# **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-



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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

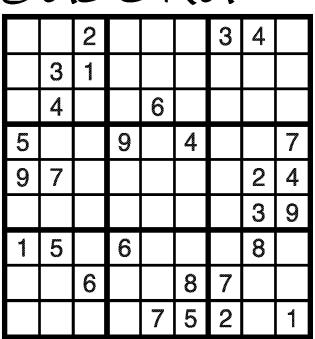
against us that we really comprehend what it means to have full confidence in God. When we are literally on our backs and we are looking up, it tells how much trust we place in God. His strength is the greatest when we are the weakest. Fourthly, Enoch was in active service for the Lord. He knew that 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-

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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.

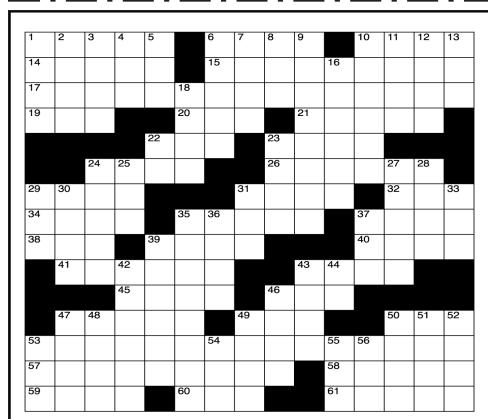
This story is challenging

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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# Crossword and Sudoku answers, page 12



# **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
- 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

30. Elvis backup singer Betty Jane

31. "The Partridge Family" actress

43. Challenge to do something bold

33. Midway between east and

- 49. Swiss river
- 50. Not happy
- 53. Have surgery

Susan

36. Heat units

39. Food items

44. Blood type

southeast

35. Most excellent

37. Possess legally

42. Skeletal structures

- 57. Formal withdrawal
- 58. Give way to anxiety
- 60. 2K lbs.
- 61. Word of farewell

59. Greek war god

# **CLUES DOWN**

- ex Machina
- 2. WWII diarist Frank
- 3. Concluding passage
- 4. Supplement with difficulty
- 5. Title of respect
- 6. Cubic measures
- 7. Remnant 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 plan51. Hairstyle
- 24. He brings kids presents
- 25. Burmese monetary unit
- 27. Hurries 28. Injury remnant

29. Tooth caregiver

52. NY-based department store

50. Malaysian coastal city

46. Sammy \_\_\_, songwriter 47. Farmer (Dutch)

53. Geosciences organization (abbr.)

48. Clare Booth \_\_\_, American writer

49. Piers Anthony's protagonist

- 54. Brazilian city

- 55. Niger-Congo languages
- 56. Gesture