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## **“Evaluating Exceptional Enoch”**

**“The path of life leads upward for the prudent, that he may turn away from Sheol beneath.” (Proverbs 15:24)**

### **Upward Orientation**

**Genesis 5:18-24** – (18) “When Jared had lived 162 years he fathered Enoch. (19) Jared lived after he fathered Enoch 800 years and had other sons and daughters. (20) Thus all the days of Jared were 962 years, and he died. (21) When Enoch had lived 65 years, he fathered Methuselah. (22) Enoch walked with God after he fathered Methuselah 300 years and had other sons and daughters. (23) Thus all the days of Enoch were 365 years. (24) Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him.”

### **Emulating Enoch’s Upward Orientation**

**Hebrews 11:5-6** – (5) “By faith Enoch was taken up so that he should not see death, and he was not found, because God had taken him. Now before he was taken he was commended as having pleased God. (6) And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

**Colossians 3:1-2** – (1) “If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. (2) Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”

**Philippians 2:20-21** – (20) “For I have no one like (*Timothy*), who will be genuinely concerned for your welfare. (21) For they all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ.”

### **Identifying Soul-Anchors**

**“...we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the**

soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf...” (Hebrews 6:18-20)

“And with many other words did (*Peter*) testify and exhort, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this untoward generation (*genea from genos – stock, kin, common descent*).’” (Acts 2:40 KJV)

**Where does my heart drift towards?**

**What would convince onlookers that I have an exceptional orientation like Enoch?**

**What am I living for – the rewards of this world/life or the rewards of God?**

**What characterizes people who are ‘rapture-prepped’?**

“So Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.” (Hebrews 9:28)

(ESV used unless otherwise noted)

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