

Walking with God



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Message**

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Micah 6:8



- He hath shewed thee, O man, what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God

God has certain requirements of us



- As a child of God we ought to live differently from the world
- We have been called to live a life of separation
- A life pleasing
- A life that is transformed
- Not one dependent on ourselves but on God
- Filled with determination and purpose

We are in the world but not of the world



- 1 John 2:15-16
- ¹⁵ Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.
- ¹⁶ For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.



- So although we live in the world our standards are to be different
- What is out there is destructive so as children of God we are not to be partakers of the things of the world
- When we became children of God The old man died Behold Old things are passed away.....
- Our walk has to reflect that change



- When we walked we walked as if there was no other
- We were a proud people, Arrogant and lived as if we were in charge of ourselves
- The scripture is now declaring to us that if we are in Christ if we have truly confessed Christ If we have accepted him as Lord and Saviour
- We are no longer our own and we have to reflect this in our lifestyle. We need to be a humbly and loving people.



- In the Bible, we see several people who were careful about their walk with God

Gen: 5:24 Enoch walked with God

And what happened as a result, he lived long and God translated him Heb. 11:5

Gen: 6:8-9 But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord



- why?
- Because he was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God
- Beloved if you and I are going to walk with God, If we are going to experience the presence of the Lord, we must make the effort to do so.



- It is not an effortless thing. We have to strive to be righteous, we have to strive to be perfect and blameless. That is what God expects of us
- And we have to recognise His Supremacy
- I am not saying we will not make mistakes, but if we do the Bible declares in 1Jn 2:1 that we have an Advocate

Jesus our Advocate



- The choice is clear beloved either we love God and desire to walk with him or we choose to go the way of the world and fulfil the desires of the Flesh
- There is no such thing as we cant do it. He has made it possible for us.
- There is no in between

What God wants from us.



- Our Text Micah 6:8 tells us what is God's desire for us:
- ***“To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”***
- Walking with God is not something that is reserved for a select few. God desires all of His children to walk with Him.



- What happens when we walk with someone? Imagine that you and a close friend are enjoying a walk together in the cool of the morning.
- You are close to each other. You talk, laugh, listen, and share thoughts.
- You are in harmony with each other, there is oneness and you both enjoy the peaceful camaraderie.
- You share in something enjoyable



- Walking with God is very similar.
- When we enter into an intimate heart relationship with God through faith in His Son (Heb. 10:22), He becomes our heart's greatest desire.
- Knowing him, hearing His voice, sharing our hearts with Him, and seeking to please Him become our all-consuming focus.



- He becomes everything to us. Our All in All
- Meeting with God and walking with him are not activities reserved for Sunday mornings.
- We live to fellowship with Him.
- We were created for his pleasure, so when we walk with him we give him good pleasure



- A Great Pastor A. W. Tozer states *“the goal of every Christian should be to live in a state of unbroken worship.”*
- It is not a Sunday morning thing. This is why we were created, to have fellowship with him
Something that the rest of his creation cannot do
- But I remind us this morning that this is only possible when we walk with God, when we live according to the dictates of his word.



- Just as walking with a close friend requires saying "no" to many other things,
- so too walking with God requires letting go of anything that would be a distraction.
- If you were on a walk with a friend, but you brought along a walk man or other distracting device and played it all along the walk, the walk would not be satisfying.

Many started but failed along the way.



- Many people attempt to walk with God, but what happens
- They bring along things that are distracting and displeasing to God.
- Old Habits:
- Sins, worldly pleasures, or unhealthy and unwholesome relationships.



- They know these things are not God's choice for them, but they pretend everything is fine.
- Bretheren; Such relationships are not satisfying to either God or the individuals.
- These amount to double mindedness, and we know what the Bible says about this
- Such individuals will be unstable and their lives unfulfilling

Walking with God calls for Agreement



- To walk with God means that you and God are in agreement about your life.
- Amos 3:3 “Can two walk together, except they be agreed?”.
- In Gal. 2:20 We understand that to walk with God means to align your will with his and seek every day to consider yourself "crucified with Christ“.

