

THE WORLD'S OLDEST MAN: GENESIS 5

How old do you wish you could be right now? How long would you like to live? Can you guess how old the oldest man in the world lived to be? Well, today's Bible Story from Genesis Chapter 5 in the beginning of the Bible tells us.

Adam lived to be a very old man. He was nine hundred and thirty years old when he died. His body became dust again as God had said it would because he ate the forbidden fruit from the Garden of Eden. Isn't nine hundred and thirty years a long time for a man to live? But in those days God allowed people to live much longer than He does now. During those years Adam and Eve had many children. The children grew up and had children until there were many, many people in the world.

One of them was named Enoch. The Bible tells us that Enoch walked with God. This means that he loved God and thought about God all the time. It was as though he and God were walking along like friends with Enoch listening to what God was saying and trying to please Him and obey everything God said. When Enoch was three hundred and sixty five years old, God did a wonderful thing for him. He took him up to heaven while he was still alive. So Enoch did not die like other men. I like to imagine that he and God were just walking along together and God said "Enoch come on home with me." So God just took him away to live with him in heaven.

Enoch had a son named Methuselah. Methuselah lived to be nine hundred and sixty nine years old. The Bible does not mention anyone else who lived to be as old as that. So Methuselah is called the oldest man who ever lived.

We live not only here on earth, but also in heaven. Our souls are made to live forever with God. Jesus said, "Do not let your heart be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions. If it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you." This place is prepared for those who know and love the Lord Jesus as their own personal saviour. Have you received Jesus as your Saviour? Meanwhile, as we live here on earth, remember that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. Start reading your Bible today. You can start by reading today's Bible lesson in Genesis Chapter 5.