

Walking with God



Genesis 5:22

Hebrews 11:5

Enoch, Henoch, Hanoch, Enos

- ✦ The son of Cain—Genesis 4:17
- ✦ The son of Jared—Genesis 5:18; 1 Chronicles 1:3
- ✦ The son of Median—Genesis 25:4
- ✦ The son of Reuben—Genesis 46:9

Enoch, the son of Jared

- ✦ Genesis 5:18–24
- ✦ Luke 3:37
- ✦ Hebrews 11:5
- ✦ Jude 14



Can two walk together, except they be agreed?

Amos 3:3



Seth was a worthy character, and was to take the place of Abel in right doing. Yet he was a son of Adam like sinful Cain, and inherited from the nature of Adam **no more natural goodness than did Cain**. He was born in sin; but by the grace of God, in receiving the faithful instructions of his father Adam, **he honored God in doing his will**. He **separated himself from the corrupt descendants** of Cain, and labored, as Abel would have done had he lived, to **turn the minds of sinful men to revere and obey God.** (*ISP*) 60.2

Of Enoch it is written that he lived sixty-five years, and begat a son. After that he walked with God three hundred years. During these earlier years Enoch had loved and feared God and had kept His commandments. He was **one of the holy line, the preservers of the true faith, the progenitors of the promised seed.** From the lips of Adam he had learned the dark story of the Fall, and the cheering one of God's grace as seen in the promise; and he relied upon the Redeemer to come. But after the birth of his first son, Enoch reached a higher experience; **he was drawn into a closer relationship with God. (PP 84.3)**

He realized more fully his own obligations and responsibility as a son of God. And as he saw the child's love for its father, its simple trust in his protection; as he felt the deep, yearning tenderness of his own heart for that first-born son, he learned a precious lesson of the wonderful love of God to men in the gift of His Son, and the confidence which the children of God may repose in their heavenly Father. The **infinite, unfathomable love of God through Christ became the subject of his meditations day and night**; and with all the fervor of his soul he **sought to reveal that love** to the people among whom he dwelt. (*PP* 84.3)

Enoch's walk with God was not in a trance or vision, but in all the duties of his daily life. He did not become a hermit, shutting himself entirely from the world; for he had a work to do for God in the world. In the family and in his intercourse with men, as a husband and father, a friend, a citizen, he was the steadfast, unwavering servant of the Lord.

(PP 85.1)

His loss was felt on earth. The voice that had been heard day after day in warning and instruction was missed. There were some, both of the righteous and the wicked, who had **witnessed his departure**; and hoping that he might have been conveyed to some one of his places of retirement, those who loved him made diligent search, as afterward the sons of the prophets searched for Elijah; but without avail. They reported that he was not, for God had taken him. (*PP* 88.1)

By the translation of Enoch the Lord designed to teach an important lesson. There was danger that men would yield to discouragement, because of the fearful results of Adam's sin. Many were ready to exclaim, "What profit is it that we have feared the Lord and have kept His ordinances, since a heavy curse is resting upon the race, and death is the portion of us all?" But the instructions which God gave to Adam, and which were repeated by Seth, and exemplified by Enoch, swept away the gloom and darkness, and **gave hope to man**, that as through Adam came death, so through the promised Redeemer would come life and immortality. Satan was urging upon men the belief that there was no reward for the righteous or punishment for the wicked, and that it was impossible for men to obey the divine statutes. (*PP* 88.2)

But in the case of Enoch, God declares “that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.” Hebrews 11:6. **He shows what He will do for those who keep His commandments.** Men were taught that it is possible to obey the law of God; that even while living in the midst of the sinful and corrupt, they were able, by the grace of God, to resist temptation, and become pure and holy. They saw in his example the blessedness of such a life; and his **translation was an evidence of the truth of his prophecy concerning the hereafter, with its award of joy and glory and immortal life to the obedient, and of condemnation, woe, and death to the transgressor. (PP 88.2)**

