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What Does the Bible Say About Godliness? — Living It Out · KJV Scriptures with Strong's Numbers

LIVING IT OUT · THE WALK WITH GOD — CRAWL, WALK, RUN, FINISH

Godliness — Foundational Biblical Doctrine

OPENING WORD

Godliness is a walk before it is anything else. A child does not learn to walk in a day: first he crawls on his hands and knees; then his father takes him by the arms and teaches him to walk, step by step; then he walks alone; then he grows, and he runs. And the man who runs well runs a race, and the race has an end, and at the end a crown. So it is with the walk with God. The Greek word is eusebeia (G2150, godliness) — piety, the well-worship of God; and it has a companion, eusebos (G2153, godly), which is that same piety lived out. The Hebrew calls such a man chacyd (H2623, godly) — kind, holy, a saint; and to Abram God said, walk before me, and be tamiym (H8549, perfect) — whole, entire, sound. This study carries godliness through the whole way of a man: how he finds it when he can only crawl; how he walks in it when he has it; how he runs with it and offers it like a soldier; and how he crosses the line at the last, where the crown is laid up, and where the word of our God stands forever. Search it out.

THREE QUESTIONS THIS STUDY ANSWERS:

1. Where is godliness found, and how does a man first come to it?
2. What should a man do with godliness when he has it, and how is it walked day by day?
3. How does the race end — what crown is laid up, and what word remains forever?

GREEK KEYWORDS

“godliness” — **G2150 eusebeia** — piety; godliness, holiness
great is the mystery of godliness

“godly” — **G2153 eusebos** — piously; in a godly manner
all that will live godly in Christ Jesus

“well” — **G2095 eu** — good, well

godliness is to worship God well

“worship” — **G4576 sebomai** — devout, religious, worship
the well-worship of God

“power” — **G1411 dunamis** — power, might, strength
his divine power has given us all things

“exercise” — **G1128 gumnazo** — to exercise, to train
exercise yourself rather toward godliness

“walk” — **G4748 stoicheo** — to walk orderly, to march in rank
let us also walk in the Spirit

“ungodliness” — **G763 asebeia** — ungodliness, impiety
denying ungodliness and worldly lusts

“contentment” — **G841 autarkeia** — contentment, sufficiency
godliness with contentment is great gain

“fight” — **G73 agon** — conflict, fight, race
fight the good fight of faith

“course” — **G1408 dromos** — a race, a course
I have finished my course

“endureth” — **G3306 meno** — abide, continue, endure, remain
the word of the Lord endures for ever

“perform” — **G2005 epiteleo** — accomplish, finish, perform
will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ

(My personal thoughts — notice how the word is built. Strong's says eusebeia (G2150, godliness) stands on two words — G2095, well, and G4576, to worship, to be devout — well-reverent: the well-worship of God. Godliness, then, is to worship God WELL — not in word only, but in the whole walk. And eusebos (G2153, godly) is the same word set on its feet: not something a man has, but a way a man lives.)

HEBREW KEYWORDS

“godly” — **H2623 chacyd** — kind, pious, a saint, holy one
the LORD has set apart him that is godly for himself

“perfect” — **H8549 tamiym** — entire, complete, sound, whole, without blemish
walk before me, and be perfect

“mercy” — **H2617 chesed** — favour, kindness, mercy
the godly man is the man of mercy

“kind” — **H2616 chacad** — to be kind; shew self merciful
to be kind, from which mercy comes

“go” — **H8637 tirgal** — teach to go; cause to walk
I taught Ephraim also to go

(My personal thoughts — chacyd (H2623, godly) is closely related to chesed (H2617, mercy); both come from one root, chacad (H2616, to be kind). The godly man of the old testament is the man of mercy — he has received mercy, and he shows it. And tamiym (H8549, perfect) is not faultless flesh; Strong's says entire, complete, sound, whole. Walk before me, and be WHOLE — all of you in the walk, nothing held back.)

