

# Walk Worthy of God

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## I. Too Wonderful, Too High

**Psalms 139:1-18 ( ESV )** <sup>1</sup>O Lord, you have searched me and known me! <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether. <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.** <sup>7</sup>Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? <sup>8</sup>If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there! <sup>9</sup>If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, <sup>10</sup>even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me. <sup>11</sup>If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night," <sup>12</sup>even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you. <sup>13</sup>For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there were none of them. <sup>17</sup>How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>If I would count them, they are more than the sand. I awake, and I am still with you.

**Psalms 139:23-24 ( ESV )** <sup>23</sup>Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! <sup>24</sup>And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

### THE LORD OUR MAKER

**Psalms 95:6 ( NKJV )** <sup>6</sup>Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

### ALL-POWERFUL

**Psalms 19:1-4 ( NKJV )** <sup>1</sup> The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork. <sup>2</sup>Day unto day utters speech, And night unto night reveals knowledge. <sup>3</sup>*There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard.* <sup>4</sup>Their **£**line has gone out through all the earth, And their words to the end of the world.

**Revelation 19:6 ( NKJV )** <sup>6</sup>And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, "Alleluia! For the **£** Lord God Omnipotent reigns!

### ALL-WISE

**Romans 11:33 ( NKJV )** <sup>33</sup>Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable *are* His judgments and His ways past finding out!

**Proverbs 2:4-8 ( NKJV )** <sup>4</sup> If you seek her as silver, And search for her as *for* hidden treasures; <sup>5</sup> Then you will understand the fear of the Lord, And find the knowledge of God. <sup>6</sup> For the Lord gives wisdom; From His mouth *come* knowledge and understanding; <sup>7</sup> He stores up sound

wisdom for the upright; *He is* a shield to those who walk uprightly; <sup>8</sup> He guards the paths of justice, And preserves the way of His saints.

#### ALL-PRESENT

**Jeremiah 23:23-24 ( NKJV )** <sup>23</sup> “*Am I* a God near at hand,” says the Lord, “And not a God afar off? <sup>24</sup> Can anyone hide himself in secret places, So I shall not see him?” says the Lord; “Do I not fill heaven and earth?” says the Lord.

**Psalms 23:1-4 ( NKJV )** <sup>1</sup> The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want. <sup>2</sup> He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. <sup>3</sup> He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name’s sake. <sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You *are* with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

#### ALL-LOVING

**1 John 4:8 ( NKJV )** <sup>8</sup>He who does not love does not know God, for God is love.

**1 John 4:16 ( NKJV )** <sup>16</sup>And we have known and believed the love that God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God in him.\

#### HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

**Isaiah 6:1-5 ( NKJV )** <sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His *robe* filled the temple. <sup>2</sup>Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one cried to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy *is* the Lord of hosts; The whole earth *is* full of His glory!” <sup>4</sup>And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup>So I said: “Woe *is* me, for I am undone!

Because I *am* a man of unclean lips, And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, The Lord of hosts.”

**1 Peter 1:15-16 ( NKJV )** <sup>15</sup>but as He who called you *is* holy, you also be holy in all *your* conduct, <sup>16</sup>because it is written, “*Be holy, for I am holy.*”<sup>E</sup>

#### FAITHFUL

**Psalms 89:1-2 ( NKJV )** <sup>1</sup> I will sing of the mercies of the Lord forever; With my mouth will I make known Your faithfulness to all generations. <sup>2</sup> For I have said, “Mercy shall be built up forever; Your faithfulness You shall establish in the very heavens.”

**2 Timothy 2:11-13 ( NKJV )** <sup>11</sup>*This is* a faithful saying: For if we died with *Him*, We shall also live with *Him*. <sup>12</sup> If we endure, We shall also reign with *Him*. If we deny *Him*, He also will deny us. <sup>13</sup> If we are faithless, He remains faithful; He cannot deny Himself.

#### GENEROUS FATHER

**Matthew 7:9-12 ( NKJV )** <sup>9</sup>Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? <sup>10</sup>Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? <sup>11</sup>If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him! <sup>12</sup>Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

#### GOOD & SEVERE

**Romans 11:22 ( NKJV )** <sup>22</sup>Therefore consider the goodness and severity of God: on those who fell, severity; but toward you, <sup>£</sup>goodness, if you continue in *His* goodness. Otherwise you also will be cut off.

