

LIVING IN HIS DESTINY (OUR DESTINY)

“ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD; THEN HE WAS NO MORE, BECAUSE **GOD TOOK HIM AWAY.**” GENESIS 5:24; NIV TRANSLATION *ALSO READ; JUDE 14-25 AND HEBREWS 11:5

ALL THAT IS - BEGAN WITH GOD - WAS CREATED AND FORMED IN HIS IMAGE AND ULTIMATELY FINDS ITS CREATIVE PURPOSE IN HIS DESTINY(OUR DESTINY). MUCH OF HUMAN HISTORY PRESENTS A RECORD OF HUMANKIND - FORGETTING OUR ORIGIN. WE HAVE, THROUGHOUT MUCH OF HISTORY, FOLLOWED OUR OWN NATURAL INSTINCTS – SEEKING OUR OWN DESTINY. WE DESPERATELY TRY TO CREATE OUR OWN VERSION OF THE HUMAN STORY. WE WANDER AIMLESSLY, IGNORING THE DIVINE COMPASS WITHIN US, MISSING, OUR “TRUE DESTINY”. WE ARE ALL TOO OFTEN UNWILLING TO FACE UP TO THE REASON BEHIND SO MANY OF OUR HUMAN STRUGGLES. WE RESIST THE IDEA THAT IT IS IN THE ABANDONMENT OF A PURE - RELIANCE ON GOD - THAT WE FIND OURSELVES LOST, SUFFERING AND FAILING. THE STORY OF ENOCH MAKES US AWARE OF THE DISTINCTIVE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING WILLING TO ACCEPT GOD AS OUR GOD - INSTEAD OF BEING DETERMINED TO BE OUR OWN GOD. ENOCH WAS A SON OF CAIN, GEN 4:17,18. WHEN ENOCH WAS BORN, HIS FATHER - CAIN WAS BUILDING A CITY, IN FACT, CAIN NAMED THE CITY HE BUILT, AFTER HIS SON, ENOCH. ENOCH WAS THE SEVENTH GENERATION IN LINE, DOWN FROM ADAM, AND HE PROPHESED ABOUT THE LORD'S DISAPPOINTMENT IN THOSE WHO LIVED LIVES THAT DENIED THE SOVEREIGNTY OF THE LORD AND WHO WERE PURSUING A DESTINY OF THEIR OWN MAKING, AND WHO SPOKE HARSH WORDS AGAINST THE LORD. BY FAITH, ENOCH WAS TAKEN FROM THIS LIFE, HE DID NOT EXPERIENCE DEATH; NO ONE COULD FIND HIM, BECAUSE GOD HAD TAKEN HIM AWAY. HE WAS COMMENDED AS ONE WHO PLEASSED GOD. ENOCH WAS A MAN WHO "UNDERSTOOD THE DIFFERENCE" – AND WHO LIVED IN GOD'S DESTINY.

WHAT WILL BE SAID ABOUT YOUR LIFE? WHAT WILL YOUR EPITAPH BE? ARE YOU LIVING IN HIS DESTINY?.....OR ONE OF YOUR OWN CREATION?

MY PRAYER: DEAR FATHER, HELP ME TO SEE WITH YOUR EYES AND TO KNOW MY PLACE IN YOUR CREATIVE WORK. HELP ME TO HUMBLE MYSELF ON BENT KNEE BEFORE YOU AND TO SEEK YOUR DESTINY IN MY LIFE. HELP ME TO HOLD ON TO THE EXAMPLE OF SUCH A MAN OF FAITH AS ENOCH, AND TO LIVE IN SUCH A WAY THAT YOU, FATHER, WILL TAKE ME ALSO – AWAY FROM THE CARES OF THIS WORLD TO LIVE WITH YOU, FOREVER, AND EVER. FATHER, HELP ME TO APPLY MYSELF TO DEEPER UNDERSTAND AND INTERNALIZE THE TRUTH OF YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND YOUR PURPOSES FOR YOUR CREATION - SO THAT IT MAY BE KNOWN OF MY LIFE – THAT I HAVE LIVED IN YOUR DESTINY, AND NOT MY OWN. FATHER, I LONG TO BE WITH YOU IN YOUR PRESENCE.

IN THE NAME OF JESUS, AMEN