I. CRAWLING — HOW TO FIND IT

(My personal thoughts — every walk begins low. A baby goes on hands and knees before he goes on his feet, and no one is born full-grown in godliness. It must first be FOUND; and these witnesses show where. It is not gained by your own strength — it is GIVEN by his divine power — dunamis (G1411, power) — and it is found in a Person. Begin low, begin small, and begin.)

A. 1 Timothy 4:7 But refuse profane and old wives' fables, and exercise [G1128 **gumnazo**] thyself rather unto godliness [G2150 **eusebeia**].

REFUSE PROFANE AND OLD WIVES' FABLES + EXERCISE THYSELF RATHER UNTO GODLINESS.

(My personal thoughts — Strong's says gumnazo (G1128, to exercise) means to train, as in the games. Godliness does not come to a man sitting still; he must train himself for it. But notice the next witness, so you do not think the training is everything: the thing itself is given.)

B. 2 Peter 1:3 According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness [G2150 **eusebeia**], through the knowledge [G1922 **epignosis**] of him that hath called us to glory and virtue:

HIS DIVINE POWER HATH GIVEN UNTO US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN UNTO LIFE AND GODLINESS.

C. 1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness [G2150 **eusebeia**]: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS = GOD WAS MANIFEST IN THE FLESH.

(My personal thoughts — here is where godliness is found. The mystery of godliness is not a rule or a law; it is a Person — God was revealed in human flesh. To find godliness, find HIM. Whoever has the Son has the whole way before him.)

D. Titus 1:1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God's elect, and the acknowledging [G1922 **epignosis**] of the truth which is after godliness [G2150 **eusebeia**];

THE ACKNOWLEDGING OF THE TRUTH → WHICH IS AFTER GODLINESS.

E. 1 Peter 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk [G1051 **gala**] of the word, that ye may grow [G837 **auxano**] thereby:

AS NEWBORN BABES + DESIRE THE SINCERE MILK OF THE WORD → THAT YE MAY GROW THEREBY.

F. Deuteronomy 1:31 And in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that the LORD thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear [H5375 **nasa**] his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came into this place.

THE LORD THY GOD BARE THEE + AS A MAN DOTHTH BEAR HIS SON + IN ALL THE WAY THAT YE WENT.

G. Hosea 11:3 I taught Ephraim also to go [H8637 **tirgal**], taking them by their arms; but they knew not that I healed them.

I TAUGHT EPHRAIM ALSO TO GO + TAKING THEM BY THEIR ARMS.

(My personal thoughts — Strong's says tirgal (H8637, to teach to go) means to cause to walk. God has a word in his book for teaching a child his first steps, and he takes it to himself: I taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by their arms. He carries, he teaches, he heals. No one learns this walk alone.)

H. Psalm 34:11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the fear [H3374 **yirah**] of the LORD.

COME, YE CHILDREN, HEARKEN UNTO ME + I WILL TEACH YOU THE FEAR OF THE LORD.

I. Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek [G1567 **ekzeteo**] him.

HE THAT COMETH TO GOD MUST BELIEVE THAT HE IS + A REWARDER OF THEM THAT DILIGENTLY SEEK HIM.

J. Acts 3:2 And a certain man lame from his mother's womb was carried [G941 **bastazo**], whom they laid daily at the gate of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple;

A MAN LAME FROM HIS MOTHER'S WOMB + WAS CARRIED + LAID DAILY AT THE GATE OF THE TEMPLE.

K. Acts 3:12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the people, Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this? or why look ye so earnestly on us, as though by our own power or holiness [G2150 **eusebeia**] we had made this man to walk [G4043 **peripateo**]?

WHY LOOK YE SO EARNESTLY ON US + AS THOUGH BY OUR OWN POWER OR HOLINESS WE HAD MADE THIS MAN TO WALK?

L. Acts 3:8 And he leaping up stood, and walked [G4043 peripateo], and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.

HE LEAPING UP STOOD, AND WALKED + WALKING, AND LEAPING, AND PRAISING GOD.

