

When God Does the Hiding!





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INTRODUCTION

I'm sure that each of us somewhere along the way has attempted to hide something from someone. Gifts purchased in advance of someone's birthday or for Christmas have been tucked away to be presented later for that special occasion. Parents with children now grown up have listened to their children relate how that so many years ago when the parents thought the gifts were safely hidden, the children found them, examined the box, and knew of the contents before being presented with the gift or gifts. Genuine surprise? Not really. Now follow in the Scripture to see of someone who does some hiding, and is so good at it, that **what He hides cannot be found.**

ENOCH

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." Genesis 5:24 "By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him..." Hebrews 11:5

What a way to go! Enoch walked with God every day, and one day God simply said: "Come Enoch, come with me all the way. Today you are not going back."

To walk with God means you must go God's way, and God's way has never been the way of this corrupt world. See James 4:4

God tucked Enoch away after a lifetime of Godly walk.

ELIJAH

"...there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder: and Elijah **went up** by a whirlwind into heaven." 2 Kings 2:11

"And when the sons of the prophets urged him (Elisha) till he was ashamed, he said, send. They sent therefore fifty men; and they sought three days but **found him not.**" 2 Kings 2:17

Again, latch onto the words, "found him not." Found him not because God tucked him away.

ENTIRE FAMILY OF GOD

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:16-17

- Latch onto the words "caught up" and "with the Lord." Yes, tucked away by God where no one will be able to find us, no one who has been left behind.
- Anyone who is saved, born again, a Christian, a Christ-one, who has acknowledged self as a sinner and called upon the Lord as God to save them, are going to be air-lifted one day. That is the time of the RAPTURE. All systems are go. We are on the launching pad twenty-four hours a day.
- See Deut. 34:5-6 for an account where God once hid a special servant of His and an entire cemetery.
- Are you blood-washed or brain-washed? See Ephesians 1:7 and Romans 5:9.
- Are you white-washed or washed-white? See Matthew 15:6 and Jeremiah 2:22

The imminent (at any moment) return of our Lord is so close, the time when Christians will disappear off the face of the earth. Are you in the family of God? Make sure! Read Romans 10:9-13 and call on HIM to save YOU. You are a heartbeat away from eternity.