

**GENESIS**  
**ESSENTIALS IN WALKING WITH GOD**  
**GENESIS 4:16-24; 5:1-32**

**Introduction**

After **righteous ABEL** was killed by his **unrighteous and unrepentant** brother **CAIN**, we saw how the **complaining, bellyaching and full of self-pity, CAIN (Vs 13)** moved to dwell in the land of **NOD** ("**NOD**" means "**wandering**") where **he began a family with his wife! (i.e. his sister)**

So, what becomes of a society built on **rebellion** against the **LORD GOD** and in **angry defiance** of the **LORD'S LAWS** and **SACRIFICES**?

Well, we're not given the number of years they each lived like we are in the **righteous line of SETH**, but we are given a **line of CAIN'S descendants** down to **LAMECH** and his sons. (**LAMECH** was the **seventh from Adam** in **CAIN'S line** just as **ENOC** was the **seventh from Adam** in **SETH'S line**.) So, it is possible that **LAMECH** and **ENOC** were contemporaries, but we can't be dogmatic about that!

But **LAMECH** altered the **plan of GOD** and was the first mentioned who **married two women!** His family produced musical instruments. His family produced implements to make life enjoyable. **But in spite of what might seem to be an advancing, prosperous, and good life, evil was also advancing ominously!**

That can be seen in the fact that **LAMECH** felt like he deserved greater leniency than **CAIN** in any **vengeance** that might come against him because of a man that he had killed in self defense. (**Genesis 4:23-24**)

In strong contrast with the **godless line of CAIN** was the **righteous line of SETH**. (**Genesis 4:25-26**) In the line from **SETH** there was **faith**. **EVE** saw **SETH** as a **provision from GOD**, according to her **statement of faith**.

So, **CAIN** became associated with **wandering**. **SETH** name means **appointed, put, set, settled, or placed**. While **CAIN**, as the head of **apostasy**, is made a **wanderer**, **SETH**, from whom the **PROMISED SEED** would come, is **fixed**.

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Now we move to **Chapter 5** which I have labeled in my **BIBLE** as the **DEATH** chapter. That's because one of the most prevalent phrases in this chapter is "**and he died**". Not only is the righteous line of **SETH** listed from **Adam** to **NOAH** and his son, **SHEM**, but there are some things lessons we can learn

1. **God's Word Is True! (Genesis 2:17)**
2. **Our Sin Affects Our Children! (Romans 5:12)**
3. **Death Passes To All Men Because Of Sin! (Romans 6:23)**  
**Hebrews 9:27— "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:"**

Well, someone might rightly ask the question: "**Well, what about what happened to Enoch, Elijah, and what happens to the saints at the rapture?**"

1. **Enoch was translated. (Hebrews 11:5)**  
**"translated"** means simply **to transfer or transport**.
2. **Elijah "went up by a whirlwind into heaven." (2 Kings 2:11)**  
**(Some think Enoch and Elijah return in Revelation 11:3-13)**
3. **Saints alive at the rapture. (1 Corinthians 15:50ff)**  
**"Changed"—"to make different." "Death"—"separation."**
  - a. **Physical death is the separation of the soul and spirit from the body.**
  - b. **Spiritual death is the separation of the soul and spirit from God.**

The **rapture** could be said to be **a form of death** in the sense that we will be **separated from this body of death** and **given a new body**.

Also, we will be **separated from this world** to be with the **LORD!**

**Enoch "walked with God."**

He is one of two men who was said to have "**walked with God**" before the flood. (The other was **Noah— Genesis 6:9**)

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However, I want you to note that it does not say he *walked with GOD*, until after his first son, *Methuselah*, was born. In the *Hebrew* language, the name *Methuselah* literally means, "*When he is dead, it shall be sent.*"

Why did **Enoch** *walk with GOD*? Because **GOD** had apparently told him that when **Methuselah** died the world was going to be judged and destroyed by a terrible flood of waters that **GOD** would send?

Is that why *Methuselah* lived longer than any man in the history of the world (969 years) for **GOD** was not willing that any should perish and was giving sinful mankind as much time for repentance as possible!

*1 Timothy 2:4*—"Who will have all men to be saved, and to come to the knowledge of the truth. (Cf. *2 Peter 3:1-9*)

**Enoch** was the **first recorded preacher** and he **preached on the coming judgment.**

*Jude 14-15*—"14 And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 15 to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed, and of all their hard speeches which ungodly sinners have spoken against him."

