

**Lord's Table Special    Walking Amidst the Angelic Conflict    3-2-2016**

1. The mechanics of walking make for an excellent metaphor.

2. We are to walk in time as ambassadors for Christ. We were called in eternity past to produce divine good. We may, however, produce or not produce. It all depends on our attitude toward God's protocol.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

Eph 2:9 Not of works, lest any man should boast.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which **God hath before ordained that we should walk** in them.

3. Christ and all believers were elected by the Father after seeing the entire time line and all choices made.

4. Salvation is a direct result of faith alone in Christ alone. A failure to believe results in eternal damnation. Many Scriptures teach this age-old truth.

Joh 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up:

Joh 3:15 That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Joh 3:17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

Joh 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Joh 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Joh 3:36 He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.

Joh 5:24 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life.

Joh 6:29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.

Joh 6:47 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

Acts 16:31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.

Rom 4:5 But to him that worketh not, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness.

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

1Ti 1:16 Howbeit for this cause I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might shew forth all longsuffering, for a pattern to them which should hereafter believe on him to life everlasting.

Heb 10:39 But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

1Jo 5:5 Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God?

1Jo 5:13 These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.

5. God in His perfection has declared that man is an important creature in His plan to resolve the angelic conflict.

6. We walk as witnesses in the appeal phase of the angelic conflict.

6.1 Angels have the ability to observe humans, both their thoughts and actions.

Job 2:3 And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? and still he holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause.

6.2 The angelic conflict is a war being fought between God and Satan. Satan's purpose was originally to cause Christ to sin and reject God's plan, but since that plan failed, Satan switched strategies and has now directed his attention toward God's elect.

6.3 Christ took away Lucifer's excuse and the excuses of those angels who followed him in his rebellion.

6.4 The excuse apparently went something like this: I as a creature angel so inferior to you members of the Trinity, I could not help myself, after all I am not like you.

6.5 A natural question asked often is, "Why is there life on Planet Earth amidst all the many galaxies?"

6.5.1 In a book published in February 2000 entitled *Rare Earth* two professors, Ward and Brownlee, specializing in geological sciences, mass extinctions, astronomy and astrobiology have concluded there is most likely no advanced life elsewhere in the universe, only here on Planet Earth. They have written,

“The earth's evolutionary achievements can be attributed to the following critical factors: our optimal distance from the sun, the positive effects of the moon's gravity on our climate, plate tectonic and continental drift, the right types of metals and elements, ample liquid water, maintenance of the correct amount of internal heat to keep surface temperatures within a habitable range, and a gaseous planet the size of Jupiter to shield Earth from catastrophic meteoric bombardment.” They go on to write: “... conventional wisdom is wrong ...

“We finally said out loud what so many have thought for so long ... Earth is simply just too special the result of myriad physical conditions missing from most of the universe with just enough time and circumstances to let complicated life arise. We consider it to be random chance and luck” said Brownlee ... We want there to be lots of life out there ... but as scientists, here's what the evidence in our short lives and our narrow imaginations tell us ... perhaps our conclusions are a result of our failed imaginations ...”

6.5.2 These men of science claim to lack imagination but the truth lies, not in their failure to imagine, but their failure to believe “In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.”

Gen 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Gen 1:2 And the earth was (HAYAH can be translated "was" or "became") without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.

6.5.3 Gen 1:2 tells us in corrected translation that the Earth became desolate, without form and void. Became is the better translation given Isa 45:18, where we find God creating out of absolutely nothing a perfect heaven and earth.

6.5.4 Let's not beat around the proverbial bush. The Earth was not created without form and void but rather it became without form and void a long time ago in eternity past. As we will see, the event triggering the Earth becoming “without form and void” was the fall of Satan and his subalterns.

Isa 45:18 For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he **created it not in vain** he formed it to be inhabited: I am the LORD; and there is none else.

6.5.5 The angelic conflict is related to the creation of the Earth and its becoming worthless. That which occurred between the perfect creation and the "becoming **Tohu Va Bohu**" has been a long established hypothesis held by many grace expositors such as Chafer, Walvoord, Pentecost, Thieme, Ryrie, Feinberg and Lindsey.

Isa 14:12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

6.5.6 The fall of Lucifer, taking one-third of the angels with him, occurred between Gen 1:1 and Gen 1:2.

6.5.7 This position is further substantiated by Isa 14:13 and Psa 48:2, where Satan chooses Earth as the battlefield for the angelic conflict.

Isa 14:13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, **in the sides of the north**:

Isa 14:14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

Psa 48:2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, **on the sides of the north**, the city of the great King.

6.5.8 After the fall, God restored Earth to perfection in six literal days. Gen 1:2-2:1

6.5.9 In his rebellion Satan took one-third of all the angels with him and these fallen angels we know today as demons.

6.5.10 Satan and his demons were unable to maintain God's perfect creation, thus their original intent to duplicate God's perfection resulted in an imperfect world.

