

Genesis 5:22-24

THE MAN GOD TOOK TO HEAVEN

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And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

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.

Jude 14-15:

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INTRODUCTION

There are only a few Words recorded in the Bible of one of the most remarkable men in history. We should not be misled by the brevity of the record, for it actually tells us a great deal.

Genesis 5:22a: *Enoch walked with God.*

This is very interesting enough. It does not say that God walked with Enoch but the reverse. We often pray and ask God to go with us. We ought to be praying: Lord, help me to go with *You*. The important truth is: we must give up our plans and purposes, turn our backs on the world, and begin to walk with God.

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Trying to get God to come to our terms won't work. It shows who is really in the driver's seat. Trying to get God to fit into our plans is an insult to the Lord.

The Bible has much to say about people who walked with God. Noah was another who did, as we see in **Genesis 6:9**.

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These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God.

God told Abram to “**walk before Me and be thou perfect**” (**Genesis 17:1c**). Later on in life, Abraham told his servant these words: ‘**The Lord before Whom I walk, will send His angel with thee and prosper thy way**’. **Genesis 24:40a**.

Abraham's grandson, Jacob, blessed Joseph and prophesied:

Genesis 48:15-16:

***15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God which fed me all my life long unto this day,
16 The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.***

God told Moses in **Exodus 18:20**: ***And thou shalt teach them ordinances and laws, and shalt show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do.***

In **1 Kings 8:36a**, Solomon is praying for Israel and said: ***Then hear Thou from Heaven, and forgive the sin of Thy servants, and of Thy people Israel, that Thou teach Thy people the good way wherein they should walk.***

God then said to Solomon in:

1 Kings 9:4-5:

4 If thou wilt walk before Me, as did David thy father walked, in integrity of

heart, and in uprightness, to do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep My statutes and My judgments:

5 then I will establish the throne of thy kingdom upon Israel forever, as I promised to David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel.

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Exodus 16:4: *Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from Heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a certain rate every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in My Law or no.*

Leviticus 18:4: *Ye shall do My judgments, and keep Mine ordinances, to walk therein; I am the LORD your God.*

Leviticus 26:3-4:

3 *If ye walk in My statutes, and keep My commandments, and do them;*

4 *Then I will give you rain in due season, the land shall yield her increase, and the trees their fruit. Cf.*

*Deuteronomy 11:22**

Notice also if they did the opposite:

Leviticus 26:21: *If ye walk contrary unto Me, and will not hearken unto Me; I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins.*

***Deuteronomy 11:22-23:**

22 *For if ye shall diligently keep all these commandments which I command you to do them, to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to cleave unto Him,*

23 *Then will the LORD drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess greater nations and mightier than yourselves.*

Joshua 22:5: *But take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the LORD charged you, to love the LORD your God, and to walk in all His ways, and to keep His commandments, and to cleave unto Him, and to serve Him with all your heart and with all your soul.*

This is NEW TESTAMENT DOCTRINE ALSO

Luke 1:6: *And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless.*

John 8:12: *Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the Light of the world: he that followeth Me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the Light of Life.*

John 12:35: *Then Jesus said unto them, **Yet a little while is the Light with you. Walk while ye have the Light, lest darkness come upon you: for he that walketh in darkness knoweth not whither he goeth.***

Romans 4:12: *And the father of circumcision [Abraham] to them who are not of the circumcision only, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham, which he had being yet uncircumcised.*

Romans 6:4: *Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the Glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*

Romans 8:1: *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who **WALK NOT AFTER THE FLESH BUT AFTER THE SPIRIT.***

Romans 13:13: *Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.*

2 Corinthians 5:7: *For we walk by faith and not by sight.*

Galatians 5:16b: *Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.*

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 sweet smelling savour.*

Ephesians 5:8: *For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of Light.*

Ephesians 5:15: *See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise.*

1 John 1:7: For 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 unrighteousness.

1 John 1:6: If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.

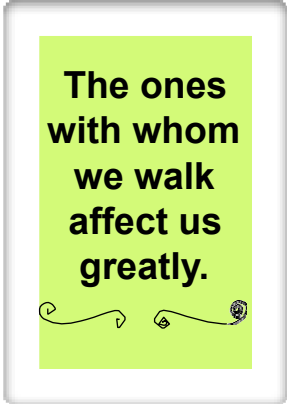
Colossians 2:6: As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him.

