

# Daily Walk with God



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**VISION:** To hear the midnight cry, “The bridegroom comes, go out to meet Him” (Matthew 25:6) and become like Him when I see Him as He is (1 John 3:2).

**MISSION:** Purify myself even as Christ is pure (1 John 3:3) to be glad, to rejoice, give honor to Christ and be ready for the marriage of the Lamb (Revelation 19:7).

**VALUES:** Follow the Lamb wherever He goes (Revelation 14:4), be without fault before God (Revelation 14:5), be perfect even as my Father in heaven is perfect (Matthew 5:48), wear the Lamb’s fine, clean and white linen (Revelation 19:8) do righteously (1 John 3:10) and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).

**OVERALL AIM:** Studies presented here unveil Bible knowledge to inquiring minds to prompt the following inquiries: “Are our feet on the rock of ages? Are we one with Christ as He is one with the Father” (John 10:30 in Evangelism, {Ev} 199.1)? Am I crucified with Christ (Galatians 2:20)?

## 22 PURPOSE/REASON FOR/WHY

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24 The purpose of this study is to help believers live close to God in a manner similar to Enoch (Genesis  
25 5:21-24).

## 26 27 OBJECTIVE/WHAT WE WANT TO ACCOMPLISH

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29 To learn how to be a temple [of the Holy Ghost] in which God can live, walk and work (1 Corinthians  
30 3:17; 1 Corinthians 6:19 & Lift Him Up, {LHU}, 105.5).

## 31 32 BACKGROUND CONTEXT

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34 Attention to the topic, *Daily Walk with God*, rests on 1 Corinthians 6:19—“...[You] are not your own...”  
35 and 2 Corinthians 5:15—“[Christ] died for all, that they which live should not... live unto themselves,  
36 but unto Him [who] died for them and rose again.” Clearly, the born again person imitates Jesus, and  
37 exchanges living to please self for living to please Christ just as Christ “[sought] not His own will but  
38 the will of the Father” [John 5:30]. Those who live to please Jesus ought to experience the promise  
39 Jesus made regarding the signs that should accompany their labors. These signs include healing the  
40 sick, raising the dead and casting out devils [because Jesus said these] will follow them that believe  
41 (Matthew 10:8; Mark 16:17-18). Jesus plans to save the sick based on the faith of Elders who intercede  
42 for them (James 5:14-15). The early church manifested these signs. For example, “...Jesus healed all  
43 manner of sicknesses and diseases among the people” (Matthew 4:23 & Luke 9:11); Peter instructed the  
44 lame man at the gate of the temple, called Beautiful, to rise and walk and he did (Acts 3:1-7); Paul laid  
45 hands on the father of Publius and healed him of a fever and bloody flux (Acts 28:8). Observe an alarm  
46 in the early church warning system (Luke 10:1, 9 & 17). Jesus had commissioned 70 Disciples to go  
47 into every city and place (Luke 10:1) to heal the sick and to preach the kingdom of God... (Luke 10:9).  
48 And the Disciples obeyed Jesus and returned with joy, saying “Lord, even devils are subject unto us  
49 through [your] name (Luke 10:17). And Jesus said, “**Rejoice not that the spirits are subject unto you;**  
50 **but rather rejoice [that] your names are written in heaven** (Luke 10:20). In other words, do not base  
51 your joy on the outcomes of your work; but rather, base your joy on my finished work on your behalf.

