

ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD – He Walked with God... and God Took Him!

6/10/17 Sat Morn Prayer – Phil Twente

GENESIS 5:21-24 *So all the days of Jared were nine hundred and sixty-two years; and he died. [21]Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. [22] After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. [23] So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. [24] And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.*

Trust and Obey – Hymn #82 (377)

1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, What a glory He sheds on our way!

While we do His good will, He abides with us still, And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain: Trust and obey, for there's no other way To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, But His smile quickly drives it away;

Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh or a tear, Can abide while we trust and obey. (Refrain)

3. Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, But our toil He doth richly repay;

Not a grief or a loss, not a frown or a cross, But is blessed if we trust and obey. (Refrain)

4. But we never can prove the delights of His love Until all on the altar we lay;

For the favor He shows, for the joy He bestows, Are for them who will trust and obey. (Refrain)

5. Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet, Or we'll walk by His side in the way;

What He says we will do, where He sends we will go; Never fear, only trust and obey. (Refrain)

BIBLICAL CONTEXT- Here in Genesis, chapter 5, we have an account of a man walking closely with God. "And he died". Gen. 5:5-31 Eight times we see the end of each man – "***and he died***" But now in this account there is found one exception to the "***and he died***" ; one man of whom it is not said, "***and he died.***" This is evidently the highlight of this chapter, the reason why all this is given to us:

[21]Enoch lived sixty-five years, and begot Methuselah. [22] After he begot Methuselah, Enoch walked with God three hundred years, and had sons and daughters. – ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD!

- When Enoch had lived sixty-five years, he became the father of Methuselah. Enoch walked with God after the birth of Methuselah three hundred years, and had other sons and daughters.
- Evidently this is designed to focus our interest. Instead of saying, "***and he died,***" it says, "***and he was not, for God took him.***"
- Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "***AND WAS NOT FOUND, BECAUSE GOD HAD TAKEN HIM***"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God.

Is your life characterized by "he walked with God"?

- Walk, walking, walked is mentioned 343 times in the Bible. What does it mean to walk with God? Here is a man who, during a brilliant but godless generation, walked with God. What does it mean? It is the same today as it was then.

First, it means he went in the same direction God went.

- He was moving the way God was going. The man who walks with God is the man who knows which way God is going and goes the same way. Now what is that?
- What direction is God moving? God moves always in unswerving hostility toward sin. He is opposed to that which destroys and wrecks human life. No matter how good it looks, no matter how attractive it seems, how luridly it is painted, God is against it.
- And the man who walks with God is the man who walks in unswerving hostility toward sin in his own life and refuses to make up with it or permit it to rule or to reign. That is the first thing in a walk with God. Are you and I going in the same direction as God?

Second, it means to keep in step.

- You cannot walk with somebody if you do not keep in step with him. We tend to want to sit down after we have taken a step and rest awhile. Do you ever feel like God pressuring you to do something -- take a new step, stop this, start that, or venture out in a new direction?
- After God pushes us awhile, we do it. Perhaps we have been resisting for quite a while before, but then we take the step and we feel good. We have accomplished something. Then God comes along and says, "Now I want you to take another step." And we say, "Oh, no, Lord. I had a hard-enough time taking this one. Just leave me alone now for a while. You walk on for a bit and then come back." But the worst thing that can happen to us is for God to do exactly that. That is what he did with the children of Israel when they came to the edge of the Promised Land and ended up in unbelief. He said, "I want you to walk with Me into the land." But they said, "No, not us. You go by Yourself but we're not going." But Enoch was a man who had learned to move as God moved, and to walk in step with him. – Are you, am I, keeping step with God?

Third, there was no controversy between them.