(My personal thoughts — see the whole first step in one man. Lame from birth, and carried — so were you. The word holiness in Peter's mouth is eusebeia (G2150, godliness): it was not by the power or godliness of men that he was made to walk. God gave the walking; and the man's first walk was into the temple, praising God. Now that you stand, learn to walk.)

II. WALKING — WHAT TO DO WITH IT WHEN THOU HAST IT

(My personal thoughts — the baby is on his feet; now comes the walk. Godliness is not something to store in a chest; it is a way to walk in, day by day. Notice the men God calls godly and perfect in these witnesses: men who WALKED with him. And notice what the walk asks — not a good show now and then, but a whole heart all the way.)

A. Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked [H1980 halak] with God: and he was not; for God took him.

ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD + HE WAS NOT; FOR GOD TOOK HIM.

B. Genesis 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect [H8549 tamiym] in his generations, and Noah walked [H1980 halak] with God.

NOAH WAS A JUST MAN AND PERFECT + NOAH WALKED WITH GOD.

C. Genesis 17:1 And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk [H1980 halak] before me, and be thou perfect [H8549 tamiym].

WALK BEFORE ME + BE THOU PERFECT.

(My personal thoughts — set the three fathers side by side, and watch the word grow. Of Enoch it is written, he walked with God. Of Noah, perfect in his generations, and he walked with God. And to Abram it is spoken as a command: walk before me, and be perfect. What is written of the first two is commanded to the third — and tamiym (H8549, perfect) is Strong's whole, entire, sound. The walk with God was always the walk of the whole man.)

D. Micah 6:8 He hath shewed 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 [H3212 yalak] humbly with thy God?

DO JUSTLY + LOVE MERCY + WALK HUMBLY WITH THY GOD.

E. Psalm 4:3 But know that the LORD hath set apart him that is godly [H2623 chaciyd] for himself: the LORD will hear when I call unto him.

THE LORD HATH SET APART HIM THAT IS GODLY FOR HIMSELF + THE LORD WILL HEAR WHEN I CALL.

(My personal thoughts — here stands chaciyd (H2623, godly), the man of chesed (H2617, mercy). The godly man is not lost in the crowd; the LORD has set him apart for himself, and hears him when he calls. To walk godly is to walk set apart, and to walk heard.)

F. Colossians 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk [G4043 peripateo] ye in him:

AS YE HAVE RECEIVED CHRIST JESUS THE LORD → SO WALK YE IN HIM.

G. Colossians 1:10 That ye might walk [G4043 peripateo] worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God;

WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD UNTO ALL PLEASING + FRUITFUL IN EVERY GOOD WORK.

H. Galatians 5:25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk [G4748 stoicheo] in the Spirit.

IF WE LIVE IN THE SPIRIT → LET US ALSO WALK IN THE SPIRIT.

(My personal thoughts — the walk-word here is not the common one. See the tag, G4748: Strong's says it means to march in rank, to keep step. The Spirit goes before, and the godly man keeps step with him. Notice it well — already the walk sounds like a soldier's walk. The race and the war are not far off.)

I. 1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk [G4043 peripateo], even as he walked.

HE THAT SAITH HE ABIDETH IN HIM → OUGHT HIMSELF ALSO SO TO WALK, EVEN AS HE WALKED.

J. 1 Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men; (2) For kings, and for all that are in authority; that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness **[G2150 eusebeia]** and honesty.

FIRST OF ALL, PRAYERS BE MADE FOR ALL MEN + FOR KINGS AND ALL THAT ARE IN AUTHORITY → A QUIET AND PEACEABLE LIFE IN ALL GODLINESS AND HONESTY.

K. 1 Timothy 6:6 But godliness **[G2150 eusebeia]** with contentment is great gain.

GODLINESS WITH CONTENTMENT = GREAT GAIN.

L. Titus 2:12 Teaching us that, denying ungodliness **[G763 asebeia]** and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly **[G2153 eusebos]**, in this present world;

DENYING UNGODLINESS → LIVE SOBERLY, RIGHTEOUSLY, AND GODLY, IN THIS PRESENT WORLD.