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53 For us who have come down to the time of the end, who expectantly wait for fulfillment of Revelation  
54 22:12—“Behold, I come quickly and my reward is with me to give every man according as his work  
55 shall be—” the distinction between success that accompanies our work and Christ’s completed work for  
56 us is important. That distinction is important because **many faithfully attend church and participate**

57 **in the service and do many wonderful works, but do not practice Bible religion.** The New  
 58 Testament describes the problem this way: “Many will say to [Jesus] in that day, Lord, have we not, [in  
 59 thy name], prophesied, cast out devils [and] ...done many wonderful works? Then [Jesus] will [say], **I**  
 60 **never knew you: depart from me, you that work iniquity**” (Matthew 7:22, 23). Those whom Jesus  
 61 will reject did not “...follow the Lamb [wherever] He [went] (Revelation 14:4). **To address this**  
 62 **problem of working for God without knowing Him,** we should “...inquire seriously, ‘Am I a genuine  
 63 Christian? Am I bearing the true marks of a Christian? Am I doing my best to perfect a character after  
 64 the divine model?’” (The Faith I Live By {FLB} 220.6). Am I walking before God with all my heart so  
 65 that He can keep covenant and mercy with me (1 Kings 8:23)? The need for self-examination to  
 66 determine whether we are in the faith (1 Corinthians 11:28; 2 Corinthians 13:5) provided the impetus for  
 67 the study question.

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## 70 STUDY QUESTION

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 72 How can I walk with God?

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## 74 ANSWER SOURCE: HOLY BIBLE

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76 We are pursuing answers to the question, “How can we walk with God”? Answers follow!

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- 78 1. “Can two walk together, except they agree” (Amos 3:3)?
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- 80 2. “What agreement has the temple of God with idols? [You] are the temple of the living God; as  
 81 God has said, ‘I will dwell in them, and walk in [them]; and I will be their God and they shall be  
 82 my people’” (2 Corinthians 6:16).
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- 84 3. “Order my steps in thy Word and let not any iniquity have dominion over me” (Psalms 119:133).
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- 86 4. God writes His law on the heart of His people (Hebrews 8:10) and [they] “...delight (take  
 87 pleasure, find joy) ...doing [His] will...; [because His] law is within [their] heart” (Psalms 40:8).
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- 89 5. ...David, fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be envious against the workers of iniquity  
 90 (Psalms 37:1), they shall soon be cut down like the grass and wither as the green herb (Psalms  
 91 37:2).

- 92 6. Trust in the Lord and do good; [so] shall thou dwell in the land and... [you] shall be fed (Psalms  
93 37:3). Walking with God is more than an abstract idea.  
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- 95 7. The way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walks to direct his steps (Jeremiah 10:23).  
96 There is a way that seems right unto a man, but the end ... [is] death (Proverbs 14:12 & 16:25);  
97 therefore, commit [your] ways unto the Lord; trust... in him and He shall bring [it] to pass  
98 (Psalms 37:5).  
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- 100 8. In all [your] ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths (Proverbs 3:6).  
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- 102 9. Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him; fret not [yourself] because of him who prospers in  
103 his way, because of the man who brings wicked devices to pass (Psalms 37:7).  
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- 105 10. Wait on the Lord and be of good courage, He will strengthen your heart (Psalms 27:14). “They  
106 that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they  
107 shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint” (Isaiah 40:31).  
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- 109 11. “[Your] ear will hear a voice behind [you] saying, ‘This is the way, walk... in it, when you turn  
110 to the right and when you turn to the left’ (Isaiah 30:21). That voice is “...the Spirit of truth...  
111 [who] guides ...into all truth...” (John 16:13).  
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- 113 12. “...Do ...as the Lord... commanded you ...not turning... to the right... or to the left” (Deuteronomy  
114 5:32).  
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- 116 13. “...Walk in all the ways that the Lord your God has commanded you that you may live, [that it  
117 may be] well with you..., [that] you may prolong [your] days in the land [that you] shall  
118 possess...” (Deuteronomy 5:33). These [are] the commandments, the statutes and the judgments,  
119 which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that [you] might do [them] in the land  
120 [where you] go to possess it (Deuteronomy 6:1) that... [your] days may be prolonged  
121 (Deuteronomy 6:2). Hear ...O Israel and observe to do [it] that it may be well with [you] and that  
122 [you] may increase mightily as the Lord God of [your] fathers has promised (Deuteronomy 6:3).  
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124 14. I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me and the life which  
 125 I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave Himself for  
 126 me (Galatians 2:20). “For if after [we] have escaped the pollutions of the world through the  
 127 knowledge of the Lord..., [we] are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse  
 128 with [us] than the beginning” (2 Peter 2:20). “...It had been better for [us] not to have known the  
 129 way of righteousness...” (2 Peter 2:21).