- They agreed. *"Can two walk together unless they are agreed?" (Amos 3:3).* They must agree. And this is how we must be. There must be no controversy between us if we are going to walk with God, but we must agree with things as He sees them.
- Enoch did. For three hundred years he walked with God, and this is what we are called to. –
- We are to walk *"as children of light," (Eph. 5:8);* We are to walk *"in the Spirit," (Gal. 5:16, 5:25);* We are to walk *"worthy of God" (1 Thess. 2:12),* through the midst of a godless generation, exactly as Enoch did.
- No mention is made that Enoch walked with God during his first 65 years. He reflected the same godless attitude as those around him. What started him walking with God then? Was it the birth of a son, whom he named Methuselah?
- Surely there is more than simply the fact that he became a father. It is revealed by the name that Enoch gave to his son. *Methuselah* is a very interesting name. It means, literally, "His death shall bring it," or loosely translated, "When he dies, it will come." What will come? The Flood!
- Enoch was given a revelation from God (note *Jude 1:14-15*). He saw the direction of the divine movement, looked on to the end of the culture, the comforts, and the mechanical marvels of his own day, to the fact there must come an inevitable judgment on the principle of evil in human life. When he saw it his baby was born, so, in obedience, evidently to God's word, he named the baby, "When he dies, it will come."
- But the grace of God is revealed here in the fact that Methuselah lived longer than any man ever lived, nine hundred and sixty-nine years! That is how long God waited before he fulfilled the threat implied in the boy's name.
- This genealogical table in chapter 5, is given to warn us of the day when evil shall ultimately be stopped, pointing us to our Savior! God cannot allow human evil to increase endlessly. He restrains it, but when it reaches a certain limit, He judges it. There are differences among authorities as to the meaning of these names. One authority gives a most interesting sequence of meanings:
- The list begins with *Seth* (v.4), which means "Appointed." *Enosh* (v.6), his son, means "Mortal;" and His son, *Cainan* (v. 10), means "Sorrow." His son *Mahalalel* (13), means "The Blessed God." He named his boy *Jared* (v. 15) which means "Came Down," and His boy, *Enoch* (v.18), means "Teaching." *Methuselah* (v. 21), as we saw, means "His death shall bring;" *Lamech* (v.25) means "Strength," and *Noah* (v. 30), "Comfort." Now put that all together: ***God has Appointed that Mortal man shall Sorrow; but The Blessed God, Came Down, Teaching, that His Death Shall Bring, Strength and Comfort.***

[23] So all the days of Enoch were three hundred and sixty-five years. [24] And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him. – ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD...GOD TOOK HIM!

- We are so foolish how we try to escape the inevitability of the end. Yet everything hangs on that. It will be for us the end of our life...Only one life, 'twill soon be past. Only what's done for Christ will last.

SUMMARY:

- What are you doing today in this godless generation? Are you walking with God? If you want to walk with God we must see things as He sees them. Do we?
- Have you learned to keep step with the Almighty?
- Have you learned to trust what He says? Walking in His direction and keeping step with Him, in agreement with Him, showing and telling others of His great love for them?

Pray Today For: Our Church, Nationally/locally; Our Nation: Our leaders; Police officers/military. Supreme Ct. Justices: John Roberts, Jr., Anthony Kennedy, Clarence Thomas, Ruth Ginsburg, Stephen Breyer, Samuel Alito, Sonia Sotomayor, Elena Kagan and Neil Gorsuch; President & V.P.: Donald & Melania Trump; Mike & Karen Pence. The Cabinet and all advisors. Appointee - Christopher Wray, F.B.I.

O Master Let Me Walk With Thee – Hymn #91 Gladden/Smith (347-0-2)

- 1 *O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.*
- 2 *Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.*
- 3 *Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.*
- 4 *In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way, in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.*

Saturday, June 10, 2017 - This Morning's Meditation - C. H. Spurgeon

"We live unto the Lord."—Romans 14:8.

F God had willed it, each of us might have entered heaven at the moment of conversion. It was not absolutely necessary for our preparation for immortality that we should tarry here. It is possible for a man to be taken to heaven, and to be found meet to be a partaker of the inheritance of the saints in light, though he has but just believed in Jesus. It is true that our sanctification is a long and continued process, and we shall not be perfected till we lay aside our bodies and enter within the veil; but nevertheless, had the Lord so willed it, He might have changed us from imperfection to perfection, and have taken us to heaven at once. Why then are we here? Would God keep His children out of paradise a single moment longer than was necessary? Why is the army of the living God still on the battle-field when one charge might give them the victory? Why are His children still wandering hither and thither through a maze, when a solitary word from His lips would bring them into the centre of their hopes in heaven? The answer is—they are here that they may "live unto the Lord," and may bring others to know His love. We remain on earth as sowers to scatter good seed; as ploughmen to break up the fallow ground; as heralds publishing salvation. We are here as the "salt of the earth," to be a blessing to the world. We are here to glorify Christ in our daily life. We are here as workers for Him, and as "workers together with Him." Let us see that our life answereth its end. Let us live earnest, useful, holy lives, to "the praise of the glory of His grace." Meanwhile we long to be with Him, and daily sing— "My heart is with Him on His throne, And ill can brook delay; Each moment listening for the voice, 'Rise up, and come away.'"

A Few Favorite Verses From Deut. & Psalm 119:

Deu_10:12 "And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, Deu_11:19 You shall teach them to your children, speaking of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up.

Deu_11:22 "For if you carefully keep all these commandments which I command you to do—to love the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways, and to hold fast to Him—

Psa_119:1 Blessed are the undefiled in the way, Who walk in the law of the LORD!

Psa_119:3 They also do no iniquity; They walk in His ways.

Psa_119:35 Make me walk in the path of Your commandments, For I delight in it.

Psa_119:45 And I will walk at liberty, For I seek Your precepts.

Psa 119:133 Direct my steps by Your word, And let no iniquity have dominion over me.