

Enoch:

He Walked With God

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To Abraham God said,

“I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect” – Genesis 17:1.

In the Mosaic Law God said,

“That I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or no” – Exodus 16:4.

Leviticus 18:4 says,

“Ye shall do my judgments, and keep mine ordinances, to walk therein: I am the LORD your God.”

Leviticus 26:3, 4 says,

“If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; ⁴
Then I will . . .”

Deuteronomy 5:33 says,

“Ye shall walk in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you . . .”

Deuteronomy 8:6 says,

“Therefore thou shalt keep the commandments of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to fear him.”

Deuteronomy 10:12 says,

“And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul.”

Then you read in Judges 2:17 they did not walk:

“And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went . . . after other gods . . . they turned quickly out of the way which their

fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the LORD; but they did not so.

Many of the O.T. kings did not walk with the Lord and led many people astray.

The nation of Israel stopped walking with God,

“They have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the children of Ammon, and have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in mine eyes, and to keep my statutes and my judgments, as did David his father” – 1 Kings 11:33

When the kings of Israel stopped walking with God,

Against King Baasha God said, “thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins” – 1 Kings 16:2.

When the nation of Israel stopped walking with God, He eventually had them deported from the Promised Land.

“The children of Israel had sinned against the LORD their God, which had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and had feared other gods, ⁸ And walked in the statutes of the heathen, whom the LORD cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. ⁹ And the children of Israel did secretly those things that were not right against the LORD their God” – 2 Kings 17:7-8.

Christians are commanded to walk with the Lord. This is found through out the New Testament.

1. We are to walk in the Spirit:

Romans 8:1 “There are therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.”

2. Walk by Faith:

2 Corinthians 5:7 “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

3. Walk Worthy:

Ephesians 4:1 “I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called.”

4. Walk in Love:

Ephesians 5:2 “And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour.”

5. Walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing:

Colossians 1:10 “That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God”

6. Walk in the Light:

1 John 1:7 “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.”

7. Walk as Jesus Walked:

1 John 2:6 “He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.”

8. Walk in Truth:

2 John 4 “I rejoiced greatly that I found of thy children walking in truth, as we have received a commandment from the Father.”

In the pages of Scripture we find a unique man who walked with God. His name is Enoch – Genesis 5:22. His name appears in a list of descendants of Seth. Genesis 5:1 lists the generations from Adam through Seth.

In Genesis 5:1, we find God created man in the likeness of God (v. 1) and blessed him (v. 2). Adam then had a son born in his own likeness after his image (v. 3). Seth was in the image of his father Adam. Even in a sin cursed world human beings are in the image of God and may serve him and enjoy His blessing. Yet, we are now fallen. The tragedy is seen in the following:

v. 3 – Adam lived . . . v. 5 and he died.

v. 7 – Seth lived . . . v. 8 and he died.

Eight times we read the phrase, “and he died.” But when we get to Genesis 5:21-24 we read “And Enoch walked with God and He was not.” Enoch is only one of two men who went to heaven without passing through the portal of death – Enoch and Elijah.

Enoch is the only one with the exception of our Lord that it is written, “He pleased God.” Six times it is written that Jesus pleased the Father. One time it is written that Enoch pleased God.

We will find in other places that Solomon’s prayer pleased God or our sacrifices of praise and thanksgiving pleases God. But only of Enoch and Jesus is it ever written that they pleased God.

The days of Enoch were very wicked. His life parallels the life of Lamech (Genesis 4). Lamech turned God’s institutes upside down. He had a low regard for human life. He and his culture replaced their hopeless despair with a godless culture. They filled their lives with memorials, physical comforts, pleasures and music.

Enoch was the first recorded prophet in the Old Testament. He preached against his generation. God preserved one of Enoch’s messages in Jude 14-16.

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. ¹⁶ These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts; and their mouth speaketh great swelling *words*, having men’s persons in admiration because of advantage.