The father who is the “house band” of the family will bind his children to the throne of God by living faith. Distrusting his own strength, he hangs his helpless soul on Jesus and takes hold of the strength of the Most High. Brethren, pray at home, in your family, night and morning; pray earnestly in your closet; and while engaged in your daily labor, lift up the soul to God in prayer. **It was thus that Enoch walked with God.** The silent, fervent prayer of the soul will rise like holy incense to the throne of grace and will be as acceptable to God as if offered in the sanctuary. To all who thus seek Him, Christ becomes a present help in time of need. They will be strong in the day of trial. (4T 616.1)

In every age there have been devout men, who gathered up the rays of light as they flashed upon their pathway, and who spoke to the people the words of God. Enoch, Noah, Moses, Daniel, and the long roll of patriarchs and prophets,—these were ministers of righteousness. They were not infallible; they were weak, erring men; but the Lord wrought through them as they gave themselves to His service. (*GW* 13.1)

We may commune with God in our hearts; we may walk in companionship with Christ. When engaged in our daily labor, we may breathe out our heart's desire, inaudible to any human ear; but that word cannot die away into silence, nor can it be lost. Nothing can drown the soul's desire. It rises above the din of the street, above the noise of machinery. It is God to whom we are speaking, and our prayer is heard. (*MYP* 250.2)

Ask, then; ask, and ye shall receive. Ask for humility, wisdom, courage, increase of faith. **To every sincere prayer an answer will come.** It may not come just as you desire, or at the time you look for it; but it will come in the way and at the time that will best meet your need. The prayers you offer in loneliness, in weariness, in trial, God answers, not always according to your expectations, but always for your good. (*MYP 250.3*)

Both in public and in private worship, it is our privilege to bow on our knees before the Lord when we offer our petitions to Him. Jesus, our example, “kneeled down, and prayed.” Of His disciples it is recorded that they, too, “kneeled down, and prayed.” Paul declared, “I bow my knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.” In confessing before God the sins of Israel, Ezra knelt. Daniel “kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God.”
(*MYP 251.1*)

True reverence for God is inspired by a sense of His infinite greatness and a realization of His presence.

With this sense of the Unseen, every heart should be deeply impressed. The hour and place of prayer are sacred, because God is there; and as reverence is manifested in attitude and demeanor, the feeling that inspires it will be deepened. “Holy and reverend is His name,” the psalmist declares.

Angels, when they speak that name, veil their faces.

With what reverence, then, should we, who are fallen and sinful, take it upon our lips! (*MYP* 251.2)

Well would it be for old and young to ponder those words of Scripture that show how the place marked by God's special presence should be regarded. “Put off thy shoes from off thy feet,” He commanded Moses at the burning bush,” for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground.” (*MYP* 251.3)

Enoch had temptations as well as we. He was surrounded with society no more friendly to righteousness than is that which surrounds us. The atmosphere he breathed was tainted with sin and corruption, the same as ours; yet he lived a life of holiness. He was unsullied with the prevailing sins of the age in which he lived. So may we remain pure and uncorrupted. **He was a representative of the saints who live amid the perils and corruptions of the last days.** For his faithful obedience to God he was translated. **So, also, the faithful, who are alive and remain, will be translated.** They will be removed from a sinful and corrupt world to the pure joys of heaven.

Our present work is to come out from the world and be separate. **This is the only way we can walk with God, as did Enoch. (CC 29.6, 7)**



Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots?
then may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil.

Jeremiah 13:23



But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:33



A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. (Ezekiel 36:26)