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 131 **SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS:** We walk with God by being in agreement with Him, being His  
 132 living temple. We acknowledge Him, order our steps by His instructions, choose joy doing His will, not  
 133 being fretful or anxious, trust God, rest and wait patiently on Him, hear and obey the voice of the Holy  
 134 Spirit, walk in all the ways God commands and imitate the life of Christ. Using these standards,  
 135 examine yourselves and determine whether you are in the faith (1 Corinthians 11:28; 2 Corinthians  
 136 13:5).

### 137 138 **ANSWER SOURCES: SACRED WRITINGS**

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- 142 1. “If we are of one mind with God, **our [desires] will be swallowed up in God's will** and we  
 143 shall **follow wherever God leads the way**. As a loving child places his hand in that of his father,  
 144 and walks with him in perfect trust whether it is dark or bright, so the sons and daughters of God  
 145 are to walk with Jesus through joy or sorrow...” (That I May Know Him {TMK} 250.2).
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 147 2. “Through faith in Christ the true Christian **knows the mind and will of God** (see Philippians 2:5  
 148 & John 16:13) [and] understands... the length, ...depth, ...breadth and height of the love of God  
 149 that passes knowledge” (TMK 250).
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 151 3. “The soul that loves God... draws strength from Him by **constant communion with Him**; and  
 152 when it becomes the habit of the soul to converse with God, the **power of the evil one is broken**,  
 153 for Satan cannot abide near the soul that draws nigh unto God” (TMK 250.5).
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 155 4. “...**Pray [always]**: at home, in your family—night and morning—in your closet [and] ...while  
 156 engaged in ...daily labor. It was thus that Enoch walked with God” (The Adventist Home {AH}  
 157 212.4). **“Constantly praying, conscientiously [i.e., showing great care and attention]**

158 **studying** ...they walked with God as did Enoch (Conflict and Courage {CC} 247.2). “...God  
 159 speaks to us through His Word...” (Faith and Works, {FW} 55.3); [therefore, we hear His voice  
 160 by reading or listening to His Word].

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- 162 5. “Those who desire to be true to Christ will listen to the voice that says, ‘This is the way, walk in  
 163 it’ (Isaiah. 30:21) [and] ...take the course of the righteous, although it is more difficult to pursue  
 164 [and] more painful to follow than the way of their own heart...” (TMK 251.2).
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- 166 6. “Do not gratify the enemy by dwelling upon the dark side of your experience; trust Jesus more  
 167 fully for help to resist temptation. **If we thought and talked more of Jesus and less of**  
 168 **ourselves, we should have much more of His presence. If we abide in Him, we shall be so**  
 169 **filled with peace, faith and courage, and shall have so victorious an experience to relate**  
 170 **when we come to meeting that others will be refreshed by our clear, strong testimony for**  
 171 **God.** These precious acknowledgements to the praise of the glory of His grace, when supported  
 172 by a Christ like life, have an irresistible power, which works for the salvation of souls. **The**  
 173 **bright and cheerful side of religion will be represented by all who are daily consecrated to**  
 174 **God** (God’s Amazing Grace {AG} 184.4).
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176 SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS: To walk with God means to align our desires with His, i.e., set our  
 177 affections on things above (Colossians 3:2). In our walk with God, we constantly communicate with  
 178 Him, talk about Him and trust Him in joys or sorrows. We know His mind and His will, carefully study  
 179 the Scriptures, hear the audible voice of the Holy Spirit and walk the path least traveled—the path of  
 180 pain and difficulty—the path that leads “...at the strait gate...” (Matthew 7:13). Using these standards,  
 181 examine yourselves and determine whether you are in the faith (1 Corinthians 11:28; 2 Corinthians  
 182 13:5).