Unlike his wicked generation, Enoch walked with God. His walk implies several things.

1. Reconciliation with God:
 - a. Amos 3:3 – “How can two walk together except they be agreed.”
 - b. When two people walk together as one, it presupposes sympathy and harmony. For Enoch to walk with God it implies that he turned from sin and was reconciled with God.
2. Reconciliation requires the putting away of sin.
 - a. Scripture says, “Light has no communion with darkness.”

- b. No sinner can walk with God. He has nothing in common with Him. His mind is at enmity with God. It is sin that separates. Therefore, Enoch's walk with God suggests the judicial putting away of sin.
3. To walk with God also suggests that Enoch was made morally fit in character – i.e. made righteous.
- a. God does not walk outside of holiness. Before God walked through Israel's camp, everything defiling had to be put away. Before Christ begins His 1000 year reign on earth, all things that offend must be put away.
 - b. God does not keep company with the unclean.
- 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."

Therefore to walk with God means:

We stop going our own way. We abandon the way of the world and follow God.

TO WALK WITH GOD IMPLIES A SURRENDERED WILL

1. God does not force His company on anyone.
"How can two walk together except they be agreed?"
2. Jesus declared, "I delight to do thy will, O God." Furthermore, Jesus tells us to, **take** His yoke upon us – He forces no one.

TO WALK WITH GOD IMPLIES COMMUNION

1. Enoch's walk with God was a continual progress. He did not walk a mile and then stop. He walked with God for 300 years. It was a steady walk.
2. So when Scripture says, "And Enoch walked with God" we find:
 - a. A Reconciled man
 - b. A person whose sin is put away

- c. A person who walked uprightly
- d. A person who is surrendered
- e. A person in continual communion with God

ENOCH WAS A MAN LIKE US.

He was born a child of wrath. He was alienated from God, but a day came in his life where he was reconciled.

1. Hebrews 11:5 “By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.”
He was the seventh from Adam, and “saved by grace through faith.”
2. What did He do?
 - a. “But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him” – Hebrews 11:6.
 - b. By faith He believed that God is.
 - c. He believed by faith that God is the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.
3. His faith was pleasing to God.
 - a. By God’s grace through faith he grew in grace. He communed with God for 300 years. He would have grown in the things God loved. He would have grown in his hatred of the things God hated.
 - b. His knowledge of the Lord would have grown. His walk with the Lord would have resulted in genuine joy and peace.
4. We also know he witnessed – Jude 14 & 15 tells us this.

And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, To execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard *speeches* which ungodly sinners have spoken against him.

Furthermore, in Genesis 5:21-22 we find, Enoch lived 65 years and had a son. Then he walked with God. It does not say Enoch walked with God before he had a son.

1. It infers that the birth of his son may have been a key thing that caused him to walk with God. Was it the responsibility of parenthood?
2. Maybe the name – “Methuselah” tells us something? Methuselah means, “When he is dead, it shall be sent.” It seems Enoch had a revelation of some sort. Perhaps God said something like this, “Enoch, do you see this baby? The world will last as long as he lives and no longer. When the child dies, I shall deal with the world in judgment.”
3. What was the effect of such a message? What would a message like that do to you? You don’t know how long the child will live. How would you feel every time the child got sick?

The final thing I want you to see is found in Genesis 5:24 and Hebrews 11:5:

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

“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God” – Heb. 11:5.

God translated Him. After 365 years he was taken to be with the Lord. The term translated means to carry across. What did God carry Enoch across? He was carried across death. Death is the river that divides this world from the next.

This man Enoch never went through the river of death, but when he got there God transferred him to heaven by picking him up and carrying him across the great divide alive. Enoch was in communion with God and the next moment He was with the Lord.

He is a type of those believers who will be living when,

“The Lord 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: ¹⁷

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

1 Cor. 15:51-52 “Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, ⁵² In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.”