Galatians 2:20



- I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.



When the Bible speaks of "walking," it refers to a lifestyle.

- We can also choose to walk in the ways of the world as well.
- In the New Testament, walking with God is often called "walking in the Spirit" Gal 5:16; Rom. 8:4.



- To walk with God means we choose to glorify Him in every way we can, regardless of personal cost or sacrifice. And there is a cost.
- Walking with God According to Math 7 is to choose the Narrow Road over the broad way to destruction.



- We don't live to please our sinful flesh Rom 13:14 but instead We seek to eliminate from our lives everything that does not enhance our walk with Him Heb 12:2.
- 1 Cor. 10:31 becomes our lifestyle
- ***"So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God."*** God's ways are reflected in our thoughts and our actions,

It may not always be an easy task



- In Rom 7:14-25, the apostle Paul, a servant to Christ, writes of the struggle with his sin nature.
- In Ver. 15 he says, “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do”
- It underscores the fact that, Christians are engaged in battle as they try to serve God and can only overcome with the help of God



- Paul calls this internal dilemma a “war,” as the new man battles the old man.
- And to him it was a distressing thing distressing because he wanted to do well
- In Rom 7:23 he cries out. “What a wretched man I am,” Paul cries out in his distress, wanting help.
- This afternoon I want to assure there is help, God is able.



- As Christians we are a chosen people, chosen by God so that we may declare His praises 1 Pet 2:9.
- It is therefore essential that we spend time in His Word
- To learn how to behave
- To learn how to battle against the schemes of Satan, and avoid falling prey to his cunning and craftiness

Christian behaviour



- In Acts Chap 1:8 we see Christian behavior includes heeding Jesus' call for us to be His witnesses to “the ends of the earth”.
- We are commanded to “Preach the gospel always, not just in words but also in deeds, Our actions
- We are called upon to “Be imitators of God...and live a life of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us”



- We are called upon to be beacons of light in a dark world, to be the salt of the earth (preservation) and to use our spiritual gifts to advance His kingdom.
- It means living here on earth the way Jesus lived when He was here.
- It also means living to please God.
- We do this when we abide in His Word and then live it out as the Holy Spirit enables us to do.

Being Obedient to God



- Walking with God means being transformed:
(Ezek. 11:19-20) "I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God."

How do I “walk with God?”

6 points



- 1. Determine to discover, understand and obey the Father’s will.
- 2. Begin with faith—believing that God exists and that you have a new life in Christ.
- 3. Pursue continual fellowship with the Lord, and seek to live in His presence daily, even when difficulties arise.

How do I walk with God



- 4. Walk in truth, obeying Him willingly, and see your relationship with Him grow more intimate.
- 5. Allow the Holy Spirit to work within you to bring peace, confidence, security, and joy into your life.
- 6. Separate yourself from sin, and strive to make a positive impact on the lives of others. Rely on the Spirit to help you live in a way that pleases God.

I will close with these verses from Eph.



- Eph 5:14-17
- 14. Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.
- 15. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,
- 16. Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.
- 17. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.



Beloved, We have just ended 2014, today is only the second Sunday in 2015

I believe we still have time for introspection, to look back and see how we lived in 2014

Was your walk pleasing to God

Are there changes that you need to make.

Are there still things that you need to quit doing



- Was he pleased with your lifestyle in 2014
- And if the answer is no, then I ask you today to run to him, to cry out to him
- like the Psalmist David, Ask him to search you and know your heart, know your thoughts
- And if there is any wicked way in you ask him to cleanse you and set you free



- Let this be your cry today
- And for those of you who are within reach of my voice and you have not known Jesus Christ as your Lord and Saviour,
- I encourage you to make that commitment to him. Get to know him whom to know is life eternal.
- You can Begin your walk with him today



God Bless you All

AMEN