

## What it takes to walk with God.

**Genesis 5:24** “*And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.*”

When God says “*Enoch walked with God*” we must ask, how did he walk with God? Some say once Enoch was taken by God then he walked with God, and other say Enoch's life was filled with Enoch walking with God. But if I understand the scripture correctly, Enoch walked with God and that's why God took him, and Enoch walked no more. Let's take Noah as an example, God said in Genesis 6:8 “*But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.*” We may ask, why did Noah find this grace? God said in **Genesis 6:9** “*These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.*” So, what we see here is that these two men, Enoch and Noah was shown great grace from God, one was taken without death and the other survived the flood with his family. Why, why them, they both walked with God. Now let us look at Abraham, God said of Abraham, **Genesis 17:1** “*And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.*” God was telling Abraham that if he was determined to obey, walk before me. And if you do your walk-in life will be complete. Abraham later in chapter 24, speaks of God as “**The Lord before whom I walk.**” Meaning God is whom he walks in as Enoch and Noah did and their walks in life were the reason God blessed them so much. If we want the blessings of God's grace on this earth as Christians we need to walk with God, and **that is not sometimes!** John wrote in **1 John 1:6 - 7** “*If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: (7) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*”

In the New Testament while it is worded slightly differently it is the same. So, in the New Testament we learn that we are to “walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.” **Romans 8:4** “*That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.*” God told us through the Apostle Paul, **Ephesians 4:1** “*I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,*” The word “vocation” means – invitation, or calling, that calling is to walk with God in His light and in fellowship. God also told us walking with Him is **Ephesians 5:15** “*See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,*” circumspectly means - exactly, diligently, or perfectly - in the Spirit therefore walking with God. Walking with God also means we are to walk in faith and not sight, **2 Corinthians 5:7** “*(For we*

*walk by faith, not by sight:*)". All of this is essential if "we are to walk with God" and if we do than we to will find much grace.

This is what are we to understand, when we are told that Enoch walked with God? Or for us to also walk with God.

- A. We must be a child of God; we must have a living spirit.
  1. God said, **1 Corinthians 2:14** "*But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are **spiritually discerned**.*" The natural man doesn't have the ability to know what God wants, because they are foolishness to them.
  2. God must open the heart for us to understand. **Acts 16:14** "*And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, which worshipped God, heard us: **whose heart the Lord opened**, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.*"
  3. The Holy Spirit must quicken our dead spirit. **Ephesians 2:5** "*Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)*"
- B. To walk with God, implies walking in harmony.
  1. Harmony means to be of one accord. This is our walking in the light of His word, walking in Truth. **Galatians 5:16, 25** "*This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. (25) If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.*"
  2. This is us walking in God's word not visa-versa, **Amos wrote in 3:3** "*Can two walk together, except they be agreed?*"
- C. To walk with God is to keep the commandments of God.
  1. Jesus said in **John 14:23 - 24** "*Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. (24) He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father's which sent me.*"
  2. Keeping the commandments of God is not an option, it is a command. If we truly want to "walk with the Lord" we must "walk in His word, that is called walking in the Spirit".
- D. To walk with God means we are making scriptural progress.
  1. In our spiritual life as in all life, there is no standing still. For us to accomplish this signifies that some maturity of Christian consciousness has matured.

2. Growing spiritually solidifies our walk and standing with God and continuous biblical growth gives us more blessings.

E. Last of all, to walk with God means we rest, we rest in Christ.

1. Being in Christ is a blessing but it is also our spiritual rest. **Matthew 11:28** *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.”* The closer we are walking with Jesus and in Jesus, the easier life is.

2. For harmony comes through obedience, and obedience always gives rest. Harmony is to be in one accord, it makes the most beautiful music.

3. There is harmony in music because in music there is no self-will, the maestro (mī-strō) will lead and all follow in harmony, once one breaks the harmony is broken.

4. We rest in Christ, if we obey the law of God we have "rest and peace in the beloved."

5. We are already accepted of God in Christ; therefore, we have no reason not to walk with God. **Ephesians 1:5 - 6** *"Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, (6) To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."*

F. Conclusion

God has always blessed those that have walked with Him. Enoch was taken without seeing death, Noah and his family was blessed from the flood because of Noah's walk with God, Abraham was blessed with a son he did not believe was possible because of his age.

We cannot walk in darkness if we want the blessings of God. Walking with God is not an option it is a command, God's blessings on them that walk with Him is not an enticement but a command and failure to do so has its consequences. Listen as God Rebukes the Priests of Israel for their disobediences. **Malachi 2:1 - 4** *“And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. (2) If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart. (3) Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it. (4) And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.”*

**Do you want to be blessed of God or God to spread dung on your face?**