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184 We have examined information about walking with God. I trust that you are not overwhelmed. Because  
 185 “[God] reveals the path of life [and] in [His] presence is fullness of joy; at [His] right hand there are  
 186 pleasures for evermore” (Psalms 16:11). Not surprisingly, Isaiah says, “The redeemed of the Lord shall  
 187 return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy [shall be] upon their heads; they shall obtain joy  
 188 and gladness [and] sorrow and mourning shall flee away” (Isaiah 51:11 & 35:10). Let us reflect together  
 189 upon the pleasures—joys and gladness—that God has for us as we walk with Him.

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## DISCUSSION: WHAT DO THESE THINGS MEAN?

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193 The choice of joy or sorrow belongs to us. We are encouraged to choose joy! Observe the underlying  
194 message of fruitfulness and abundance in store for those who set aside the fear of losing their own way  
195 and walking with God.  
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- 197 1. "...The Lord appeared to Abram and said ...I am the Almighty God; walk before me and be  
198 perfect" (Genesis 17:1) and I will make my covenant between [you and me—Genesis 17:7] and  
199 multiply [you] exceedingly (Genesis 17:2).  
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  - 201 2. "The Lord appeared unto [Isaac]... and said, 'I [am] the God of Abraham, [your] father. Fear not;  
202 I [am] with [you] and will bless [you] and multiply [your] seed...'" (Genesis 26:24).  
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  - 204 3. "I the Lord [your] God will hold [your] right hand.... 'Fear not; I will help [you] (Isaiah 41:13);  
205 fear not... Jacob [and you] men of Israel; I will help... [you] (Isaiah 41:14).  
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  - 207 4. If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and  
208 turn from their wicked ways, then **I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will**  
209 **heal their land** (2 Chronicles 7:14). Observe the conditionality of God's hearing, forgiving and  
210 healing.  
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  - 212 5. Fear ...not ...Jacob my servant ...for I [am] with [you]. ...I will make a full end of all the nations  
213 [where] I have driven [you], but I will not make a full end of [you], but correct [you] in  
214 measure... (Jeremiah 46:28). It is an old habit of God to discipline those He loves (Hebrews  
215 12:6).  
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- 217 God, who cannot lie (Numbers 23:19), whose Word does not return void (Isaiah 55:11), promises His  
218 presence, blessings, support, help and correction. Only those who walk with God benefits from these  
219 endowments. Those who spurn the invitation to walk with God invite awful consequences. Observe  
220 Psalms 81:11-12 and Proverbs 1:23-29.  
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- 222 1. "My people would not hearken to my voice; and Israel would none of me (Psalms 81:11). So I  
223 gave them up unto their own hearts' lust and they walked in their own counsels" (Psalms 81:12).

224 2. “Turn ...at my reproof [and] I will pour out my Spirit unto you; I will make known my words  
 225 unto you (Proverbs 1:23). Because I have called and you [have] refused; I have stretched out my  
 226 hand, and no man regarded (Proverbs 1:24); but you have set at naught all my counsel and would  
 227 [heed] none of my reproof (Proverbs 1:25), I ...will laugh at your calamity. I will mock when  
 228 your fear comes (Proverbs 1:26) ...as desolation and your destruction comes as a whirlwind;  
 229 when distress and anguish comes upon you (Proverbs 1:27). [You will] call upon me but I will  
 230 not answer; [you will] seek me early but ...shall not find me (Proverbs 1:28) [because you] hated  
 231 knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord” (Proverbs 1:29).

