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## A LONG WALK WITH GOD

Mike King



The great faith of Enoch enabled him to be a companion to God during his life. Be it understood that his choice to walk with God paid dividends in the end (Gen. 5:18-24). The very name “Enoch” means “initiated.” He was initiated into a relationship of walking, worshipping and serving God. It was not an event; it was for him a life. The poet has written some defining words about life:

*One step won't take you very far; You've got to keep on walking.*

*One word won't tell folks who you are; You've got to keep on talking.*

The life of Enoch was very colorful and his generations were also lived colorfully. Jared, his father, lived to be 962 years of age. Enoch lived 365 years and was succeeded by his son Methuselah who outlived them all by lasting 969 years. All three were highly esteemed by God. Enoch served as patriarch, priest and prophet.

The greatest compliment paid Enoch was that he “*walked with God!*” There are some principles suggested in the quote. It suggests close companionship with God. Noah (Gen. 6:9) was a just and perfect man who walked with God. How impressive! Abraham was instructed to walk with God (Gen. 17:1) in boldness. He was told to do this when he was 99 years of age, which indicates there are no age restraints on being Godly. We today walk with God by obeying His Word or walking in the light. In doing so, we enjoy fellowship with fellow-travelers and the perpetual remission of sins (1 Jn. 1:7). One has to please God to enjoy this walk. We are told to “*resist the devil and he will flee from you, draw nigh to God and He will draw nigh unto you*” (Jas. 4:7). We must be pure in a sinful surrounding. “*Can two walk together except they be agreed?*” was asked (Amos 3:3). We cannot love God whom we have not seen if we cannot love our fellow-man whom we can see (1 Jn. 4:20). We should be honored to walk with God.

Man's greatest enemy was avoided by Enoch due to his walk with God. He did not have to experience death, but was translated. His translation was preceded by his pleasing God. His translation gives us hope for the future as well because the resurrection of Christ enables us to divert the onslaught of death. In a sense, if we have been faithful we too will be translated (caught up) and shall ever be with the Lord in the air (1 Thess. 4:17).

## I AM A PART OF THE CHURCH



I am a part of the church; one among many, but I am one.

I need the church for the development of the buried life within me; the church in turn needs me.

The church may be human in its organization, but it is divine in its purpose. That is to point me toward God.

Participating in the privilege of the church, I shall also share in its responsibilities, taking it upon myself to carry my fair share of the load, not grudgingly but joyfully.

To the extent that I fail in my responsibility, the church fails; to the extent that I succeed, the church succeeds.

I shall not wait to be drafted for the service in my church; I shall volunteer, saying; “*Here am I, send me!*”

I shall be loyal in my attendance, generous in my gifts, kind in my criticisms, creative in my suggestions, loving in my attitudes.

I shall give to my church my interest, my enthusiasm, my devotion—most of all, myself.

*Harold W. Ruopp*

## YOUTH PAGE

**“Reputation is what men and women think of us; character is what God and angels know of us.”**

~ Thomas Paine ~

The world usually judges a person based on personal achievements, education, wealth, the quantity and/or quality of material possessions and other criteria that contribute to one’s status.

Having a good reputation in society has become the main method of defining one’s self-worth. Should we as Christians, though, desire the approval of others based solely on appearances?

No. If our goal in life is to impress people based on our looks, knowledge, and riches, then we are no different than the Pharisees. These men were the most despised group in the Bible by Jesus because they did not care at all about pleasing the Lord. They were only consumed with gaining the attention of others and showing off that which they had and knew.

We can have, say and do all the right things in order to win over our fellow human beings, but it means nothing if we do not have good character. Our “character” is the person we really are (our thoughts, ideas, dreams, intentions, motives, and desires).

In **Jeremiah 20:12**, we see that God examines our heart and mind, and this is what He uses to judge us. The opinion the Almighty has of us is the only one we should seek to please. As you face this week, I want you to think about this question: Could **God** brag about **your** character?

*Andy*

- Please remember the following youth that are away at Maywood Christian Camp this week: *Dillon and David Clayton, Anderson Parks, Ruston Adams, Olivia Pounders, Erin and Thomas Wall and Michael Crotts. Sarah Walker* is there serving as a counselor this week.
- There will be a youth devo Saturday night at 6:30 at the home of *Phil and Paige Young*. The boys are asked to bring drinks and the girls chips. Parents are invited and all are asked to bring a lawn chair. Please let *Paige* know if you will not be able to attend.