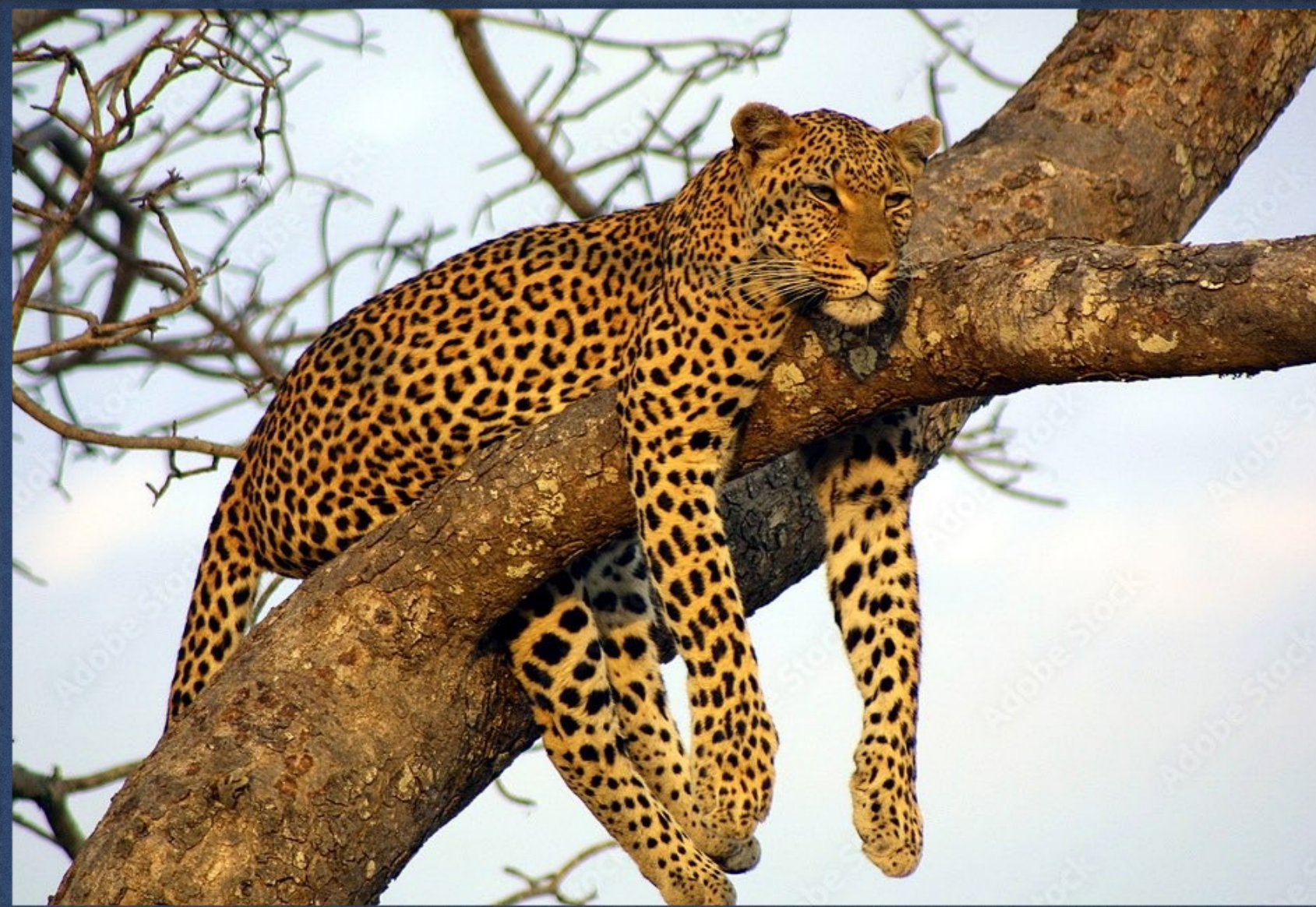
Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless.

2 Peter 3:14



That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.

Ephesians 5:27



Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, *and* to keep himself unspotted from the world.

James 1:27

Enoch

- ✿ His father was _____.
- ✿ How old was his father when he died? _____
- ✿ Enoch's son was _____.
- ✿ How old was Enoch when his son was born? _____
- ✿ How old was his son when Enoch was taken to heaven?

- ✿ How was Noah related to Enoch?

Enoch

- ✦ His father was Jared.
- ✦ How old was his father when he died? 962
- ✦ Enoch's son was Methuselah.
- ✦ How old was Enoch when Methuselah was born? 65
- ✦ How old was Methuselah when Enoch was taken to heaven? 300
- ✦ How was Noah related to Enoch? His great grandfather

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