

Purpose: to instruct you on what it means to walk with God, to convince you that they you should pursue it, and to give some practical “how to.”

Introduction: There are some weird things in the Bible. I’m not trying to be irreverent or crude. The word means something unusual or strange hinting at something supernatural. So (with this definition), there are certainly weird things in the Bible.

- One of those things which may strike us unusual is the comment about Enoch in Gen5:24. You might think I’m referring to the comment that “he was not, for God took Him (which is certainly unusual). But I’m actually referring to the comment “he walked with God.” Why do I think this is weird or unusual?
- It is the first time the phrase is used in the Bible, and the first time the concept is referred to explicitly since Gen3:8.
- It doesn’t remain unusual for long, as it is then used to describe Noah (6:9), Abraham (17:1), Abraham’s servant (24:40), and Jacob (48:15). From this point on it becomes one of the common phrases in Scripture for someone who is in a right relationship with God.
- Is the concept weird to you? Does this idea conjure up ideas which are mystical or hyper-charismatic?

I. What Does It Mean To Walk With God? (From The Life Of Hezekiah)

- 2Kings 20:3 context (sickness and prayer); general description of his life – what did this entail?
- 18:3-8 he did what was right; this included both “positive” and “negative” things
 - o Removed those things which were a violation of God’s Word
 - o He trusted in the Lord and held fast to Him.
 - o He kept His commandments.
 - o As a result, the Lord was with Him, prospered Him, enabled him to overcome his enemies.
 - o All of this because He understood Lev26:12

II. You Should Pursue This Walk With God.

- Someone may have the idea that this kind of relationship described as walking with God is only for “super-saints.”
- 1Thess4:1-2
 - o This is to you: brethren.
 - o This is urgent: urge (beg, request urgently) and exhort (appeal, summon, call, encourage).
 - o This is centered on Christ: in the Lord Jesus.
 - o This is progressive: abound more and more.
 - o This is constant: walk is more than isolated acts, but behavior and pattern of life.
 - o This is pleasing to God.
 - o This is connected to the commandments of Jesus Christ.
- Whoever you are, whatever your calling, gender, race, responsibilities, this is what it means to be a Christian.

III. Some Practical Instruction On How To Walk With God.

1.) You must cultivate an awareness of the constant presence of God – Ps16:8.

- Not only in observing your actions, but also your heart and mind (Jer17:10).
- Pray for it, think about it, have some kind of “cue” to remind you of it. “Bind it” on _____.

2.) You must cultivate and awareness of thinking and acting for the purpose of pleasing Him – 2Cor5:8.

- More than trying to do better things, but with a desire to walk before Him and be blameless.
- More than what we do, but what is in our heart (anxiety, depression, sinful anger and bitterness, hatred, lust).

3.) You must familiarize yourself those things that God has instructed in His Word, particularly the example of Jesus Christ - 1Jn1:6-7 and 2:6.

- Christ is that perfect example after which we walk. He is the one who knew constant fellowship with His Father and always did those things that were well pleasing to Him.
 - o We can only walk with God as we walk in the light. God will not walk with us in our paths of unrighteousness.
- When we realize that we have not, we look to 1:9. This is because of the righteousness of Christ on our behalf.
 - o The forgiveness is not so we would continue to walk in darkness, but that we might again walk with God.

Conclusion: Enoch walked with God, and had an unusual exit out of this world in that he did not die, but God took him. Heb11:5 says of him “before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

- What will be your testimony?
 - o Whatever your way of exit, will this be an appropriate epitaph? Here lies _____. He/she walked with God.