

written he walked with God until the very end of his pilgrimage upon earth, and then "was not, for God took him." Enoch's son, Methuselah, lived the longest of all the Patriarchs, even nine hundred and ninety-nine years, as if the good and holy father had made a good and wise son, who inherited the blessing of a long life, whose filial piety made the commandment of promise his own.

All the day's of Enoch's life on earth before God took him were three hundred and sixty-five years—a year of years—each year a day in the ordinary circle of time, perfect and complete, a pattern life.

St. Jude speaks of him as a prophet "And Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying "Behold the Lord cometh with ten thousand of His Saints to execute judgment upon all and to convince all that are ungodly among them, of all their ungodly deeds which they have ungodly committed." Amongst all the ungodliness of the men who lived before the Flood, Enoch preached of righteousness, and before his translation he had this testimony, "he pleased God."

Trained was the hand, the ear and eye of his soul to wait upon the Lord, to hear the Voice of God, to pierce the veil, and it was his real childlike, practical faith which enabled him to "walk with God."

He realised God's presence with him continually, he knew Him as his Friend. He set God always before him, willingly dedicated to Him all the powers of body and mind, took counsel with Him as a friend, and talked to Him. He gave to God his life, worshipped Him with a holy worship, even the worship of his entire life. Then "God took him"—the place that once knew him knew him no more.

Enoch was translated to that place of safe-keeping—the Paradise of God; and a true human existence found its home in Glory.

It is an ancient tradition of the Church that Enoch and Elijah will return to earth in the days of Anti-Christ, and will die even as other men. For even the Son of God, when He took the form of Man, was not exempt from death.

Let us try to understand what this "walking with God" really means, of which we see in Enoch such a wonderful example.

Walking indicates action, a forward movement; to walk with anyone bespeaks concerted action. He, who set God always before him, took Him for his Guide, trusted His Counsel, waited on His Will, was able to walk with him as companion and friend. What a high vocation! Higher, closer even than that of the holy Angels. And to this Jesus calls us. He has said, "Ye are My friends," but unless there be agreement of will and purpose we cannot walk with God. Jesus has taught us to pray "Our Father . . . Thy Will be done." If we mind the things of the flesh we cannot please God, Whose Favor is far better than all the world has to offer. He must be First, Last and in the Midst of life.