So, what does the **BIBLE** mean when it says "*Enoch walked with GOD*" "*Walking with GOD*" is the **BIBLICAL** expression for having a **living, active faith shown by having fellowship with and obedience to GOD** that results in **DIVINE FAVOR (or GRACE)!**

*Hebrews 11:5* says that **Enoch pleased GOD** and then the next verse tells us that "*without faith it is impossible to please HIM!*"

So, how does one "*walk with GOD?*" OR...  
What are the **ESSENTIALS IN WALKING WITH GOD?**

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- I. FAITH IS ESSENTIAL IN WALKING WITH GOD.**  
*Hebrews 11:6*—"But without faith it is impossible to please God..."  
**Faith**, simply speaking, is **taking GOD at HIS WORD!**
- A. We Must Believe What God Says About Us And Our Sin.**  
We **ALL** are **SINNERS!** Our **SIN** is against **HIM!**
- B. We Must Believe What God Says About Judgment.**  
Our **SIN** deserves **JUDGMENT** and **GOD** will **JUDGE SIN!**
- C. We Must Believe What God Says About The Saviour.**  
**GOD** loves us and sent **HIS SON** into the world to take the **JUDGMENT** of our **SINS!**
- D. We Must Believe What God Says About Godly Living.**  
After **GOD SAVES** us, **HE** expects us to **LIVE** for **HIM!**

- II. OBEDIENCE IS ESSENTIAL IN WALKING WITH GOD.**  
*James 1:22*—"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves."  
*James 2:26*—"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also."

**Faith without obedience is not really faith** but merely an intellectual assent to some facts without personal involvement.

- III. FELLOWSHIP IS ESSENTIAL IN WALKING WITH GOD.**
- A. Fellowship With GOD Involves GOD Talking To Man!**  
(**GOD** does that through **HIS WORD** and **HIS HOLY SPIRIT INDWELLING** the **BELIEVER.**)
- 1. Fellowship With GOD Requires Time!**
  - 2. Fellowship With GOD Requires Attention!**
  - 3. Fellowship With GOD Requires An Open Heart!**

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- B. Fellowship With GOD Involves Talking To GOD!**  
**(When we talk to GOD that's called PRAYER!)**
- 1. Prayer Requires Time!**  
*(e.g. Daniel in Daniel 6:10-11; David in Psalm 55:17- "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: And he shall hear my voice.)*
  - 2. Prayer Requires Reverence/Humility!**  
*James 4:6-10; Daniel 9:3ff*
  - 3. Prayer Requires Purity! (Motives-James 4:1-3)**  
*Isaiah 59:1-2- "1 Behold, the LORD's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; Neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, And your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear."*

- C. Fellowship With GOD Brings Forth A Walk With GOD!**  
A walk in **FELLOWSHIP** with someone means you have to **walk in the same direction** as that other person *in lockstep* with them!  
*Amos 3:3- "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?"*

To be *"in lockstep"* is to be in perfect conformity or unison!

How does the **BIBLE** describe one's **WALK WITH GOD?**

**Walking In Newness Of Life.**

*Romans 6:4 - "Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."*

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**Walking In Good Works**

*Ephesians 2:10- "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."*

**Walking In The Spirit** — *Galatians 5:16ff*

**Walking In Love** — *Ephesians 5:1-16*

**Walking Worthy Of The Lord**—*Colossians 1:10; 2:6; 4:5*  
*1 Thessalonians 2:11-12, 4:1*

**Walking In The Light** — *1 John 1:6-9; 2:6*

**Conclusion**

So...How is your **WALK?** Are you **"WALKING WITH GOD?"**  
It takes **FAITH!** *Eph. 2:8-9- "For by grace are ye saved through faith"*

It takes **OBEDIENCE!** *Colossians 2:6-7- "6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: 7 Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving."*

It takes **FELLOWSHIP!**  
**GOD** speaking to you through **HIS WORD** according to **HIS SPIRIT!**  
You speaking to **GOD** through **PRAYER!**

Those things bringing forth **A WALK WITH GOD!**

Walking in Newness Of Life  
Walking in Good Works  
Walking in the Spirit  
Walking in Love  
Walking worthy of the LORD  
Walking in the Light