

Enoch and His People Are Taken Up to God

Genesis 5:24; Hebrews 11:5; Moses 6:26–39; 7:1–21, 67–69

And the Lord called his people Zion, because they were of one heart and one mind, and dwelt in righteousness; and there was no poor among them. Moses 7:18

Enoch was a great prophet in ancient times. When he was young the Lord called him to preach repentance to the people (see Moses 6:27). Enoch did not feel qualified for this great work, and he bowed himself before the Lord and asked, “Why is it that I have found favor in thy sight, and am but a lad, and all the people hate me; for I am slow of speech?” (Moses 6:31). The Lord blessed Enoch and promised to protect him and give him the words he should speak if Enoch would go forth and obey (see Moses 6:32). Enoch taught his people as the Savior instructed. He was so obedient and faithful that he was blessed to see the Lord and talk with Him face to face (see Moses 7:4). Enoch’s faith was so great

that even the mountains and rivers moved according to his command (see Moses 7:13).

Many of the people Enoch preached to believed his words and repented. They kept the commandments of God and lived so righteously that “the Lord came and dwelt with [them]” (Moses 7:16). Enoch and his people received great blessings because of their faithfulness. They built a city called the City of Holiness, or Zion, where the people lived in peace, unity, and prosperity (see Moses 7:18–19). As the people of Enoch followed the Lord, they became more like Him. They grew so righteous that they were taken up to heaven without tasting death to live forever in the presence of God.

Summary

When Enoch was a young man the Lord told him to tell the people to repent. Enoch told the people what the Lord had said. Many believed Enoch’s words, repented, and were baptized. These people built a city, Zion, where they lived

together in peace, sharing all they had. The people in Zion became so righteous that they were taken up to heaven to live forever in the presence of God.

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