

January 17–23
Genesis 5; Moses 6

"Teach These Things Freely Unto Your Children"



Adam's Righteous Posterity

Moses 6:1-8

What do we learn about the priesthood and other principles of the gospel from these verses?

Franklin D. Richards

"It was by carrying out these principles and preaching that Adam was saved.... We are preaching the same Gospel that was given to those ancient worthies. You can trace the Priesthood by referring to the Book of Doctrine and Covenants—the holy, high Priesthood that has come down from Adam to Noah, and down through Enoch, Methuselah and the different men of God who lived in ancient times—you can trace it clear back to Adam who was ordained under the hands of God, who told him that that Priesthood should abide in his generations and that it should be on the earth at the end of time." (JD, 26:164)

Adam's Righteous Posterity

Moses 6:22-23

Adam

Seth

Enos

Cainan

Mahalaleel

Jared

Enoch

Methuselah

John Taylor

"Through [apostasy] Cain lost his privilege as firstborn, and the blessing fell on one more worthy, and the rights of the priesthood passed to the next son of Adam, which according to Bible record was Seth, who magnified the Priesthood, honored his birthright, and held the blessing of the Priesthood, which was sealed upon him by his father; and from him it descended upon the righteous of his posterity. There are many instances, from that time forward, of which the scriptures speak of this birthright continuing among the descendants of Seth, until it came to Noah and his sons." (JD, 21:358)

Enoch is Called to Teach the Gospel

Genesis 5:21-24

21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah:

22 And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters:

23 And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years:

24 And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

Enoch is Called to Teach the Gospel

Moses 6:26-27,31-34

How did Enoch react to being called by the Lord?

What did the Lord promise him?

Neal A. Maxwell

"When the prophet Enoch was called, he wondered why and said, 'I... am but a lad, and all the people hate me; for I am slow of speech' (Moses 6:31). Yet Enoch knew that in responding to God the test is not our capability but our availability. Enoch kept the commandments and trusted in the Lord's vision of his possibilities, going on to become the builder of the greatest city of all time.

"Your personal possibilities, not for status and position but for service to God and mankind, are immense, if you will but trust the Lord to lead you from what you are to what you have the power to become." (CR, April 1981)

Enoch is Called to Teach the Gospel

Moses 6:37-39

What does it mean that "all men were offended because of him"?

Joseph B. Wirthlin

"Enoch set aside his fears and did as he was commanded. He traveled among the people, crying with a loud voice, testifying against their works. The scriptures tell us that 'all men were offended because of him.'

"Although many hated Enoch, the humble believed his words. They abandoned their sins and journeyed to higher ground, and 'they were blessed upon the mountains, and upon the high places, and did flourish.' In their case, instead of prosperity leading to pride and sin, it led to compassion and righteousness. '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.'" (CR, Oct 2005)

Enoch Teaches the Plan of Salvation

Moses 6:43-47

Why were the people at the time of Enoch unable to deny his teachings?

Who do they seek counsel from instead of God?

Why do you think that is?

Enoch Teaches the Plan of Salvation

Moses 6:51-54

What was the blessing given to Adam when he repented and was baptized?

D. Todd Christofferson

"We should (and we do) rejoice in the God-ordained plan that permits us to make choices to act for ourselves and experience the consequences.... We are forever grateful that the Savior's Atonement overcame original sin so that we can be born into this world yet not be punished for Adam's transgression. Having been thus redeemed from the Fall, we begin life innocent before God and 'become free forever, knowing good from evil; to act for [ourselves] and not to be acted upon.' (2 Nephi 2:26) We can choose to become the kind of person that we will, and with God's help, that can be even as He is." (CR, Oct. 2014)

Enoch Teaches the Plan of Salvation

Moses 6:64-67

What do you think it means to be quickened in the inner man?

Keith K. Hilbig

"In the Pearl of Great Price, Moses recorded that Adam, having been baptized and having received the Holy Ghost, 'became quickened in the inner man.'

"When we invite the Holy Ghost to fill our minds with light and knowledge, He 'quickens' us, that is to say, enlightens and enlivens the inner man or woman. As a result we notice a measurable difference in our soul. We feel strengthened, filled with peace and joy. We possess spiritual energy and enthusiasm, both of which enhance our natural abilities. We can accomplish more than we otherwise could do on our own. We yearn to become a holier person." (CR, Oct. 2007)

Enoch Teaches the Plan of Salvation

Moses 6:57-60

As we come to a knowledge of the principles and ordinances of the gospel, what are we commanded to do?

Franklin D. Richards

"Adam was taught that he must be born of the water and of the spirit, and in demonstration of this he was caught up by the Spirit and placed in the water and brought forth out of the water.... Then he was baptized by the Holy Ghost and with fire. And the Lord told him to teach those things to his children that they might look forward with him to the time when the Only Begotten should come in the flesh and should be made an offering for the sins of the world. Adam was further told that if he taught these things to his children he and they should have in this life the words of eternal life, and in the life to come eternal life itself. Mark the careful distinction; that if they would keep the commandments they should in this life have the words of eternal life given to them, and in the life to come they should have eternal life itself, and, added the Lord to this great promise, 'thus may all become my sons.'" (JD:26:164)

Ezra Taft Benson

"The new consolidated Sunday meeting schedule has been implemented to give fathers more time on the Sabbath to teach their children. This is a golden opportunity for families to study the scriptures and receive instruction from their parents. Blessed is the household that does this on a consistent basis.

"What should we teach? The Lord has revealed the specific curriculum that parents should teach. Hear His words: 'Teach... unto your children, that all men, everywhere, must repent, or they can in nowise inherit the kingdom of God, for no unclean thing can dwell there, or dwell in his presence.'

"As further noted in this revelation, the fundamental doctrines consist of the doctrine of the Fall, the mission of Christ and His atonement, and the first principles and ordinances of the gospel, which include faith in Christ, repentance, baptism for the remission of sins, and the gift of the Holy Ghost as the means to a sanctified life.

"Brethren, we are to teach the fundamental doctrines of the Church in such a way that our children may understand." (CR, April 1981)

Next Week:

January 24–30

Moses 7

“The Lord Called His People Zion”