6.5.11 When we see children with horrible diseases, retardation, missing limbs, old people in dazed states of senility, people with painful burns and scars, bipolar disorders, crack babies and the many cancer-stricken people of all ages, it is then we better understand Satan's incompetence and the horrific result of that incompetence.

6.5.12 Planet Earth is the chosen battlefield of Satan and the only one of the galaxies where there is life as we know it.

6.5.13 After Adam's fall, Satan is said to be the ruler of planet Earth.

Joh 12:27 "Now my heart is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it was for this very reason I came to this hour.

Joh 12:28 Father, glorify your name!" Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and will glorify it again."

Joh 12:29 The crowd that was there and heard it said it had thundered; others said an angel had spoken to him.

Joh 12:30 Jesus said, "This voice was for your benefit, not mine.

Joh 12:31 Now is the time for judgment on this world; now the prince of this world will be driven out.

Joh 14:30 I will not speak with you much longer, for the prince of this world is coming. He has no hold on me,

Joh 16:11 and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.

Eph 2:1 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins,  
Eph 2:2 in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient.

6.5.14 Human history is inextricably linked to the angels. For example, Satan, and his coterie of fallen angels have been judged and sentenced to the Lake of Fire but the sentence has not been carried out. The sentence is not carried out until human history has run its course.

Isa 14:15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.  
Isa 14:16 They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;  
Isa 14:17 That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?  
Isa 14:18 All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.  
Isa 14:19 But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcass trodden under feet.

Eze 28:12 Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty.  
Eze 28:13 Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering ... your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created.  
Eze 28:14 Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire.  
Eze 28:15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.  
Eze 28:16 By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.  
Eze 28:17 Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

6.6 It is not insignificant then that his sentence is not carried out until human history has run its full course. The casting of Satan in the Lake of Fire must await the end of the Millennium ...

Rev 20:9 And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them.

Rev 20:10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are, and shall be tormented day and night for ever and ever.

7. We have a noble calling as an elite force for God. Not only are we watched by the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, but both the elect and fallen angels see and evaluate our thoughts and actions. We represent Christ in His absence as His ambassadors on a Planet owned by none other than Lucifer himself and we should so walk as ambassadors for Christ in an alien land.

8. Our walk must be a step at a time just as we redeem time on a moment-by-moment basis.

Col 4:5 Walk (**Peripateo**) in wisdom toward them that are without redeeming (**Exagarazo**) the time.

9. We must not forget that we are watched by angels, unbelievers, carnal believers and spiritual believers. The angels, though invisible, witness not only what we do, but they also listen to what we say and know what we think.

10. God has given us only so many minutes to redeem. Time was relinquished to Satan by the first Adam in the Garden. So what we think, say and do are all part of our redeeming time. We are continually on stage as witnesses in the conflict.

11. Like the baby who learns to walk by falling and then catching himself by taking a step, the believer's walk is a process of confession and moving forward in the Christian life; all the while maintaining a positive attitude toward the Word.

11.1 Walking provides a meaningful metaphor for moving forward a step at a time on the road to maturity.

1Jo 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and **walk (Peripateo)** in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

1Jo 1:7 But if we **walk (Peripateo)** in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

1Jo 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

1Jo 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

11.2 As a baby begins life without the ability to walk and must take in nourishment to build muscle and bone so also the believer starts out in time as a spiritual infant in need of spiritual food.

11.2.1 This principle is taught in numerous passages.

Heb 5:11 We have much to say about this, but it is hard to explain because you are slow to learn.

Heb 5:12 In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food!

Heb 5:13 Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness.

Heb 5:14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

1Co 3:1 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ.

1Pe 2:2 As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:

12. The mechanics of walking are related to the intake of the Word under the filling of the Spirit to avoid the domination of our old sin natures.

Rom 13:12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Rom 13:13 Let us **walk (Peripateo)** honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

Rom 13:14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

13. Walking is also used to describe the life style of the unbeliever and the believer.

#### 13.1 The Unbeliever

Eph 4:17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth **walk (Peripateo)** not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,

Col 3:6 For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:

Col 3:7 In the which ye also **walked (Peripateo)** some time, when ye lived in them.

#### 13.2 Believers

Phi 3:15 Let us therefore, as many as be perfect, be thus minded: and if in any thing ye be otherwise minded, God shall reveal even this unto you.

Phi 3:16 Nevertheless, whereto we have already attained, let us **walk (Stoicheo)** by the same rule, let us mind the same thing.

Phi 3:17 Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which **walk (Peripateo)** so as ye have us for an example.

Phi 3:18 (For many **walk (Peripateo)**, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:

Phi 3:19 Whose end is destruction, whose God is their belly (**Koilia**), and whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things.)

