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The Voice of God Walked



By Don C. Harris

IT'S A SHAME that what we want above all is to belong, for the likelihood of such seems to diminish when walking with Jesus. Noah's isolation was apparent. Extra-biblical sources say that Enoch was "removed" to save him from persecution. Why then is preparation for individuality left out of our descriptions of life in Christ? Jesus didn't leave it out. Rather He incorporated it into the basic formula. No, "Take up your cross" does not mean to pick out a nice one in the jewelry store. Contrarily, it speaks in effability and effigy of individuality and persecution.

Most of us have never received revelation that will separate us from our family or assembly because family and assembly is predominantly the *source* of our revelation.

Excerpt from the book, Think Red Ink: "Would you rather belong or be right?"

"Today, hardly ever is time taken for personal revelation. Fast-tracking the conversion process can cause disastrous effects felt only when real demand is placed upon the innermost core of being. It's only when great tribulation or demand is made of the innermost character of individuals in congregations that this hollow "slogan theology" comes to the fore, impotently occupying the station of power that could have been fully realized by a relationship." (p. 37)

Fear of separation may be why we avoid divine revelation, but I fear many times it is just busy-ness, noise, and daily commoved lives that deny us what we so desperately need.

The commandment to teach our children suggests "When thou walkest by the way" found in Deuteronomy 6:7. It is a portrait of how our Father teaches us. Perhaps Enoch's persecution came *because* of His revelations received "By the way," as he walked with God. Perhaps the revelation of Peter, commended by Jesus, was received "by the way" as he came from Capernaum? (Ref. Matthew 16:17)

We may be getting a peek into our Father's way of revelation. "Walking by the way" is not laborious prayer and waiting for answer (although there may be a time for that), nor is it intense Bible study and academic discipline, but an easy everyday living in the presence of our Teacher and Guide.

"Walking" carries with it a connotation of leisure. When we labor in prayer and fasting, strive to learn, or even engage what modern preaching calls "importunity" we may find ourselves out of "the way" of revelation. Perhaps we should take another look at Paul's admonition, "A servant of the Lord must not strive."

"...and they heard the voice of God walking..."(Genesis 3:8)

It may be that the simplicity and satisfaction to be found in Christ is in very deed a restoration of what Adam had in the Garden. Not be considered an *end*, but a *means*; a means of communion and company. To invite the Lord to speak, in the walk of a quiet life of simplicity and commonplace activity may be the means to receive answers for which you have searched all of your life.

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