**OUR SPIRITUAL WALK WITH GOD**

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Our spiritual life as a Christian is a journey! It is surely more than an earthly trip! From the time we are saved, we enter and start this spiritual journey. We don’t know how many months or years that we will travel. There will be a space of time for each of us and for some, a great distance between us and Heaven! The altar was our starting point – Heaven’s celestial home is our destination and goal. It will be many miles of days and nights, good times and bad, high times and lows; times of pressing – but also times of blessing, which will make our journey surely worth it all! There will be battles and there will be trials, but in our hearts, we know that it will be worth it when we reach Heaven’s bright eternal shore. If we will hold on to our faith and endure, keep praying and serving God; keep following as He leads us, then some day we will look back and see the hand of providence that led us, kept us, and brought us through it all!

There will be many lessons learned in our journey that we will discover the Lord knew best when we did not understand. We will come to realize that He was with us the whole time and did not leave us. He was there when we did not feel Him. From the moment that you were saved till you get to your final destination, there will be many obstacles to overcome, but you will be so glad that you pressed on and made it home!

In this Newsletter, I want to deal with our Spiritual Walk with God!

**Psalms 128:1 –** Blessed (happy, fortunate, prosperous) is everyone that walketh in His (God’s) ways. Happy shalt thou be and it shall be well with thee.

**Micah 6:8** – He hath showed thee O man what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to Walk humbly with thy God.

From the moment you are saved till you leave this world and the Lord calls you home is a Christian walk! No matter how young or old you are, when you gave your heart to Jesus in repentance and you were genuinely saved and converted, you started your spiritual walk with God!

The Lord wants you to know that this walk is going to be a walk of faith. It will cost you something! It will surely cost you the world. There will be times of self-denial. You cannot rely on, nor base everything on natural feelings – they will let you down. For we Walk by Faith and not by sight - **2 Cor. 5:7**) There will be times that you will pray for guidance and direction as you wait on God. Symbolically speaking, to follow God

and walk with Him, you will pass through valleys filled with shadows. There will be times of suffering and trial when your faith is tested and you will wonder and question – O God, where are you? Lord, I need you. I need your help and touch. I started out walking with you Lord Jesus and with all my heart, I want to make it all the way home! It is in these times that God will speak to you, He will show you the Way. **Isaiah 30:21** – And thine ears shall hear a Word behind thee, saying, This is the Way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand and when you turn to the left.

 It was the Psalmist David that said – “Teach me thy Way, O Lord, and lead me in a Plain Path. I have set the Lord always before me. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the House of the Lord forever. Thank God for this good Christian way that we walk in!

I DON’T REGRET A MILE

 Thank God, this writer does not regret a mile that I have walked with God. I have now been on this Good Way for 45 years the 28th of April. I’ve walked through dark valleys that were long and deep, I’ve been through raging storms when it looked like I would never make it out or see another rainbow, I’ve crossed hot burning deserts so thirsty and dry, when it looked like there was no water in sight, I’ve journeyed through wilderness when I had to depend wholly on God to sustain me; I’ve crossed muddy swollen rivers when it looked like I’d never be able to cross. By God’s good grace, I’ve pushed on when I didn’t feel like it – knowing there was nothing to turn back to, nothing but heartache and trouble. I’ve climbed high steep mountains where I had to press to reach the top! I’ve known pain and sorrow, tasted the tears of trial but I learned to Trust and obey! I can honestly say that my God has never failed me – O Bless His name! I wouldn’t take nothing for my journey now. God has brought me thus far and I’ve come a mighty long way since that Sunday night in 1974. I’ve got a made-up mind to make it all the way Home. I’ve come too far to ever give up. The Path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more and more unto the perfect Day – **Pro. 4:18).**  This let me know, the farther I walk this path with my Lord and the nearer Home I draw, the closer I get – the brighter my path shines. I’m surely nearer Home than I’ve ever been. I can now see the lights of that Heavenly City, where Angels sing and loved ones wait and Christ our Lord reigns as King. O how I want to see Him, embrace Him, fall at His dear feet, thank and worship Him through eternity for Saving me! The Rays of God’s Glory now shines upon my Path. As the Gospel song says – Too many miles behind me, too many trials are through; too many tears help me to remember – there’s too much to gain to lose. I’ve crossed the hot burning desert, struggling the right road to choose; but somewhere up ahead there’s cool clear water – defeat is one word I won’t use. Too many sunsets lie behind the mountain, too many rivers my feet have walked through; too many treasures are waiting over yonder – there’s too much to gain to lose!