**Hebrews 12:28-29 ( NKJV )** <sup>28</sup>Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we <sup>£</sup>may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. <sup>29</sup>For our God *is* a consuming fire.

## II. A Godly Person's Treasure — the spiritual riches of the abundant life

**Ephesians 1:3 ( ESV )** <sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places,

**John 10:10 ( NKJV )** <sup>10</sup>...I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

### Payment for my sins

**1 Peter 2:24 ( NASB )** <sup>24</sup>and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

**2 Corinthians 5:21 ( ESV )** <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

### An eternal home awaiting

**2 Corinthians 4:16-18 ( NKJV )** <sup>16</sup>Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward *man* is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup>For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding *and* eternal weight of glory, <sup>18</sup>while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen *are* temporary, but the things which are not seen *are* eternal.

### Love that never ends

**1 Corinthians 13:8 ( ESV )** <sup>8</sup>Love never ends....**1 Corinthians 13:13 ( ESV )** So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

**Romans 5:5 ( NKJV )** <sup>5</sup>Now hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

### Instruction in righteousness; avoid consequences of a life of sin

**Proverbs 1:7-9 ( NKJV )** <sup>7</sup> The fear of the Lord *is* the beginning of knowledge, *But* fools despise wisdom and instruction. <sup>8</sup> My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; <sup>9</sup> For they *will be* a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck.

**Psalms 119:97-101 ( NKJV )** <sup>97</sup>Oh, how I love Your law! It *is* my meditation all the day. <sup>98</sup>You, through Your commandments, make me wiser than my enemies; For they *are* ever with me. <sup>99</sup>I have more understanding than all my teachers, For Your testimonies *are* my meditation. <sup>100</sup>I understand more than the ancients, Because I keep Your precepts. <sup>101</sup>I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word.

### Close fellowship of caring people

**Romans 12:10-13 ( NKJV )** <sup>10</sup>*Be* kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; <sup>11</sup>not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; <sup>12</sup>rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; <sup>13</sup>distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

### Faithful, loyal friends

**Proverbs 18:24 ( NKJV )** <sup>24</sup> A man *who has* friends <sup>£</sup>must himself be friendly, But there is a friend *who* sticks closer than a brother.

### Opportunities to give and serve

**Acts 20:35 ( NKJV )** <sup>35</sup>I have shown you in every way, by laboring like this, that you must support the weak. And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

### Wisdom and help in difficult times

**James 1:5 ( NKJV )** <sup>5</sup>If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him.

### God's wisdom in building a home

**Psalms 127:1 ( NKJV )** <sup>1</sup>Unless the Lord builds the house, They labor in vain who build it;

### Peace that passes understanding

**Philippians 4:6-7 ( ESV )** <sup>6</sup>do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup>And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### Joy unspeakable

**1 Peter 1:8 ( NKJV )** <sup>8</sup>whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see *Him*, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,

### Songs in the night

**Psalms 42:8 ( NKJV )** <sup>8</sup>The Lord will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, And in the night His song *shall be* with me—A prayer to the God of my life.

## III. Our Reasonable Service Is to Walk Worthy of God

**Romans 12:1-2 ( NKJV )** <sup>1</sup>I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a **living sacrifice**, holy, acceptable to God, which is **your reasonable service**. <sup>2</sup>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the **renewing of your mind**, that you may **prove** what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

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## IV. Do I Walk In A Manner Worthy of God When I Choose to...

- Miss the assemblies of the saints?
- Prioritize worldly pursuits ahead of spiritual pursuits?
- Not serve anyone but myself all week?
- Seldom pray or read the God's Word all week?
- Compromise doctrinal truth to remain comfortable?
- Speak harshly to, yell at, argue with my spouse?
- Tell a lie to save face or get out of some problem?
- Listen to impure music, watch indecent TV or movies, or look at sensual Internet sites?
- Engage in improper behavior with my boy/girl friend?

**2 Peter 3:10-11 ( ESV )** <sup>10</sup>But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed. <sup>11</sup>Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, **what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness**, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God...?