Eph 4:1 I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that **ye walk (Peripateo)** worthy (**Axios**) of the vocation wherewith ye are called.

14. There are three spheres of walk for the positive believer.

14.1 In the Spirit

Gal 5:16 This I say then, **walk (Peripateo)** in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh.

14.2 By faith

2Co 5:7 (For we **walk (Peripateo)** by faith, not by sight:)

14.2.1 Our walk of Faith must be by means of the content found in the mind of Christ.

14.2.2 Faith demands we accept the Word of God without question.

Col 2:6 As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so **walk (Peripateo)** ye in him:

Col 2:7 Rooted and built up in him, and established in the faith (by means of what you believe), as ye have been taught (**Didasko**) abounding therein with thanksgiving.

14.3 In the sphere of truth

3Jo 3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou **walkest (Peripateo)** in the truth (**Aletheia**).

15. Walking according to *Naves Topical Index*

15.1 With God,

Gen 3:8 And they heard the voice of the LORD God **walking** in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden.

15.2 According to His commands,

Deu 5:33 Ye shall **walk** in all the ways which the LORD your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

Psa 1:1 Blessed is the man that **walketh** not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful.



Jer 7:23 But this thing commanded I them, saying, Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people: and **walk** ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.

15.3 As taught and directed by God,

Isa 2:3 And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will **walk** in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Mic 4:1 But in the last ... the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established ... and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

Mic 4:2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we **will walk** in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

Isa 30:20 And though the Lord give you the bread of adversity, and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be removed into a corner any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers:

Isa 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, **walk ye in it**, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.

15.4 Uprightly,

Pro 2:7 He holds victory in store for the upright, he is a shield to those whose **walk** is blameless,

15.5 In newness of life,

Rom 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should **walk** in newness of life.

15.6 In white clothing

Rev 3:4 Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments; and they shall **walk** with me in white: for they are worthy.

15.6.1 Recall the dual meaning of the 7 Churches of Asia Minor; as a literal local assembly and as seven time periods through which the universal church would progress. Sardis as you may recall was that period A.D. 1517 until just before the Rapture, i.e., today.

15.7 Instances of walking:

### 15.7.1 Enoch

Gen 5:24 And Enoch **walked** with God: and he was not; for God took him.

### 15.7.2 Noah

Gen 6:9 These are the generations of Noah: Noah was a just man and perfect in his generations, and Noah **walked** with God.

16. Let's look at a few uses of the four Greek words for walking. We will begin with the most common, **Peripateo**.

16.1 **Peripateo** can be found 106 times and it simply means to walk.

Mar 7:5 Then the Pharisees and scribes asked him, Why **walk** not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat bread with unwashed hands?

Acts 21:21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to **walk** after the customs.

16.2 **Emperipateo** can be found one time and means to walk in or among them.

2Co 6:16 And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and **walk in** them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

16.3 **Stoicheo** means to march in ranks.

Acts 21:24 Take these men, join in their purification rites and pay their expenses, so that they can have their heads shaved. Then everybody will know there is no truth in these reports about you, but that you yourself **walk** in obedience to the law.

Rom 4:12 And he is also the father of the circumcised who not only are circumcised "but who also **walk**" in the footsteps of the faith that our father Abraham had before he was circumcised.

Rom 4:13 It was not through law that Abraham and his offspring received the promise that he would be heir of the world, but through the righteousness that comes by faith.

Gal 5:25 Since we live by the Spirit, let us "**walk**" in the Spirit.

Gal 6:16 Peace and mercy to all who "walk" according to their new position in Christ, even to the Israel of God.

Phi 3:16 Only let us live up to that doctrine we have in our souls, let us "**walk**" by the same rule, let us mind the same things.

16.4 **Orthopodeo** can be found one time and means to walk in a straight path.

Gal 2:14 But when I saw that "they **walked** not" uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?

17. Conclusion

17.1 Adam and Eve walked in the Garden with God: "And they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the garden." (Gen 3:8)

17.2 Walking is often used symbolically or figuratively of a believer's conduct or spiritual state. It was said of Enoch, the first prophet.

17.3 We are admonished to walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.

Eph 5:2 And walk (**Peripateo**) in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savor.

2Jo 6 And this is love, that we walk (**Peripateo**) after his commandments. This is the commandment, That, as ye have heard from the beginning, ye should walk (**Peripateo**) in it.

17.4 Walking in truth is held up as an example in Psa 26:3.

Psa 26:3 for your love is ever before me, and I "**walk**" continually in your truth.

18. It is now time for our celebration of the Lord's Table. Get your hymnals and turn to page 269 as we stand and sing *Blessed Assurance*, a hymn written by one of our greatest song writers Fanny Crosby. Ken come and lead us as we sing all three verses.

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