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## 233 **CONCLUSION: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

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 235 To summarize, **to walk with God** involves giving up our rights and consenting to death (Revelation  
 236 12:11). Our mantra becomes: “The life that I now live, I live by faith and it is not me that live, but  
 237 Christ [who] lives in me” (Galatians 2:20). Revelation 12:11 and Galatians 2:20 require  
 238 contextualization. God spoke to Aaron and Miriam saying, “...If there is a prophet among you, I ...will  
 239 make myself known unto him...” (Numbers 12:6). Later, Amos clarified Numbers 12:6 when he said—  
 240 “Surely the Lord God will do nothing, but he reveals his secret unto his servants the prophets” (Amos  
 241 3:7). What has God said regarding living (walking) with God by faith? “*The faith [that] leads to*  
 242 *...[subjection to Christ] is **NOT** the faith which believes in mind controlling mind till one person acts*  
 243 *out the will of another. ...[THIS] IS NOT THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST* (Mind, Character and  
 244 Personality {2MCP} 710.3). Not surprisingly, “God often permits those in whom we place confidence  
 245 to fail us... that we may learn the folly of trusting in man and making flesh our arm. Let us trust fully,  
 246 humbly [and] unselfishly in God” (2MCP 709.2) and “...earnestly contend for the faith, once delivered  
 247 unto the saints” (Jude 1:3). Psalms 118:8—**IT IS BETTER TO TRUST IN THE LORD** than to put  
 248 confidence in man. Psalms 146:3—Put **NOT** your trust in princes, [nor] in the son of man, in whom  
 249 [there is] no help. Micah 7:5—“Trust ...**NOT** in a friend; put ...**NOT** confidence in a guide...” and 1  
 250 Corinthians 2:5—“your faith should **NOT** stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.”

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252 **When we walk with God**, we do “...as [Christ] did, walking as He walked (Luke 4:1 & God’s Amazing  
 253 Grace, {AG} 248.2). “Rising early a great while before day, Jesus departed to a solitary place and there  
 254 prayed” (Mark 1:35). “Jesus went about doing good healing all that were oppressed of the Devil” (Acts  
 255 10:38). Similarly, those who walk with God “...will find opportunity to show Christian kindness and

256 love; and ...[demonstrate ownership] of the religion of Jesus Christ” (AG 248.3). “Brethren, you are  
257 required to exemplify the truth in your life” (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 2 {2T} 505.1).

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259 **When we walk with God**, we have a different attitude under provocation and injustice. “[The] religion  
260 [of Christ] teaches us to exercise patience and long-suffering when brought into places where we receive  
261 treatment that is harsh and unjust. [When provoked, tried and tempted, we do] not [reciprocate] evil for  
262 evil..., [on the contrary, we] bless, knowing that [to bless is our calling and] that we should [also] inherit  
263 a blessing” (1 Peter 3:9 in AG 248.4).

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265 **When we walk with God**, we will exemplify the religion of Christ. “[Christ] religion brings with it a  
266 meek and quiet spirit” (Numbers 12:3 and 1 Peter 3:4 in AG 248.4). ***Pause and read Numbers 12:3***  
267 ***and 1 Peter 3:4***. “[When Jesus] was reviled (verbally attacked), [He] reviled not again; when He  
268 suffered, He threatened not, but committed himself to [God] that judges righteously” (1 Peter  
269 2:23). “There is constant need of patience, gentleness, self-denial and self-sacrifice.... If the word of  
270 God [becomes] an abiding principle in our lives, everything with which we have to do, each word, each  
271 trivial act, will reveal that we are subject to Jesus Christ. The word of God ...received into the heart...  
272 will empty the soul of self-sufficiency and self-dependence. Our lives will be a power for good, because  
273 **the Holy Spirit will fill our minds with the things of God**” (AG 248.5). “None are living Christians  
274 unless they have a daily experience in the things of God and daily practice self-denial, cheerfully  
275 bearing the cross and following Christ. Every living Christian will advance daily in the divine life. As  
276 s/he advances toward perfection, s/he experiences a conversion to God every day; and this  
277 conversion is not completed until s/he attains to perfection of Christian character, a full  
278 preparation for the finishing touch of immortality” (Testimonies for the Church, Vol. 2 {2T} 505.1).  
279 This business of the final addition of immortality begs the questions: “Can [we] claim the seal of the  
280 living God?” “Can [we] claim that [we] are sanctified by the truth (John 17:17 in Selected Messages  
281 Book 3, {3SM} 258.1)”?