Revelation 3:4: *Thou hast a few names in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they SHALL WALK WITH ME IN WHITE: for they are Worthy.*

Our walk as believers is in the strait and narrow way which leadeth unto Life.

Matthew 7:14: *Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.*

The ones with whom we walk affect us greatly. They leave an indelible impression on us. We can hardly resist their influences totally. However, we are responsible for the choice of companionship which we make.



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We are also responsible for the direction that we go under their influences. This is the very reason why God lays down certain rules for us as to whom we should keep company with, and with whom we are to refrain from fellowship.

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Proverbs 13:20: *He that walketh with wise men shall be wise; but a companion of fools shall be destroyed.*

Jeremiah 6:28a: *They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanderers.*

Show me a person's company and I'll tell you the kind of person he is. If there could have been a sign placed on Enoch's back to declare his feelings toward God, it would be: "He owns me".

He is a redeemed man - not his own - been bought with a price.

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Negative Influence over us:

Relatives can lead us away from Jesus.

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Luke 2:43-49:

43 And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the Child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it.

44 But they, supposing Him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought Him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance.

45 And when they found Him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking Him.

46 And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the Temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions.

47 And all that heard Him were astonished at His understanding and answers.

48 And when they [His parents] saw Him, they were amazed: and His mother said unto Him, Son, why hast Thou thus dealt with us? behold, Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing.

49 And He said unto them, How is it that ye sought Me? wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business?

Sinners can lead us away from Jesus.

Acts 10:28: And he said unto them, Ye know how that it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to keep company, or come unto one of another nation; but God hath showed me that I should not call any man common or unclean.

Acts 14:16: Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways.

1 Corinthians 5:9: I wrote unto you in an epistle not to company with fornicators.

1 Corinthians 5:11: But now I have written unto you not to keep company, if any man that is called a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an

idolater, or a railer, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such an one no not to eat.

2 Corinthians 6:14a: Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.

Ephesians 4:17b: Walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind.

Ephesians 5:11a: And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness.

Colossians 3:1: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them.

1 Peter 4:3b: when we walked in lasciviousness, lusts, excess of wine, reveling, banquetings, and abominable idolatries.

2 Peter 2:10a: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness;

2 Peter 3:3: Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts.

Jude 16a: These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts;

Jude 18: How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

Backsliders can lead us away from Jesus.

2 Thessalonians 3:14a: And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man, and have no company with him.

Philippians 3:18-19:

18 (For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the Cross of Christ.

19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly, and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Isaiah 65:12: . . . because when I called, ye did not answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but did evil before mine eyes, and did choose that wherein I delighted not.

Ezekiel 11:21: But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will recompense their

way upon their own heads, saith the Lord God.

1 John 1:6: If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth.

1 John 2:11: But he that hateth his brother is in darkness, and walketh in darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because that darkness hath blinded his eyes,

Demons can lead us away from Jesus.

1 Corinthians 10:20b: And I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils.

Carnal believers can lead us away from Jesus.

Romans 14:15: But if thy brother be grieved with thy meat, now walkest thou not charitably. Destroy not him with thy meat, for whom Christ died.

1 Corinthians 3:3: For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

Galatians 2:14: But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the Gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, if thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews.

1 Thessalonians 3:6: Now we command you, brethren, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.

2 Thessalonians 3:11: For we hear that there are some which walk among you disorderly, working not at all, but are busybodies.

