

# Why Walking With God Is Preeminent

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To walk with God is to commune with God. Only one who has received Christ's righteousness desires to commune with Him. One who needs a little Savior here and there will become bored with Christ and will quickly cease walking with God. But a man who sees the grave danger of his soul because of the filth in his heart and yet he trusts in Christ who bore *all* of that sin at Calvary and who earned perfect righteousness to the Law that is imputed to him by faith is the sinner who gladly walks with God. He longs for more of God. Like Enoch, the godly man walks in close fellowship with God. Like a raging wildfire, God consumes him and the man of God longs for more of the fibers of his being to be caught with even more of this fire of devotion to Christ.

Walking with God is preeminent. This includes four crucial elements:

### **1. PRAYING TO GOD**

The first action a newborn baby instinctively knows is crying out to his mother. And so does a child of God, from the earliest moments of his new birth, cry out to God. Just as a young child approaches his father to ask for help in putting a toy together, so must the child of God visit his Father frequently in seeking His face for His help & His power. Prayer changes things. No force in all the universe is more powerful than prayer. The weakest saint praying is more powerful than all the world's armies combined. The child of God prays to God because he loves God, he must talk with God, he must worship God, he must thank God, he must intercede for others, and he must adore God.

### **2. READING THE WORD**

If prayer is talking with God, then reading the Word is God talking to the child of God. To walk with God is to have a two-way conversation. God speaks today ever so clearly (as He has all throughout church history) through the written Word of God. As Israel fed on Manna as God dropped it from heaven, so the child of God feeds on the divine Word for daily sustenance and strength. Just as a person eats meals each day for strength and energy, how much more does the child of God eat and digest God's Word each day for spiritual strength and God-given energy. The child of God does not view reading the Word as a burden or a duty but as a delight and a privilege to know God.

### **3. DELIGHTING IN CHRIST**

As God provided satisfying water from the rock while Israel thirsted in the wilderness, so the child of God must find daily delights in Christ while traversing through the wilderness of this world before entering the Promised Land. Christ serves as the most fruitful vine, the satisfying water, the fulfilling bread, and the sweet Bridegroom. No greater pursuit could a man ever embark upon than knowing, serving, loving, and submitting to Jesus Christ. Just as the virgins had to make certain their flasks were full of oil, so the believer must await Christ's return by daily seeking fresh filling of the Lord by enjoying Him, readying himself for His return, and delighting in His glory as his foremost and chief joy.

### **4. COMMUNING WITH BELIEVERS**

To commune with God involves the fellowship with other like-minded Christians. For one to claim that Christ is his head and yet he has severed himself from the Body of Christ is nonsense and deception. To have been joined to Christ in salvation is to be interconnected and eternally bound to the Body of Christ. For a true believer, this heightens joy since there are myriads of like-minded worshipers in heaven surrounding the throne whose predominant ambition is to worship the Lamb who was slain for sinners. To fellowship is to intentionally have Christ-centered fellowship. When people get together and Christ is not mentioned and the gospel is not enjoyed, then fellowship has not occurred. To walk with God is to commune with others so as to encourage them and stimulate them on toward greater Christlikeness and gospel-enjoyment. Walking with God includes a communal element.