

11 Enoch walked with God. Concept of walk in Bible - quotes. OT *Halacha*.

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Enoch walked with God. Halacha = walk. Not enough to talk the talk – we also need to walk the walk. Show in our actions the things we believe. Close walk with God characterised Enoch's life. One day he just kept on walking up to heaven. Supernaturally translated to be with God. Testified to in Hebrews 11.5.

### Walking with God (Enoch) - Tony Pearce

Walking together with God and walking closely to God. Able to walk and to talk with God. And this close walk with God characterized Enoch's life. And as he was walking with God, one day he just kept walking and went straight up to heaven. Well, we're going to see the significance of that in a moment, what it could have meant. But he was supernaturally translated into the presence of God, and **Hebrews 11** tells us that happened.

Now I said the word walk in Hebrew is the word *halach*, and it means it's also used in the Bible of 'a way of life'. The rabbis talk about it as the study of the Torah and not just the study of the Torah, but applying the Torah to how you live. So, it means 'walking in the ways of God', walking in his commandments. And you see right through the Bible the use of this term 'to walk' as implying how we behave in the light of what God has given to us in the scriptures.

A few examples of that: **Genesis 6.9** "Noah was a just man perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God." Abraham, Chapter **17** of **Genesis**, "The Lord appeared to Abraham and said to him: 'I am Almighty God. Walk before me and be blameless.'" And in **Deuteronomy 8.6**, "Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God to walk in His ways and to fear Him." **Deuteronomy 10.12** "Now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul."

So, the concept of walking with God, walking in His ways, keeping His commandments, keeping close to God, keeping fellowship with God, and obeying him in what He tells us to do.

## Enoch walked with God

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- "Noah was a just man, perfect in his generations. Noah walked with God." **Genesis 6.9**
- "The Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless." " **Genesis 17.1**
- "Therefore you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways and to fear Him." **Deuteronomy 8.6**
- "And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require of you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul." **Deuteronomy 10.12**

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So, the idea of 'walking' in the Bible has this implication of how we live, how we apply the word of God to the way that we live in our lives. And we find that this is also in the New Testament, particularly in the writing of Paul. Paul of course, as a student of the scriptures, and steeped in Jewish learning, applied this to his application of the scriptures in the New Testament.

So, in **Ephesians** chapter **2.10** it says: "**We are His workmanship created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.**" And "**walk in love...**" (**Ephesians 5.2,8,15**) "**And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. ... For you once were darkness but now *you* are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light ... See that you walk circumspectly and not as fools but as wise.**" And in **Colossians 1.10** "**That you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God.**"

So, the idea of walking then, is of how we apply God's word to our lives, how it causes us to walk in good works; in love, to walk in love; to walk as children of light; to walk not as fools but as wise; to be wise in how we apply God's word to our lives; and to walk in a way that's worthy of the Lord. So, this idea of walking with God is something which God wants us to do. He wants us not just 'to talk the talk' but 'to walk the walk', and to do it in our lives, to apply God's word to our lives, and to make it part of our lives so that part of the whole way in which we live, is to walk with God.

"**Enoch walked with God**" is a picture not just for Enoch, but also for us as well, and for all those whom God has called to be his people.

## Paul tells us to walk with God

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