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## 283 **CALL TO ACTION: WHAT SHALL WE DO?**

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285 Cast aside unbelief that it is impossible to walk with God as Enoch did! Cease to believe that it is  
286 impossible to live wholly dedicated unto the Lord. Enter the hall of fame of the faithful. “Enoch walked  
287 with God” (Genesis 5:22 & 24); “...Noah walked with God” (Genesis 6:9) and Hezekiah walked with  
288 God (Isaiah 38:1-5). Abram received invitation to walk with God (Genesis 17:1). Solomon received

289 two invitations to walk with God (2 Chronicles 7:12, 17-18; 1 Kings 9:2-5). Samuel received four  
290 invitations to walk with God (1 Samuel 3:3-10). Remember, God keeps covenant and mercy with His  
291 servants that walk before Him with all their heart (1 Kings 8:23). Remember Jesus' words to His  
292 disciples: "If any man will come after me, let him **deny himself, take up his cross and follow me**"  
293 (Matthew 16:24). Remember Eli! He received a reprimand from a man of God for not walking with  
294 God (1 Samuel 2:27-30). Contrast Eli with Cornelius, a devout man, who spoke with an angel of God  
295 and received commendation that his prayers and deeds came up as a memorial before God (Acts 10:1-4).  
296 **Examine and determine the status of your walk with God** and if that walk is less than robust,  
297 implement Revelation 3:2—"Be watchful and strengthen the things... that are ready to die..."  
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299 Bible religion invites us to walk with God. However, "of ourselves, we can neither obtain nor practice  
300 the religion of Christ [that would enable us to walk with God]. '[Without Christ, we can do nothing  
301 good' (John 15:5)]. Our hearts are deceitful above all things [and desperately wicked] (Jeremiah 17:9).  
302 'It is God [who] works in us both to will and to do of His good pleasure' (Philippians 2:13). '[Thank  
303 God for the assurance that we] can do all things through Christ who strengthens us' (Philippians 4:13).  
304 [But to do so, requires] **...looking to Jesus, the author and the finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2)**  
305 **[to] ...catch the light of His countenance, reflect His image and grow up unto the full stature of**  
306 **men and women in Christ Jesus**" (Luke 2:52 in AG 248.6). In the matter of looking to Jesus, many  
307 struggle with how to look to Jesus. Therefore, let us summarize what we have been studying. **To look**  
308 **to Jesus means to study His Word, to follow the path where He leads and to delight in doing His**  
309 **will. Looking to Jesus also means to casts off anxieties, to trust Him in joys and sorrows, to rest**  
310 **and wait patiently on Him, to listen and obey the Holy Spirit, to walk in all the ways He**  
311 **commands, to imitate Christ's earthly life and to align our desires with His. We receive and obey**  
312 **[the word of life and] become partakers of the divine nature (2 Peter 1:4) [and] . . . Christ, not man is**  
313 **exalted (The SDA Bible Commentary, vol. 5, p. 1135). "God [becomes] the highest object of our**  
314 **thoughts. Meditating upon Him and pleading with Him, elevates the soul and quickens the**  
315 **affections"** (2T 505.2). This is what it means to do what "...the Lord requires of you: to do justly, love  
316 mercy and walk HUMBLY with God" (Micah 6:8) and all who walk humbly with God, "He guides  
317 [them] in what is right and teaches them His way" (Psalms 25:9).