

# THE MAN WHO WALKS WITH GOD

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## I. INTRODUCTION

1. We know there is such a thing as walking with God; that it is possible for a man to so live as to be identified as to be walking with God.
2. We know this because there are several holy men of the Bible mentioned by name who are said to have “walked with God,” or who “walked before or after God,” or were “the friend of God,” or “followers of the Lord.”
  - a. “Enoch walked with God,” Gen.5:22-24; Cf. Heb.11:5,6.
  - b. “Noah was a just man and perfect(upright) in his generation, and Noah walked with God,” Gen.6:9.
  - c. Almighty God said to Abraham, “walk before me, and be thou perfect (upright, or sincere),” Gen.17:1.
  - d. Abraham is called “the friend of God,” Isa.41:8; Jas.2:23.
  - e. The Apostle Paul is cited as an example of a “follower of the Lord” for believers to imitate, 1Cor.11:1; Phil.4:9.
3. Since such men as these walked with God and are cited as examples worthy of imitation in serving God, besides learning from such examples that men can walk with God,

## II. DISCUSSION

### A. WHAT ELSE DO WE LEARN FROM THEM. Cf. Rom.15:4; 1Cor.10:11.

1. That we are expected to walk with God while in the body of this flesh. If they could, did, and were expected to do it, so are we. See Rom.13:13; 1Cor.7:17b; Eph.4:1; 5:1,2,8; Col.2:6; 1Jno.2:6.
2. That God takes an interest in human affairs here on earth.
3. That he accepts and rewards a life and service of faith in and obedience to him, as well as rejecting, condemning and bringing his wrath upon unbelief and disobedience. See Rom.1:18-20.
4. That he uses righteous men to carry out his will. Consider how he used Enoch (Jude 14,15); Noah (Gen.6); Abraham; the Apostle Paul
5. Think of the use he has for you and for me – for us!

### B. NOTE SOME OF THE ESSENTIAL FEATURES OF A WALK WITH GOD.

1. It is a life of faith; a life springing from the root of faith based on evidence producing it and the confidence in God it brings, Heb.11: 1-3,6; Rom.1:19,20; Ac.14:17.
2. It is a life that implies and reflects desire and effort for the good of self and of all others. (Examples:-
  - a. In an ungodly world Enoch proclaimed the coming judgment to warn the ungodly, Jude 14,15.
  - b. Noah, a preacher and practitioner of righteousness built an Ark to the saving of his house, Heb.11:7; 2Pet.2:5.
  - c. Abraham is said to be “the father of the faithful,” and often cited as an example to encourage faith and obedience in others. Cf. Rom.4:13-25.
  - d. Paul’s life is an outstanding example establishing the essential feature of a walk with God implying and reflecting a desire and effort for the good of self and of all others.

**C. FURTHERMORE, THE MAN WHO WALKS WITH GOD:**

1. Is one who agrees with God, Amos 3:3 (Vv.1-8)
  - a. V.3 is part of a series of examples in Amos 3:1-8 selected for the purpose of showing that the utterances of the prophet Amos condemning Israel’s sins originated with God.
  - b. The TWO who walk together are the prophet Amos and God. Amos spoke because God by means of the Holy Spirit commanded him, which Israel did not believe.
  - c. The prophet Amos was walking with God because he spoke only as God commanded. Thus Amos and God agreed.
  - d. Israel was not walking with God; Israel was not in agreement with God, which is evidenced by the fact that they were rejecting his will and living in sin and rebellion to him.
  - e. The only way to walk with God is to agree with God. To agree with God is to believe his word and obey his word.
2. Does so by faith and obedience, by which he pleases God, Heb.11: 6; (Cf. vv.7-31; Jas.2:14-26.

3. Has present fellowship with God and the hope of eternal life, 1Jno. 1:3-7; 1Jno.2:1-6; Col.1:22,23; 1Jno.2:24,25; Tit.1:2; Rom.8:24,25; Col.3:1-4; 1Jno.3:2.
4. Has the responsibility of hope incumbent upon him, 1Jno.3:1-3; See 1Pet.1:15,16; 2Cor.6:14-7:1.
5. Is not only one who begins to walk with God, but is one who continues to walk with God, or to faithfully maintain his walk with God, and who “stands born of God,” with the assurance that nothing or no one outside of himself can separate him “from the love of Christ,” or “from the God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.” See 1Jno.2:28,29; 3:9; 4:7; 5:1,4,18; Rom.8:31-39.

### **III. CONCLUSION**

1. Are you a man walking with God? Good! With God’s help and blessings strive to maintain it to the end.
2. If not, you can be! You can begin this very hour. Jesus through his apostles in his written word tells you how to begin that walk and how to maintain it.
3. He also warns you what will happen if you continue to reject his offer; or if you once begin and then turn back as a backslider!
4. To be lost simply continue in your rejection of his offer, in unbelief and disobedience and sin!
5. But remember this: When you do, you are walking with the Devil, not with God!