 I exhort my readers to continue on in God’s good Grace. Every trial you’ve faced, every hardship endured will surely be worth it all! Keep praying, keep pressing on this upward way! This good Holy path is the best Way, the safest and surest Way and I can truly say – the Sweetest Way!!

 Thus saith the Lord, Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the Old Paths, where is the Good Way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls - **Jer. 6:16**).

THE SACRIFICIAL WALK

(ABRAHAM)

 Does it pay to walk with God? Let’s ask the Old Patriarch Abraham! Abraham, would you tell us your experience! How did you become a father of a multitude and father of faith? Tell us how you became the heir of righteousness.

 “Well, I’ll tell you – 3940 years ago in the land of Ur when I was 75 years old, the Lord said to me – “get thee out of thy country Abram, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will show you: and I will bless thee and thou shalt be a blessing.” I obeyed! I left it all behind, I left the idols, walked out of my father’s house, left my kindred and the whole country of idolaters behind. I loaded my wagons, pressed out and started on my 1100 mile journey toward Canaan – the land of Promise. It was a place I had never been to but I was persuaded and believed God’s word. By faith, I looked for a city whose builder and maker is God! Twenty four years later when I was 99 years old, after traveling a mighty long way, the Lord appeared to me, saying – “Abram, I am the Almighty God, Walk before me and be thou perfect and I will make my Covenant with you. I will bless you and I will make you fruitful. I’m going to give you a son and from your very own son your descendants will be as the stars in number and the sand upon the sea shore.”

 Abraham believed God and it was counted to him for righteousness. From Abraham, came the royal bloodline of the Jewish race and from the Jews came a Messiah – A Saviour and Redeemer! Thank God for Abraham’s Faith and obedience. For unto us a Saviour was born! I’m so glad for his walk with God. Had it not been, we would not have this Good Salvation that we enjoy and rejoice in today and there would be no hope of Heaven!

 A word to my readers: Your obedience is more important than you could ever realize. The future generations of your family and of them being blessed is totally dependent upon your Faith and Walk with God! We cannot afford to fail them and those around us! When God says Go, we must go! When He says do, we must do even if it goes against the grain. With a longing desire in the heart and this God given Faith, we can be persuaded of the things not seen. There’s no feeling like seeing the things we hope for materialize and we can embrace them! Keep right on walking child of God, obeying and trusting – your reward lies ahead. Your Faith and Walk is not in vain! Faith keeps marching on, nothing can deter it. It has a made-up mind regardless what this world around us says. I can say – this good Holy desire keeps me. It burns in my heart. I’ve had a foretaste of the glory that waits. The precious Holy Spirit – my comforter and guide is helping me to keep my vision of Heaven and I’m not about to let up or let go!

THE TESTIMONIAL WALK

(ENOCH)

 This ought to be our Prayer: “Lord, let my life be a light and a testimony to others!” People that know you can see your Christian Walk and they will say – that man or woman loves God. They are faithful in their walk with the Lord. I have confidence in them. They keep going in the good times and bad. You can count on them. They’ll be there not only when the sun is shining, but they’ll still be walking with Him and serving Him in the storms and rain!

 The Bible said in **Gen. 5** – Enoch was 65 years old when his son Methuselah was born. After Methuselah was born Enoch Walked with God for 300 years! We’ll never know how many literal miles this man walked in his life. We don’t have a record of his many trials and hardships and the things he endured in that long space of time. No doubt he saw many changes all around him from generation to generation. But it never deterred or weakened his faithfulness and commitment to God. It’s hard to imagine how many sacrifices this man made in his life time in his walk with the Lord! He was faithful to his altar. Does it pay to Walk with God? YES!! **Heb. 11:5** – 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. Enoch got a reward for his Holy Walk – he didn’t have to taste death!

