

# TO WALK WITH GOD

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*“And Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him”* (Genesis 5:22-24). *“These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah walked with God”* (Genesis 6:9). The Sacred text reveals something very unique about these two men. It is stated specifically that they “walked with God”. This should not be misconstrued to indicate that they were without sin, but rather that their prime goal in life was to be obedient to the Master, and to serve Him faithfully. The Prophet Amos once asked Israel a very penetrating question concerning such truths: *“Can two walk together except they be agreed?”* (Amos 3:3). This valiant man stood between Israel and God, and pointed out that the two were in covenant relationship at the time. The contrast which he drew at this moment was that God changes not, and that Israel was not walking with God. Amos was standing in the gap, so to speak, and while Israel was enjoying great prosperity and good fortune, they were thinking nothing about their duty or obligations to God. The reason they were not walking with God was simple—they had left God out of their daily lives and walked in their own lusts and pleasure. It certainly was not that God had not given them adequate instruction and direction, it was solely that they chose to disregard what He had said. They had disagreed with God! Our country today stands on the brink of spiritual disaster just as Israel did at the time of Amos’ denunciation of their high handed disobedience. We desperately need men today who will take the sword of the Spirit and wage a never ending war until permissive and ungodly multitudes are turned in penitence unto Jehovah God. We need elders, preachers, leaders, and faithful Christians who will *“Preach the Word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine”* (2 Timothy 4:2). Only by doing what God says, can it be said that we *“walk with God.”* It certainly is not that God has left us to flounder and choose among hundreds of “ways” to be pleasing to Him. His Word is clear, precise, and easily understood so that we have no excuse for not walking with God—except that we choose not to do so. Observe the following: *“Furthermore then we beseech you, brethren, and exhort you by the Lord Jesus, that as ye have received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, so ye would abound more and more. For ye know what commandments we gave you by the Lord Jesus”* (1 Thessalonians 4:1-2). We have the same commandments which Paul gave to the Thessalonians brethren. Consider also Paul’s words to the Galatian brethren: *“And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God”* (Galatians 6:16). Paul entreated the Colossian brethren with these words: *“...that ye might be filled with the knowledge of His Will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God”* 1:9,10). Let us be very careful that we don’t play the fool as some did in the time of Jeremiah’s prophecy. *“The priest said not, where is the Lord? And they that handle the law knew Me not: the pastors also transgressed against Me, and the prophets prophesied by Ba’al, and walked after things that do not profit”* (Jeremiah 2:8). The Psalmist said, *“So I gave them up unto their own hearts’ lusts: and they walked in their own counsels”* (Psalm 81:12). If you wish to *“walk with God”* don’t try to figure things out! Just do what God says! You’ll then be *“Walking with God.”*