(My personal thoughts — here is the daily keeping of it: a quiet life, a content heart, a sober walk. asebeia (G763, ungodliness) must be denied, and eusebos (G2153, godly) must be lived — in THIS present world, not in the next only. And great gain is not more goods; it is godliness with contentment — autarkeia (G841, contentment), which Strong's calls sufficiency: enough. Walk like that, and you are ready to run.)

III. RUNNING THE RACE — YIELD IT LIKE A SOLDIER IN GOD'S ARMY

(My personal thoughts — now the walk becomes a race, and the race a war. Notice a hidden thing in the Greek: the good fight of faith and the race set before us stand on ONE word — see the tags, G73 under both — and Strong's renders that one word conflict, contention, fight, race. To run this race IS to fight this fight. So the man of God is runner and soldier at once: he follows after godliness, and he offers his members as instruments of righteousness to God.)

A. 1 Timothy 6:11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness **[G2150 eusebeia]**, faith, love, patience, meekness.

O MAN OF GOD, FLEE THESE THINGS + FOLLOW AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS, GODLINESS, FAITH, LOVE, PATIENCE, MEEKNESS.

B. 2 Peter 1:6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness **[G2150 eusebeia]**;

TO TEMPERANCE PATIENCE + TO PATIENCE GODLINESS.

(My personal thoughts — Paul says, follow after it; Peter sets it in the ladder — to patience godliness. Godliness is not the first step of the ladder; and not the last; it stands in the climb up. A man runs after it, and adds it, step upon step.)

C. 1 Timothy 6:12 Fight the good fight **[G73 agon]** of faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto thou art also called, and hast professed a good profession before many witnesses.

FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH + LAY HOLD ON ETERNAL LIFE.

D. 1 Timothy 1:18 This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war **[G4754 strateuomai]** a good warfare **[G4752 strateia]**;

THIS CHARGE I COMMIT UNTO THEE → THAT THOU MIGHTEST WAR A GOOD WARFARE.

E. 2 Timothy 2:3 Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier **[G4757 stratiotes]** of Jesus Christ.

ENDURE HARDNESS = AS A GOOD SOLDIER OF JESUS CHRIST.

F. 2 Timothy 2:4 No man that warreth entangleth **[G1707 empleko]** himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier.

NO MAN THAT WARRETH ENTANGLETH HIMSELF WITH THE AFFAIRS OF THIS LIFE + THAT HE MAY PLEASE HIM WHO HATH CHOSEN HIM.

(My personal thoughts — the soldier travels light, and so does the runner: the one is not tangled up in the affairs of this life, the other lays aside every weight. Both teach one thing: carry little, so that you may finish. And notice WHY the soldier goes free — so that he may please the one who chose him. The race is not run for the eyes of men, but for his.)

G. Ephesians 6:11 Put on the whole armour **[G3833 panoplia]** of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOUR OF GOD → THAT YE MAY BE ABLE TO STAND.

H. Romans 6:13 Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield **[G3936 paristemi]** yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as

instruments of righteousness unto God.

YIELD YOURSELVES UNTO GOD + YOUR MEMBERS AS INSTRUMENTS OF RIGHTEOUSNESS UNTO GOD.

I. 2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and all that will live godly [**G2153 eusebos**] in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.

ALL THAT WILL LIVE GODLY IN CHRIST JESUS → SHALL SUFFER PERSECUTION.

(My personal thoughts — count the cost here, and do not be shaken when it comes. ALL who will live eusebos (G2153, godly) in Christ Jesus SHALL suffer persecution — not some, and not maybe. Persecution is no sign the walk has gone wrong; it is a sign you are on the way. Endure hardness.)

J. 1 Corinthians 9:24 Know ye not that they which run in a race [**G4712 stadion**] run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain.

THEY WHICH RUN IN A RACE RUN ALL + SO RUN, THAT YE MAY OBTAIN.

