

# Walking with God

*Part 2*

Many regard Enoch as a man to whom God gave special power to live a life more holy than we can live. But the character of the man who was so holy that he was translated to heaven without seeing death is a representation of the character to be attained by those who will be translated when Christ comes in the clouds of heaven. Enoch's life was no more exemplary than may be the life of every one who maintains a close connection with God. (*ST* October 12, 1904, par. 1)

It was through constant conflict and simple faith that Enoch walked with God. He realized that God is “a very present help in trouble.” When in perplexity, he prayed to God to keep him, and **teach him His will**. What shall I do to honor Thee, my God? was his prayer. His will was submerged in God’s will. His feet were always directed in the path of obedience to God’s commandments.

(Ibid., par 3)

For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.  
(Mark 3:35)

And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. (Romans 12:2)

Let this mind be in you, which was also in  
Christ Jesus: (Philippians 2:5)

Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers; but as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; (Ephesians 6:6)

Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)



And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof:  
but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.  
(1 John 2:17)



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*

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I do not allow my mind to be occupied with the things of this earth, because the glory of heaven has eclipsed the attraction of this earth for me, and I see one object, one crown, and it is for me to gain it. In order to gain it I must put all my reasoning powers and faculties to work. (*4LtMs*, Ms 84, 1886, par. 7)

You are to watch for souls as they that must give an account. Let there be no blundering work in dealing with human minds. These souls are to be molded and fashioned for the heavenly kingdom; the superscription of God is to be upon them. The powers and faculties of men are not to be destroyed, but to be developed, elevated, and ennobled. Let everyone who names the name of Christ be careful not to put his own human mold upon precious souls. They are the Lord's chosen ones; let the words spoken to them be carefully considered. (*7LtMs, Ms 13a, 1891, par. 42*)

All who have manifested passion or impatience should repent before God, for they have given an unworthy example to those who need their help, who need to be built up in the most holy faith. Whoever neglects to cultivate fervent piety that he may represent Christ, is working away from Christ and is not a laborer together with God. (*7LtMs*, Ms 13a, 1891, par. 42)

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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*



The will must be placed on the side of God's will. You are not able, of yourself, to bring your purposes and desires and inclinations into submission to the will of God; but if you are "willing to be made willing," **God will accomplish the work for you**, even "casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ." 2 Corinthians 10:5. Then you will "work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of His good pleasure."

Philippians 2:12, 13. (*MB* 142.1)



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)

Let us not dwell upon the dark side of the picture, saying that we do not know how things are coming out; that everything seems to be torn up and broken to pieces. It is not so. We may place ourselves under the molding hand of God. **He will make of us vessels unto honor**, if we are willing to be made thus. God wants us to expect large things, to remember that the prayer which ascended to heaven at the Saviour's baptism embraces every one of us. We are accepted in the Beloved. Christ has pledged himself to keep us. Then commit the keeping of your souls to him, as unto a faithful Creator. Repeat the words aloud, "I will commit the keeping of my soul to him." (*GCB* April 4, 1901, Art. A, par. 19)



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*

We shall be what we are willing to be made by Christ in these precious hours of probation. We shall be the sort of a vessel that we allow ourselves to be molded into. **We must unite with God** in the molding and fashioning work, having our wills submitted to the divine will. Christ has promised an inheritance to those who are thus submissive. He says, “Blessed are the meek; for they shall inherit the earth.” “Blessed are the merciful; for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God.” [Matthew 5:5, 7-9.]

