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First of all we need to see that this is a new concept in the book of Genesis. We have seen that Abel knew what it was to worship by faith, but the Scriptures do not share any insights on how he was walking with God. This brings us to one of the fundamental truths of God's Word. Revelation in Scripture is progressive. Abel received some revelation, and Enoch received more. And to us has been given the ultimate earthly revelation God's Son and His Word. And here it is in our hands!

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Wow! Now you may ask, how did he do that in the Old Testament? Because Enoch's faith was saving faith. He like us was a saint because he like Abel, had offered a substitutionary, bloody sacrifice to God. Enoch offered an offering symbolic of the ultimate sacrifice of Christ. Enoch learned that sacrifice is the only way into God's presence. So Enoch could not have walked with God unless he had first come to God, and no one comes to God apart from the shedding of blood. God's salvation plan has not changed from the days of Abel and Enoch until today.

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Enoch "walked with God," it is not taking a step or two in a way which denominates a man a walker, but a continued motion. No man is judged healthy by a flushing color in his face, but by a good complexion. God esteems none holy for a particular carriage, but for a general course. A sinner in some few acts may be very good: Judas repents, Cain sacrifices, the Scribes pray and fast; and yet all were very false.... A saint in some few acts may be very bad: Noah is drunk, David defiles his neighbor's wife, and Peter denies his best friend; yet these persons were heaven's favorites. The best gold must have some grains of allowance.

Sheep may fall into the mire, but swine love day and night to wallow in it. A Christian may stumble, nay, he may fall, but he gets up and walks on in the way of God's commandments; the bent of his heart is right, and the scope of his life is straight, and thence he is deemed sincere.

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"They shall walk, O LORD, in the light of Thy countenance" (**Ps. 89:15**);

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