K. 1 Corinthians 9:25 And every man that striveth [**G75 agonizomai**] for the mastery is temperate in all things. Now they do it to obtain a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible.

TEMPERATE IN ALL THINGS + THEY A CORRUPTIBLE CROWN → WE AN INCORRUPTIBLE.

L. Hebrews 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race [**G73 agon**] that is set before us,

LAY ASIDE EVERY WEIGHT + RUN WITH PATIENCE THE RACE THAT IS SET BEFORE US.

M. Isaiah 40:31 But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run [**H7323 ruwts**], and not be weary; and they shall walk [**H3212 yalak**], and not faint.

THEY THAT WAIT UPON THE LORD SHALL RENEW THEIR STRENGTH + RUN, AND NOT BE WEARY + WALK, AND NOT FAINT.

(My personal thoughts — the prophet puts the whole course in one line: mount up, run, walk. God knows the runner grows weary; so the strength is not the runner's own. Those who WAIT on the LORD renew their strength — his power, your steps, to the end. Run, and do not grow weary; walk, and do not faint; the line is before you.)

IV. THE FINISH LINE — GODLINESS, AND THE WORD, ABIDETH FOR EVER

(My personal thoughts — every race has an end, and this end is not a wall; it is a crown. Hear Paul at the line: ready to be offered, the course finished, the faith kept — and the course he speaks of, see the tag, G1408, Strong's calls a race. And notice what stands past the line: the crown laid up, the glory, and the word that promised them all, which lasts forever.)

A. 1 Timothy 4:8 For bodily exercise [**G1129 gymnasia**] profiteth little: but godliness [**G2150 eusebeia**] is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

BODILY EXERCISE PROFITETH LITTLE + GODLINESS IS PROFITABLE UNTO ALL THINGS = PROMISE OF THE LIFE THAT NOW IS, AND OF THAT WHICH IS TO COME.

B. 2 Timothy 4:6 For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure [**G359 analusis**] is at hand.

I AM NOW READY TO BE OFFERED + THE TIME OF MY DEPARTURE IS AT HAND.

C. 2 Timothy 4:7 I have fought a good fight [**G73 agon**], I have finished my course [**G1408 dromos**], I have kept the faith:

I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT + I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE + I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH.

D. 2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown [**G4735 stephanos**] of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS + NOT TO ME ONLY, BUT UNTO ALL THEM ALSO THAT LOVE HIS APPEARING.

(My personal thoughts — the crown is not for one runner. Not to me only, says Paul, but to ALL those also who love his appearing. The same line lies before you, and the same righteous judge stands at it. Love his appearing, and finish your course.)

E. Hebrews 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher [G5051 teleiotes] of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

LOOKING UNTO JESUS = THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH.

F. 1 Timothy 3:16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness [G2150 eusebeia]: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS → GOD WAS MANIFEST IN THE FLESH → RECEIVED UP INTO GLORY.

(My personal thoughts — the mystery of godliness opened this study, and it closes it. It begins, God was revealed in human flesh — there godliness is found. It ends, received up into glory — there the walk ends. Christ himself walked the whole course first, and finished it; the way you go is a way already gone, and the finisher of your faith stands at the end of it.)

G. 1 Peter 1:24 For all flesh is as grass [G5528 chortos], and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away:

ALL FLESH IS AS GRASS + THE GRASS WITHERETH, AND THE FLOWER THEREOF FALLETH AWAY.

H. 1 Peter 1:25 But the word of the Lord endureth [G3306 meno] for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you.

BUT THE WORD OF THE LORD ENDURETH FOR EVER + THIS IS THE WORD WHICH BY THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED UNTO YOU.

I. Isaiah 40:8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: but the word [H1697 dabar] of our God shall stand for ever.

THE GRASS WITHERETH, THE FLOWER FADETH + THE WORD OF OUR GOD SHALL STAND FOR EVER.