 The story could well have gone like this: (Mom says to her son – “Have you seen Dad?” No! “Well, he hasn’t come home, go see if you can find him!” The son goes all around the house, no Dad. He visits the barns – He hollers out calling for his Dad – “Hey father, father!” But No Enoch. He notices his Dad’s freshly plowed field, so he goes over and scans the horizon all around and as he does, he see’s his Dad’s footsteps in the freshly plowed soil. He follows them out to the middle of the big field and suddenly they end. Enoch did not walk back toward his house. He disappeared – the last set of footprints were left behind. He had taken his last step for God and now was gone! This 365 year old man’s Walk with God was not in vain. The Lord no doubt said to Enoch – you’re now closer to my house than yours – come home now with me!) What a testimony went through that family! They knew where this blessed husband and Dad was. They didn’t have to guess – his Godly life proved it. Translated, raptured up, called out – Dad has gone home!

 I often wonder what it was like when Enoch took his last step! What did he see and feel? Was it worth it O man of God? You better believe it! I don’t regret one mile – all my praying and serving God paid off! Each one of us reading this, will one day take our last step. Where will we be and what will we be doing when that time comes? Whether it be by the grave or by the rapture, we will be leaving this world. I believe Jesus is COMING SOON! Are you ready? How will your walk be? If you go by the way of death, what will your family and others say as they look down in the casket and view the body you lived and worked and walked in? O Jesus, let them say of me – there lies a man who loved God. He loved others, loved going to Church and worshipping the Lord! I know where he is! **Prov. 37:23** – The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He (he) delighteth in His (his) Way. Not only does a good man delight in God’s Way, but the Lord looks down and delights in the righteous man’s way! He’s pleased with his Walk!

THE WALK OF A LABORER

(NOAH)

 It is interesting to note that Noah was Enoch’s great-grandson! This proves Enoch’s righteousness and love for God, showed up in his bloodline in Noah. For the Bible said in **Gen. 6** that Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah Walked with God! Therefore, he found Grace in the eyes of the Lord. Thank you Grandpa for Walking with God. Thank you for the heritage you left me! It is because of your faithfulness that God’s good grace has come to me and my family.

 Can you imagine in Noah’s day the whole world around you given completely over to lust, corruption and violence, like we are witnessing in our nation today? Men and women both young and old were given over to wickedness, for their imaginations and the thoughts of their hearts were evil continually. God saw it and was grieved in His heart. He was sorry that He had made man. God said – “It is enough! I’m going to destroy the whole earth, both man and beast upon it with the waters of a great flood.” **But** Noah was righteous and found grace! God spoke to this just man – “Noah, build thee an ark and make it according to the directions that I tell thee. It will be for the saving of your household. Prepare thee an Ark according to these dimensions – 500 feet long, 83 feet wide, and 50 feet high. I’m sending flood waters that will cover the whole earth. They will be so deep they’ll reach 26 feet above the highest mountain on the globe. I’m giving you a space of time to build, for my Spirit shall not always strive with man, for they are flesh – their days shall be a hundred and twenty years! Get busy!”

Noah moved with fear began to build. Tell us Noah, what was it that kept you motivated, that you kept walking with God and laboring? He would tell you – “There was something about His mighty voice that spoke to me that day that I shall never forget! There was such a seriousness I felt that it put a Godly fear in me and I believed. I kept that reverential fear in my heart and continued laboring for 120 years! Did I get tired and weary? Yes! Were there days that I didn’t feel like working? Yes, but I pushed on. I preached to the people, I warned them and continued laboring. While others went on their merry way, eating and drinking and partying – I continued my Walk with God. There came a day that my toils paid off when the judgment of God fell. When the rain was pouring, the flood waters were gushing – I could look at the faces of my family inside the ark and know we were all saved. We were all safe with God. Thank God I obeyed!

**May God Bless and keep all my readers!!**