

**Genesis 5**

In this chapter the Biblical narrative moves rapidly through the generations. It follows the righteous son- Seth. About 1100 years transpires between the creation of Adam and the birth of Noah. The listing of generations indicates the length of years that people lived in those early days. The longevity of life is a testament to the more friendly environment of that time before the flood.

There is much than could be taught in this chapter. It is a chapter of tombstones- speaking to us today.

For the purposes of our study, I want us to just look at the intervention of God found in Gen. 5:22-24 and the issue of time itself.

We read of Enoch walking with God- then he was no more. All the others we read of their life and death- yet Enoch just disappears. He is taken away by God.

Hebrews 11:5-6

God is Sovereign over life and death. He can override his own system if He so desires. Enoch was “raptured” off the earth and never experienced physical death as far as we know.

Death and time are so closely related. The time of ones birth- at least the date of it is recorded, as well as the time of our death. We are time travelers. Always moving forward to eternity. Num 7:13-14

A person’s worldview must deal with the issue of death. What happens when a person dies? A secondary question to that question is- what about time? Is it important how I use it or not? If life is meaningless than how I spend my time must be meaningless as well. If it has purpose, then how one spends their time must be important.

The Bible has much to say about time and its relationship to human life.

Every Day we are to choose to serve the Lord. Joshua 24:15

God has a timing for all things. Ecclesiastes. Get in step with him. 3:1

Work and Rest are to be balanced. Exodus 31:12-17

We should live as if our time is short and the actual length is unknown. James 4:13-16

Our respect for God’s sovereignty of time should be reflected in our speech. Yes, literally. It is an outward respect for his authority over our life, death, and the time in between.

Now is the time of salvation. 2 Cor. 6:1-2

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The number of our days are ordained by God. Psalm 139:15-16

This is clearly stated in God's word, yet our comprehension of this fact is limited.

God will be the final judge of all things at the appointed time. 1 Corinthians 4:4-5

1 Corinthians 3:5-15

Rev. 20:7-15

Though God is eternal, he generally works in course of normal time and space- this requires us to be patient. Gen 50:19-21

At times, God will suspend the perception of time and the signs of its passage.

Joshua 10:12-14

2 Kings 20:1-11

We are to make the most of our time on earth. Galatians 6:9-10

After our time is done on earth, eternity remains for the believer and the unbeliever. Rev. 21