



MAKING GOD SMILE **"By Living Like Enoch" Hebrews 11:1-6**

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Enoch may not be a household name, but in his day, he had a great reputation. He was known as a man who pleased God. He made God smile because he walked with God "in a loving, trusting relationship. Enoch knew "without faith it is impossible to please God."

I. An Example of Living by Faith Which Makes God Smile.

- A. Enoch "walked with God." Genesis 5:22, 24
- B. Enoch had a solid testimony in troubled times. Hebrews 11:5
- C. Enoch knew the difference between godliness and ungodliness. Jude 14-15
- D. Enoch spoke the truth to people reluctant to listen.
- E. Enoch anticipated the ultimate triumph of the Lord.

II. An Explanation of the Faith that Makes God Smile.

- A. Faith that grasps the basis of hope. Hebrews 11:1
- B. Faith that understands the reality of the invisible.
- C. Faith that believes that God is the key to the universe. Hebrews 11:2
- D. Faith that perseveres in the face of opposition. Hebrews 10:38
- E. Faith that lays hold of the salvation God alone provides. Hebrews 10:39

III. An Experience of the Faith Life that Makes God Smile.

- A. A faith that concludes there is ample evidence that God exists. Hebrews 11:6
- B. A faith that believes that God genuinely cares.
- C. A faith that chooses to "come to Him" in confidence. See e.g. Acts 7:31
 - 1. Hebrews 4:16
 - 2. Hebrews 7:25
 - 3. Hebrews 10:22
- D. A faith that pursues God earnestly and sincerely.
 - 1. 1 Peter 1:10
 - 2. Romans 3:11
- E. A faith that anticipates heaven's reward.

Points to Ponder: Does my faith life bring a smile or a frown to the face of God?