(My personal thoughts — set Peter beside Isaiah, and hear one voice. Isaiah says, the word of our God will stand forever; Peter says, the word of the Lord lasts forever — and the word translated 'endureth' (see the tag, G3306) is the very word translated 'abide.' Isaiah wrote it long before; Peter proves it long after — the same word still stood, and by the gospel was preached to you. The word proves itself by abiding. And godliness abides with it, for godliness has promise of the life that now is, and of the life that is to come.)

J. Psalm 119:89 For ever, O LORD, thy word is settled [H5324 natsab] in heaven.

FOR EVER, O LORD, THY WORD IS SETTLED IN HEAVEN.

K. Matthew 24:35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words [G3056 logos] shall not pass away.

HEAVEN AND EARTH SHALL PASS AWAY + MY WORDS SHALL NOT PASS AWAY.

(My personal thoughts — the flesh is grass, and the race passes; heaven and earth themselves will pass; but his words will not pass away. Whoever runs for godliness runs for that which lasts forever. Nothing of this course is lost at the line; the word that called you to it stands when all else falls.)

MOUTH OF TWO

2 Timothy 4:8 Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown [G4735 stephanos] of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing.

A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS + UNTO ALL THEM ALSO THAT LOVE HIS APPEARING.

Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown [G4735 stephanos] of life.

BE THOU FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH → I WILL GIVE THEE A CROWN OF LIFE.

1 Peter 5:4 And when the chief Shepherd shall appear, ye shall receive a crown of glory that fadeth not away [G262 amarantinos].

WHEN THE CHIEF SHEPHERD SHALL APPEAR → A CROWN OF GLORY THAT FADETH NOT AWAY.

2 Corinthians 13:1 This is the third time I am coming to you. In the mouth of two or three witnesses [G3144 martus] shall every word be established.

IN THE MOUTH OF TWO OR THREE WITNESSES SHALL EVERY WORD BE ESTABLISHED.

(My personal thoughts — three witnesses stand at the end of the race, and each one holds out a crown. Paul says, a crown of righteousness at that day. The Lord says through John, be faithful to death, and a crown of life. Peter says, when the chief Shepherd appears, a crown of glory that does not fade away. Righteousness, life, glory — in the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter is established: the end of this race is a crown, and it does not fade away.)

THE SHADOW AND THE FULFILLMENT

Shadow Genesis 5:24 And Enoch walked [H1980 **halak**] with God: and he was not; for God took him.

ENOCH WALKED WITH GOD → GOD TOOK HIM.

Fulfillment Hebrews 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated [G3346 **metatithemi**] 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 WAS TRANSLATED THAT HE SHOULD NOT SEE DEATH + HE HAD THIS TESTIMONY, THAT HE PLEASSED GOD.

Fulfillment 1 Thessalonians 4:17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up [G726 **harpazo**] together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

CAUGHT UP TOGETHER + TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR → SO SHALL WE EVER BE WITH THE LORD.

(My personal thoughts — Moses wrote it briefly: he walked with God, and he was not. The new testament opens it wide: translated, so that he should not see death; and before his translation, this testimony, that he PLEASED God. There is the whole walk in one man — he walked, he pleased God, God took him up. And the mystery of godliness ends the same way, received up into glory; and so does everyone who walks with him — caught up, always to be with the Lord. The walk with God does not end at a grave. It ends with HIM.)

CLOSING

Philippians 1:6 Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform [G2005 **epiteleo**] it until the day of Jesus Christ:

HE WHICH HATH BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU → WILL PERFORM IT UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST.

Jude 1:24 Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling [G679 **aptaistos**], and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM FALLING + PRESENT YOU FAULTLESS BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF HIS GLORY WITH EXCEEDING JOY.

