

WALKING WITH GOD

In the Garden that was eastward in Eden, God came down out of the kingdom realm and walked and talked with Adam and Eve. But when sin came in, it separated them from that walk.

Throughout the Old Testament there are instances where men walked with God. In Genesis 17:1, God said to Abraham: *walk before me, and be thou perfect*. Abraham almost took that phrase as the identifying mark of his life. When he was blessing his servant to send him after a wife for his son Isaac, he said, “The Lord before whom I walk will bless you.”

Abraham really walked with God and the Scriptures speak of him as “the friend of God.” In Genesis 6:9 we read, *Noah was a righteous man, and perfect in his generations: Noah walked with God*.

What does it mean to have a walk with God? It’s very important for us to know what a walk with God really is, for we often have wrong ideas about it. Some people may think they have a walk with God and they have not. They don’t know the Lord, they don’t walk with Him, they don’t commune with Him; there’s none of that real hunger reaching out.

No one can walk with God unless they have an insatiable (always wanting more) hunger after God. If we don’t have it, we need to call out for it until God puts that hunger for Himself within our very heart.

There are people who have experiences with God; they’ve had the Lord answer their prayers; they’re dedicated to His service, they work for Him, but they don’t know Him. They don’t really have a walk with Him.

The Bible speaks of only a few men who walked with God; but those who did, were instruments in changing the destiny of the human world.

Abraham walked with God and God promised him that he would be the father of many nations.

Noah walked with God and the whole human race was preserved because of one man's dedication to walk with God.

Enoch walked with God, and was translated that he should not see death. He believed for it; he believed it with all his heart.

Enoch wrote his book as he was walking with God. He was listening to what God had to say, he was seeing the things God wanted him to see. He saw the great visions of the Lord coming.

During Enoch's life the days were probably growing very evil in the world. He was more concerned about the walk with God than anything else. God showed him the things that are going to come in the end time.

He had the kind of faith that reached in and believed for translation right out of this world. When you walk with God you have to believe He can do anything, you have to have faith. Enoch had the faith that could believe for anything and he believed for the most fantastic thing—to have his mortal body literally transformed.

The only qualification you have to have to do signs and wonders and exploits is to walk with God. Daniel 11:32: ... *but the people that know their God shall be strong, and do exploits*. Tremendous things will happen because we will know Him, we will trust Him, and we will draw from Him.

A walk with God means that we are more concerned about worshiping and communing with the Lord than we are in communing with any other individual on the face of the earth.

It's very easy to let the Lord take a second place. When you love someone in this world, and you want to be with them all the time, it's very easy to put them ahead of the Lord. It's easy to put something that you're vitally interested in ahead of the Lord. A person can even take a blessing from the Lord, and give it precedence over the Lord.

Daniel was a very busy man, an executive with many responsibilities, but he managed to walk with God. It involves our faith, our communion, our worship, our obedience. It involves the fear of the Lord and submission to God; that no matter what God does, or what He requires, we are absolutely submissive. It requires a great deal of discipline.

It takes time to walk with God, to pray and to be in the Word, and it's so easy for other things to be more important. It takes a great deal of dedication, because we're dealing with an elusive thing. We can write a book, and there is always the satisfaction of seeing the finished product. We can make some pottery or build a house, and we see the finished product. We can go out and earn money, and see the result of our labor.

But we can spend endless days and years walking with God, while the enemy is saying it's all worthless, that it is not worthwhile; because we're doing such an elusive thing. A walk with God! Who could even define it, let alone know whether you had it or not? But we'll know; it's a very real thing and it's worth the effort. God can't have any rivals. The dedication is there.

Isaiah 40:31 is a familiar Scripture—*but they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles.* That’s great—mounting up with wings like eagles, those soaring experiences in God. And we say, “Oh, I soared into the third heaven; I saw wonderful things.” ... *they shall run, and not be weary.* It is marvelous to be dedicated, and work at the job with endurance. But the last is the greatest of all: *they shall walk, and not faint*—to walk with God with a heart that will not faint, with a spirit that will not judge, without letting anything get in the way.

If we seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, the other things will be added. When we put God first, and seek Him first, it will be the one time of our life that we’ll not be disappointed and disillusioned.

A walk with God is based upon whole-hearted love and service. People are often disappointed because God can’t give them what He wants to give them. Abraham walked with God and God rained money on him like it was dew from heaven. Here was a man after God’s own heart, who loved God and walked with Him, and God blessed him and made him exceedingly rich.

Job was a man perfect in all of his ways before the Lord, and God made him a very rich man. There can’t be any restriction of finances, any restriction of health, any inadequacy whatsoever; there can’t be any spiritual limitation; there can’t be anything but happiness and real joy and fulfillment in life, for anyone who is walking in the perfect will of God.

To walk with God can open the door, as it has in every instance that we can find in the Scriptures, to fantastic things.