

Walking with God

- I. Enoch is the great example – and should be one of our favorite Bible characters.
 - A. Enoch walked with God for 300 years and was translated (Gen 5:21-24).
 - B. Enoch's faith pleased God - as ours must when coming to God (Heb 11:5-6).
 1. The context is very tight between pleasing faith and walking with God.
 2. Faith believes (1) God is and (2) He rewards a diligent search for Him.
 3. Coming to God is our effort to walk with God, and He rewards such.

- II. There are other examples – these are only a few of those with a close walk with God.
 - A. Noah walked with God and saved his family gloriously (Gen 6:8-9; Heb 11:7).
 - B. Abram (Ge 12:7; 13:14-18; 15:1-7; 17:1-22; 18:1-15,16-33; 21:1-19; Jas 2:23).
 - C. Moses asked specifically and boldly for God's Manifestation (Ex 33:12-23).
 - D. Joshua did not leave the tabernacle where the LORD met Moses (Ex 33:11).
 - E. The whole church of Israel under Asa walked with God (II Chr 15:2,4,12-15).

- III. What it is. Walking with God is that personal, friendly, intimate life of fellowship.
 - A. It is His Presence as Moses (Ex 33:12-23) and His friend as Abram (Jas 2:23).
 - B. It is the Father and Son abiding by the Spirit (John 14:15-18,21-23; 15:13-15).
 - C. It is being led by and walking in the Spirit of God (Rom 8:9-17; Gal 5:16-25).
 - D. It is holy fellowship with God and His Son Jesus Christ (I John 1:1-9).
 - E. It exceeds earthly pleasure or pain (Psalm 73:23-28; Habakkuk 3:17-19).

- IV. What it is not.
 - A. It is not hearing (Jas 1:22), believing (Jas 2:19), or saying (I John 2:4).
 - B. It is not praying at meals, going to church, Bible reading, and loving doctrine.
 - C. It is not public boasting of your confidence, joy, love, and peace in the LORD.

- V. Getting it. We have seen that Enoch pleased God by faith; so should we (Heb 11:5-6).
 - A. It is fervent and holy altering of priorities rather than mystical ritual or recipe.
 - B. Ask for it (Psalm 27:7-9; 63:1-3; 145:18; Is 55:1-2; Matt 7:7; Luke 11:13).
 - C. Ask fervently (Ps 27:4; 63:8; Is 55:6-9; Jer 3:10; Heb 11:6) and boldly (Gen 32:24-32; II Kgs 2:9-14).
 - D. Draw nigh to God, and He'll draw nigh to you (Jas 4:4-10; Ps 63:1-8; Is 58:9).
 - E. You must seek Him diligently with your whole heart (Heb 11:6; I Chron 28:9).
 - F. Godliness and holiness is walking with God (Ps 4:3; I The 4:1; I John 1:5-7).
 - G. Be patient for Him to come to you (Psalm 27:13-14; Is 45:19).

- VI. Keeping it. Sin separates us from God: so we have the task of maintaining our walk.
 - A. Do not grieve (Eph 4:30) or quench (I Thess 5:19) the Holy Spirit of God.
 - B. Immediately confess and forsake any sins (I John 1:8-10; Job 34:31-32).
 - C. The LORD might hide for a while (Ps 27:9; 101:2). David often sought it.

- VII. Restoring it. Sin separates us from God: so we have the task of restoring our walk.
 - A. He resents us losing our first love, so we must do first works (Rev 2:4-5).
 - B. Remember that chastening is to bring you back to Him (Hosea 5:15).