(My personal thoughts — now gather the whole way home. First the crawling: godliness is not your own strength; it is given by HIS divine power, and found in a Person — the mystery of godliness, God revealed in human flesh. Then the walking: as Enoch walked, as Noah walked, as Abram was commanded — walk before me, and be whole; walk in him, just as he walked. Then the race and the war: follow after godliness, fight the good fight, endure hardness, offer your members to God. Then the line: the course finished, the faith kept, the crown laid up — and under it all, the word that cannot pass away. And see the tag, G2005: Strong's says the word perform in this promise means to accomplish, to finish — the one who has begun a good work in you will FINISH it. He taught you to walk; he is able to keep you from falling; he will bring you over the line with great joy. Walk on.)

7 QUESTIONS

1. 1 Timothy 6:6 — But godliness with contentment is:

- a) great gain
- b) great peace
- c) profitable unto all things

2. Genesis 5:24 — And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for:

- a) the LORD appeared to him
- b) God took him

c) he pleased God

3. 2 Peter 1:3 — According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto:

- a) glory and virtue
- b) life and godliness
- c) righteousness and honesty

4. 2 Timothy 2:4 — No man that warreth entangleth himself with:

- a) the wiles of the devil
- b) the sin which doth so easily beset us
- c) the affairs of this life

5. 1 Timothy 3:16 — Great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into:

- a) glory
- b) heaven
- c) the clouds

6. 2 Timothy 4:8 — Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of:

- a) life
- b) glory
- c) righteousness

7. 1 Peter 1:25 — But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which:

- a) is settled in heaven
- b) by the gospel is preached unto you
- c) shall not pass away

ANSWER KEY: 1-a, 2-b, 3-b, 4-c, 5-a, 6-c, 7-b

HOW THIS STUDY BRANCHES

→ **HOW THE SHADOW BRINGS LIGHT: TWO MEN WALKED WITH GOD AND WERE TAKEN — ENOCH WAS TRANSLATED THAT HE SHOULD NOT SEE DEATH (HEBREWS 11:5), AND ELIJAH WENT UP BY A WHIRLWIND INTO HEAVEN (2 KINGS 2:11) — SET THEM BESIDE THEM WHICH ARE ALIVE AND REMAIN, CAUGHT UP TO MEET THE LORD IN THE AIR (1 THESSALONIANS 4:17), READY FOR ITS OWN STUDY.**

→ **HOW THE NEW COVENANT EXPLAINS IT: TO ABRAM IT WAS SAID, WALK BEFORE ME, AND BE PERFECT (GENESIS 17:1); TO US IT IS SAID, HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GIVEN TO US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS (2 PETER 1:3) — WHAT WAS COMMANDED IS NOW GIVEN IN CHRIST.**

→ **HOW THE WORDS MATTER: THE FIGHT OF 1 TIMOTHY 6:12 AND THE RACE OF HEBREWS 12:1 ARE ONE GREEK WORD (G73 — CONFLICT, FIGHT, RACE), AND THE WALK OF GALATIANS 5:25 (G4748) IS TO KEEP STEP IN RANK, AS A SOLDIER MARCHES — MARK WHICH WORD STANDS IN WHICH PLACE, AND WHY.**

→ **HOW IT REACHES TO ETERNITY: GODLINESS HAS PROMISE OF THE LIFE THAT NOW IS, AND OF THAT WHICH IS TO COME (1 TIMOTHY 4:8) — AND THE CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NOT TO PAUL ONLY, BUT TO ALL THEM ALSO THAT LOVE HIS APPEARING (2 TIMOTHY 4:8).**

→ **RABBIT TRAIL: THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS (1 TIMOTHY 3:16) STANDS OVER AGAINST THE MYSTERY OF INIQUITY (2 THESSALONIANS 2:7) — TWO MYSTERIES IN ONE APOSTLE'S MOUTH, EACH WORKING IN MEN — SEARCH IT OUT.**

→ **POSSIBLE REVELATION: THE WORD RENDERED 'ENDURETH' IN 1 PETER 1:25 (G3306) IS THE VERY WORD RENDERED 'ABIDE' IN THE VINE — ABIDE IN ME (JOHN 15:4). THE WORD ABIDES FOR EVER; ABIDE IN HIM, AND YOU ABIDE IN THAT WHICH CANNOT PASS AWAY.**