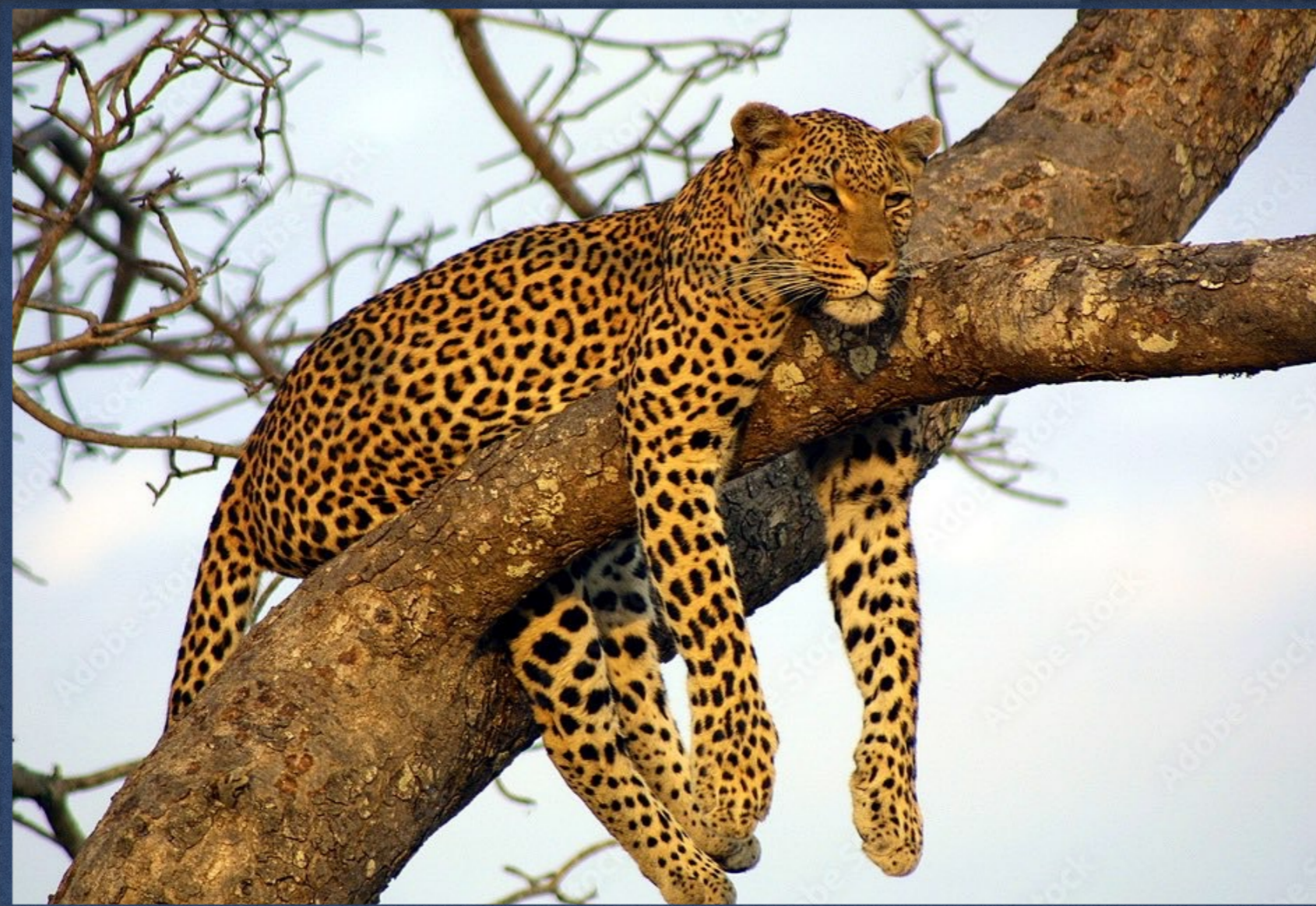
*(10LtMs, Lt 71, 1895, par. 38)*



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*

The victory is not won without much earnest prayer, without the humbling of self at every step. **Our will is not to be forced** into co-operation with divine agencies, but it must be voluntarily submitted. Were it possible to force upon you with a hundredfold greater intensity the influence of the Spirit of God, it would not make you a Christian, a fit subject for heaven. The stronghold of Satan would not be broken. (*MB* 142.1)



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*



Come unto me, all *ye* that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke *is* easy, and my burden is light.  
(Matthew 11:28–30)

# Psalm 91

# 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?  
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- ✿ How was Noah related to Enoch?