Revelation 16:15: . . . lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

Revelation 3:17-18:

17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked:

18 I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see.

POSITIVELY

Those who are saved (fellow believers) who:

Walk in The Light.

Acts 4:23a: And being let go, they went to their own company.

Philistines 3:17a: Brethren, be followers together.

1 John 1:3: . . . that ye also may have fellowship with us.

1 John 1:7a: But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another.

Walk like Jesus.

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

Walk after His commandments and statutes.

2 Chronicles 17:3-4:

3 And the LORD was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto Baalim;

4 But sought to the LORD God of his father, and walked in His commandments, and not after the doings of Israel.

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2 John 1:6a: *And this is love, that we walk after His commandments.*

Walk in the truth.

3 John 3:4: *For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in the truth uprightly.*

Walk uprightly.

Micah 2:7c: *Do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly?*

Proverbs 15:21b: *A man of understanding walketh uprightly.*

Proverbs 28:18a: *Whoso walketh uprightly shall be saved.*

Walk righteously.

Isaiah 33:15a: *He that walketh righteously, and speaketh*

uprightly; Walk in the fear of God.

Acts 9:31: *Then had the churches rest throughout all Judaea and Galilee and Samaria, and were edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord, and in the comfort of the Holy Ghost, were multiplied.*

A. It Implies Progress

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Jesus spoke of progress being made.

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2 Peter 3:18a: But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:1: And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

B. It Implies Dependence

When God is leading the way, there is trust, faith and enjoyment. He had glorious satisfaction in His walk. It wasn't 'hit and miss', but more than 300 years of unbroken fellowship - before Calvary. We have more of a capacity to enjoy Jesus when we break with sin, self, the world, and lustful desires.

C. It is a Walk of Faith.

It's not hard to walk with one you can see. Enoch's spiritual eyes were opened like Moses who saw Him Who is invisible.

Hebrews 11:27: By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible.

D. The Reward of Faith.

By faith Enoch was translated. He believed he wouldn't be here **when tribulation came**. He wouldn't see death. God places this faith and confidence in the hearts of those walking close to Him. Faith must lay hold of **PROMISES**. God took him up.



1 Corinthians 15:51-52:

51 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.

1 Thessalonians 4:16: 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.

Enoch is made a prophet.

Jude 14-15:

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Before we witness for God we must walk with Him.

I. He Pleased God.

How can ye believe? **John 5:44:** *How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another, and seek not the honour that cometh from God only?*

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Enoch was a God pleaser, not a man pleaser. The result is a godly man, holy company. Our tendency is to want to please those with whom we associate. If they are selfish, they will influence us in the same course. If they are worldly, they will influence us in the same way; a critic - the same; lean of soul, the same. We must beware. Enoch had this testimony before going Home.

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What is a reputation? What does it take to please God?

The answer is in **Hebrews 11:6:** *But without faith, it 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.*

Galatians 1:10: For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ.

Bring every plan, decision, desire or conduct to Him. This will please God.

Isaiah 48:17: I am the Lord thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go.

Proverbs 3:5-6:

5 Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.

6 In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths.

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II. Hindrances to walking with God.

Amos 3:3: Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

III. How to Restore Broken Fellowship

The Father restored our fellowship with Him by sending His Son, Jesus, to provide a Blood Sacrifice for sin.

Hebrews 9:22: And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission [of sin].

Sin separates the sinner from God.

Jude, in verses 14 and 15, states that judgment comes upon ALL at Jesus' Return *WITH* (not *FOR*) His saints.

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There must not be saints on earth at this time, or else judgment would also be falling on them too, due to this one little, key word “ALL”.

Notice Enoch's public work of protest and prophecy. The Epistle of Jude supplies us with new information about Enoch's public work. It was not simply his walk, but his work, that was honored by translation. He not only characterized and by implication condemned his Age, but predicted the coming of the last great Judgment of God.

**He announced it as
(1) a glorious and overpowering event; &
(2) one of conclusive judgment and convincing demonstration.**

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