

A CLOSER WALK WITH GOD

[*"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him"*
(**Gen. 5:24**)]

How would you feel if the President of your country called you for a chat and you are seen taking a friendly walk with him in the presidential garden and around the court? Anyone who sees you will wonder how in the world you got this favour. To walk with the President? It feels good. Somehow some favour will be splashed on you before you leave his presence. Is it possible for man to walk with God? It surely is.

In the above scripture we are told that Enoch walked with God. It is not easy to explain in detail how Enoch did it. We will try an explanation. The surprising thing about Enoch's walk with God is that he was not found because God took him away. In other words, Enoch did not see death because God took him out of the world. We can also walk with God. Let us study about Enoch in the scriptures. We are told that Enoch was a prophet and prophesied about the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ:

"⁴And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, ¹⁵To 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." (Jude 1:14-15)

With the ability to prophesy he had spiritual insight. He had abilities to

see visions and dreams. However, the Bible is very clear about the precise things he did to succeed in walking with God. *"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."* (Heb. 11:5)

Enoch was a man of faith too. He pleased God in his walk with Him. It means he did things that made God happy. If he was a man of faith and faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17) then we can imply that he received word from God and walked in accordance with the word. Since faith is obedience, we can also infer that he walked in obedience to the word of God. We get this clue from Abraham, a man of faith who also walked with God by faith: *"By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went."* (Heb. 11:8)

Therefore, to have a closer walk with God you must have His word, believe His word and obey His word. Such is the life that pleases God.

PRAYER & CONFESSION

*Lord. I want to walk closer to you.
Help me Lord to know more of your
word in Jesus' name. Amen!*