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- ✦ 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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- ✦ Was he the seventh from Adam?
- ✦ His lineage is: Adam, Seth, Enos, Cainan, Mahalaleed, Jared, Enoch

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- ✦ What did Enoch prophesy?

Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints, 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. (Jude 14, 15)



Enoch walked with God, and he was not, for God took him. To him was committed the message of the second coming of Christ. “And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all.” Jude 14, 15.  
(*CCh* 90.2)

The message preached by Enoch and his translation to heaven were a convincing argument to all who lived in his time. These things were an argument that Methuselah and Noah could use with power to show that the righteous could be translated. (*CCh* 90.2)

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Through holy angels God revealed to Enoch His purpose to destroy the world by a flood, and He also opened more fully to him the plan of redemption. By the spirit of prophecy He carried him down through the generations that should live after the Flood, and showed him the great events connected with the second coming of Christ and the end of the world. (*PP* 85.5)

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- ✦ What lesson did God teach in translating Enoch? His translation was an evidence of the truth of the hereafter with its award of joy and glory and immortal life to the obedient and of condemnation, woe, and death to the transgressor. Hebrews 11:6. Men were prone to think that there was no profit in fearing the Lord and in keeping his commandments because a heavy curse rested upon the race and death was the portion of all. Satan urged upon men the belief that there was no reward for the righteous and no punishment for the wicked and that it was impossible for men to obey the divine statutes.

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?" (*PP* 88.2)

Enoch had been troubled in regard to the dead. It had seemed to him that the righteous and the wicked would go to the dust together, and that this would be their end. He could not see the life of the just beyond the grave. In prophetic vision he was instructed concerning the death of Christ, and was shown His coming in glory, attended by all the holy angels, to ransom His people from the grave. He also saw the corrupt state of the world when Christ should appear the second time—that there would be a boastful, presumptuous, self-willed generation, denying the only God and the Lord Jesus Christ, trampling upon the law, and despising the atonement. He saw the righteous crowned with glory and honor, and the wicked banished from the presence of the Lord, and destroyed by fire. (*PP* 85.6)

Enoch became a preacher of righteousness, making known to the people what God had revealed to him. Those who feared the Lord sought out this holy man, to share his instruction and his prayers. He labored publicly also, bearing God's messages to all who would hear the words of warning. His labors were not restricted to the Sethites. In the land where Cain had sought to flee from the divine Presence, the prophet of God made known the wonderful scenes that had passed before his vision.

“Behold,” he declared, “the Lord cometh with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment upon all, and to convince all that are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds.” Jude 14, 15. (*PP* 86.1)



He was a fearless reprover of sin. While he preached the love of God in Christ to the people of his time, and pleaded with them to forsake their evil ways, he rebuked the prevailing iniquity and warned the men of his generation that judgment would surely be visited upon the transgressor. (*PP* 86.2)

The power of God that wrought with His servant was felt by those who heard. Some gave heed to the warning, and renounced their sins; but the **multitudes mocked** at the solemn message, and went on more boldly in their evil ways. The servants of God are to bear a similar message to the world in the last days, and it will also be received with unbelief and mockery. The antediluvian world rejected the warning words of him who walked with God. So will the last generation make light of the warnings of the Lord's messengers. (*PP* 86.3)

In the midst of a life of active labor, Enoch steadfastly maintained his communion with God. The greater and more pressing his labors, the more constant and earnest were his prayers. . . . Communing thus with God, Enoch came more and more to reflect the divine image. His face was radiant with a holy light, even the light that shineth in the face of Jesus. As he came forth from these divine communings, even the ungodly beheld with awe the impress of heaven upon his countenance. (*PP* 86.4)

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. (CC 29.6, 7)