**PRAYER LIST**

**J.L. Eaton** will have surgery (nerve block) today at Semmes Murphey Clinic in Memphis.

**Pat Reed** will have foot surgery July 25.

**Bobby Marques**, will have eye surgery Wed.

**Grace Lyon**, is at home not feeling well.

**Grandmother of Viva Dillard**, is in the Tupelo hospital following a stroke.

**Gail Seibert**, cousin of *Sarah Walker* is in serious condition (kidney failure) in an Alabama hospital.

**Continual Prayer**

**Billy Joe Bray, Dr. Richard Russell, Al Pless, Eleta Grimmitt, Travis Jamieson, Aliene Cain, Donna Haynes, Willie Jackson, Hugh Collins, Shane Crotts, Terry Young**

**Shut-Ins**

**Lessie Bryant, Jean Drummond, Billy Joe Garner, Laura Mae Harris, Belle Cross, Raymond & Amy Vest**

**Nursing Home/Assisted Living:**

**Corrine Hall, Anna Davis, Mattie Golden & Pauline Smith**

**Military List:**

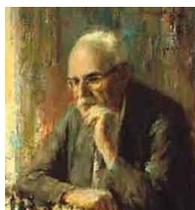
**David Wilhite, Barry Wilhite, Jimmie Stutts, Tiffany Erwin, Aaron Raines, Michelle Ham, Raegan Cole, Micah Russell**

**SYMPATHY**

We express our sympathy to *Ronnie Griggs* in the death of his brother, *Billy Joe Griggs*. He passed away Saturday night, July 16th. Funeral services will be held at 3:00pm Wednesday, at German Funeral Home in Steele, MO.

**“I’VE LEARNED”**

...That it’s those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

- July 21.....Ione Wall
- July 22.....Hunter Jennings
- July 22.....Matt Jennings
- July 22.....Jason McMillen
- July 27.....Dixie White

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

- July 25.....Bobby & Sue Marques

**EVENTS TO REMEMBER**

- There will be a youth devo Saturday night, July 23, at 6:30, at the home of *Phil* and *Paige Young*.
- Several youth will be taking a trip to Atlanta, July 28-30.
- Fifth Sunday service will be July 31. There will be a potluck meal following our morning services. Our afternoon service will be at 1:15, led by our young men.
- Ladies, please remember to turn in your favorite recipes as soon as possible!

**AREA EVENTS**

- **Gospel Meeting** continues through Thur. night at the **Ashland Church of Christ** with *J C Enlow* speaking each night at 7:00pm.
- **Mayfield Church of Christ** in Baldwyn invites you to their **Gospel Meeting** July 17-20 at 7:30pm. Guest speaker is *Philip Hathcock*.
- **Chapman Church of Christ Lectureship** is July 31-August 3. There are different speakers during the week. Check the bulletin board for details.
- **Senior Adult Rally** at the Booneville Church of Christ Saturday, August 27 from 9:30am-1:30pm. Guest speaker is *Levi Sides*. Lunch will be provided in the annex.

## OUR RECORD

Sunday School .....	118
Sunday A M .....	140
Sunday P.M .....	79
Wednesday .....	104
Contribution .....	\$3,282.32
Budget .....	\$3,455.70

## TO SERVE

Scripture .....	Matt Jennings
A.M. Prayer .....	Dalton Beard
Closing Prayer....	Mark Jennings
P.M. Prayer.....	Jerry Gibson
Closing .....	Dan Cobb
Wed 7/27 .....	Greg Harrison
Wed. 7/27 .....	Bobby White
Usher & Lock.....	Greg Clayton
Greeter.....	B & G Lyon



**PANTRY ITEM:**  
**PASTA MEALS**

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School .....	9:30
Morning Worship .....	10:30
Evening Worship .....	6:00
Wednesday Bible Study .....	7:00

## ELDERS

Richard Jennings .....	534-6671
Troy Robertson .....	534-3491

## DEACONS

Bill Botts .....	316-2422
Greg Clayton.....	252-9762
Roger Clayton .....	534-5240
Andy Clemmer .....	816-5887
Harold Russell .....	534-4648
Randy Wall .....	316-9255
Lonnie Weaver.....	801-8448

## MINISTER

Mike King .....	507-0625
Home.....	534-6872
Office .....	534-4649

## The Holy Alphabet

Although things are not perfect  
Because of trial or pain  
Continue in thanksgiving  
Do not begin to blame  
Even when the times are hard  
Fierce winds are bound to blow  
God is forever able  
Hold on to what you know  
Imagine life without His love  
Joy would cease to be  
Keep thanking Him for all the things  
Love imparts to thee  
Move out of 'Camp Complaining'  
No weapon that is known  
On earth can yield the power  
Praise can do alone  
Quit looking at the future  
Redeem the time at hand  
Start every day with worship  
To 'thank' is a command  
Until we see Him coming  
Victorious in the sky  
We'll run the race with gratitude  
Xalting God most high

Yes, there'll be good times and some will be bad, but...  
Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!



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