

# Enoch walked with God

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Life’s experiences give us the privilege of many sayings that we never forget. One such phrase I have heard my entire life, “If anyone ever makes it to heaven, I know grandma will.” There is no doubt we have heard this or even used the phrase ourselves. The simple truth is we don’t get to heaven by our good works. It doesn’t happen by a “works” system or by merit. It all stems from our relationship with Jesus Christ. If you know Christ as your Lord and Savior, you already have made all the preparation needed.

We read in Hebrews 11:5, 6 that Enoch was a unique individual that God literally took to heaven. What was it that made Enoch’s life so special? We learn from this text that Enoch had a life that was distinguished for its godliness. If this is true, what made his life so appealing to God? He was devoted to God. What does that really mean to be devoted? First of all, he was intimately acquainted with God. He had a consistent, working relationship with his Heavenly Father. It wasn’t one that he called on God only when he needed Him. Secondly, he was in constant fellow-



JUST A THOUGHT

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ship with God. It is important to have special people in our lives, but the best people are those with whom we have constant fellowship. During the pandemic lock down it was good for me to spend more time with Diane. Now, I can’t say how much she enjoyed it, but I did. When it is someone we love, we want it to be special.

Thirdly, Enoch was full of confidence in God. This is an easy thing to say, but do we really mean it? It is during those times when it seems that everyone and everything is working

against us that we really comprehend what it means to have full confidence in God. When we are literally on our backs and we are looking up, it tells how much trust we place in God. His strength is the greatest when we are the weakest. Fourthly, Enoch was in active service for the Lord. He knew that the greatest investment in this life was the one made for the next life. He has given all of us gifts that we might learn to serve others with what we have received.

The Scripture also tells us that Enoch pleased God. Because of all those things we have shared about his life, we understand why it was pleasing. There is no doubt there are times in all of our lives that we are not very pleasing to the Lord, but we need to be, and should want to be. Are you pleasing to the Lord? As God looks down on us, what does He see?

We also see that Enoch was commended by God. What that means is that he qualified by God’s standard. Psalm 24 is a beautiful picture of qualifying for heaven. Enoch was a great example to the world by his life. He walked with God! What does this teach us? Are we walking with God? Enoch had an abiding con-

sciousness of a Divine presence. He also experienced close fellowship with the Lord. He was able to see spiritual progress by his life and his relationship with his Heavenly Father.

This story is challenging

to me. My prayer is to walk with God and make spiritual progress along the way. I don’t want to settle for mediocrity. Let’s do our best to stay in tune, in touch, and let faith be the driving factor. “The just

shall live by faith” (Romans 1:17).

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### CLUES ACROSS

1. Cyprinids  
6. Icelandic literary works  
10. Break in half  
14. Japanese mushroom  
15. Have offspring  
17. Not feeling well  
19. A very large body of water  
20. Witch  
21. Behemoth  
22. Speak negatively of  
23. Absence of difficulty  
24. Pampering places  
26. Drives  
29. Truck that delivers beer  
31. Makes  
32. A team’s best pitcher  
34. \_\_ Carvey, comedian  
35. Seas
37. S. American plants  
38. Time zone  
39. Deviate  
40. No longer are  
41. Moving in slowly  
43. Patrick and Glover are two  
45. Living quarters  
46. Taxi  
47. Pancake made of buckwheat flour  
49. Swiss river  
50. Not happy  
53. Have surgery  
57. Formal withdrawal  
58. Give way to anxiety  
59. Greek war god  
60. 2K lbs.  
61. Word of farewell

### CLUES DOWN

1. \_\_ ex Machina  
2. WWII diarist Frank  
3. Concluding passage  
4. Supplement with difficulty  
5. Title of respect  
6. Cubic measures  
7. Remnant  
8. \_\_ Jones  
9. Salts of acetic acid  
10. Long, upholstered seat  
11. Capital of Okinawa Prefecture  
12. A one-time aspect of Egyptian sun god Ra  
13. Prefix denoting “in a”  
16. Propels upward  
18. What we are talking about  
22. Prosecutor  
23. Employee stock ownership plan  
24. He brings kids presents  
25. Burmese monetary unit  
27. Hurries  
28. Injury remnant  
29. Tooth caregiver
30. Elvis backup singer Betty Jane  
31. “The Partridge Family” actress Susan  
33. Midway between east and southeast  
35. Most excellent  
36. Heat units  
37. Possess legally  
39. Food items  
42. Skeletal structures  
43. Challenge to do something bold  
44. Blood type  
46. Sammy \_\_, songwriter  
47. Farmer (Dutch)  
48. Clare Booth \_\_, American writer  
49. Piers Anthony’s protagonist  
50. Malaysian coastal city  
51. Hairstyle  
52. NY-based department store  
53. Geosciences organization (abbr.)  
54. Brazilian city  
55. Niger-Congo languages  
56. Gesture

## SUDOKU

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Level: Intermediate

### Here’s How It Works:

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. Each number can appear only once in each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

### Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you’ll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!