

Enoch and God

We are told in Genesis 5:21-24 that a man named Enoch “walked with God”. Enoch was a distinguished person. He lived the shortest life of the antediluvian world, only 365 years! But, he “walked with God” during those years. It’s not how long you live that counts, it’s how you live that counts.

Enoch did not die. Like, Elijah (2 Kings 2:3,5,11), Enoch was taken directly to heaven. Two persons in the Old Testament are said to have “walked with God,” Enoch and Noah (Genesis 6:9). What does “walking with” God suggest? It suggests constant agreement, unity, and fellowship with God (Amos 3:3; 1 Jn.1:7). It suggests intimate companionship and communion with God (Malachi 2:6; 2 Corinthians 5:20). It suggests consciousness of God’s presence, security, safety, and blessing (Acts 17:27-28).

Walking with God is all important (Micah 6:8). How did Enoch walk with God? He walked by faith in God’s word (Hebrews 11:5-6). He walked well-pleasing to God. He looked to God as his rewarder. He diligently sought after God and obeyed him. He even rebuked the ungodly of his day who were not living right (Jude 14-15).

Enoch means “dedicated” and this man certainly lived up to his name. Are you walking with God like Enoch? If not, start that walk today! - *Chris Reeves*

Sentence Sermons

- Gratitude to God should be as regular as our heart beat.
- Having a sharp tongue may cut your own throat.
- A family altar can alter a family.
- He who angers you, controls you.
- He who is good at making excuses, is seldom good for anything else.
- We are too blessed to be depressed.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

Now That I Have Chosen Jesus Christ

What happens when I choose to obey the gospel and become a Christian? I have not chosen a political party, a philosophical theory, or a man-made denomination. I have chosen a way of life that will affect my total being. Paul wrote, "For me to live is Christ" (Galatians 2:20). I have made the wise choice in life. I have chosen the narrow way that leads to eternal life and I have chosen to obey the words of Jesus (Matthew 7:13-14, 24-27). Now that I have chosen Jesus Christ...

I HAVE BLESSINGS BEYOND COMPARE. I have a new life! I am a new creature in Christ because I have been baptized into Christ for the remission of my sins (John 3:3-5; Romans 6:3; 2 Corinthians 5:17). I have entered into the kingdom of God (Colossians 1:13; Daniel 2:44; Luke 1:32,33; Hebrews 12:28) and I have been added to the body (church) of Christ (Acts 2:38,41,47; Ephesians 1:22,23; 5:23).

What else do I have? I have my past sins forgiven by the blood of Jesus through baptism (Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Matthew 26:28; Revelation 1:5). I also have forgiveness of my present sins when I repent and pray for forgiveness (Acts 8:22; 1 John 1:7-2:2). I have peace (Philippians 4:7,9), joy (Acts 8:39; 16:34; Philippians 4:4; 1 Peter 1:6-9), and contentment (Philippians 4:6,11,13) in my heart.

Wouldn't it be nice if my friends and family had these same blessings? And why

would I want to give up these blessings by falling away from Christ? Do I appreciate my spiritual blessings?

I HAVE IMPORTANT RESPONSIBILITIES. My responsibilities do not end when I obey the gospel. There are other things I must do. I must love God above all else like family, friends, and life itself (Matthew 10:37; 22:37; Luke 14:26; 1 John 4:19; 5:3; John 14:15). I must love others as I love myself like family, friends, fellow-Christians, and even enemies (Matthew 22:39; 1 John 3:16; 4:7-21; 1 Peter 1:22; Matthew 5:43-47; Romans 12:19-21).

What else must I do? I must live for Jesus each day (1 Corinthians 6:19,20; Romans 12:1,2; Galatians 2:20; Philippians 1:20; 1 John 2:6; Galatians 5:16-23). I must study my Bible every day in order to grow spiritually (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18). I must pray every day in order to communicate with God my wants and needs (Romans 12:12; Ephesians 6:18; Colossians 4:2; 1 Thessalonians 5:17).

I must have the fellowship of faithful brethren in a local congregation; working and worshipping together in a local church assembly (Acts 2:42; Philippians 1:1; 1 Corinthians 12:14ff; 1 Timothy 3:14-15; Ephesians 4:15-16).

What further responsibilities do I have? I must submit to the leadership of the elders in the local church and follow their guidance and teaching (Acts 20:17,28; 1 Peter 5:1-3; Hebrews 13:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:12,13).

I must worship God publicly in the assembly of the local church on Sunday, the first day of the week (John 4:24; Acts 2:42; 20:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23ff; Hebrews 13:15; Ephesians 5:19; Colossians 3:16,17; 1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7; Hebrews 10:25). I must also tell others about Jesus (Philippians 2:16; 2 Timothy 2:2; Romans 1:14-16). Am I willing to carry out these responsibilities?

I HAVE CERTAINTIES IN MY LIFE. I know that I am saved (right with God) because I have obeyed what the word of God says (Hebrews 5:9). I know that Jesus will come again because when Jesus makes a promise to return, he keeps his word (John 14:1-3; Acts 1:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-14; 2 Peter 3:10-14; 1 John 3:2).

What else do I know for certain? I know that I will stand before God in judgment (Hebrews 9:27; Matthew 25:31,32; 2 Corinthians 5:10). I know that I can go to heaven if I live faithfully my whole life and with God's help (1 Peter 1:4). There is great comfort and reassurance in these certainties in the ever-changing world that I live in. Do these certainties give me confidence to live for Jesus each day?

Now that I have chosen Jesus Christ my new life has just begun! I can now enjoy my blessings beyond compare. I must now fulfill my responsibilities. I can now be certain as I go through life. - *Chris Reeves*