and he showed that such spiritual life and communion was possible even when wickedness was at the height it reached during the lifetime of Lamech. Men were daring not only ungodly deeds but hard speeches against God; Enoch dared a life of protest against the surrounding evil, a life of purity and of communion with God.

The second point of peculiar interest is that he "was not, for God took him." We sometimes notice how little there is in the Old Testament about the resurrection from the dead. If men feared God, earthly prosperity was promised to them as their reward, and we long to know how much