

The Only Safe Walk

John Mason Good (1764 - 1827)

“Enoch walked with God”

THIS is the only walk in which we can never go astray; and happy is he who, amidst the innumerable paths by which he is summoned, is led to the proper walk. To walk with God, we must take heed to every step of His providence and grace: we must have a holy fear of not keeping close to Him; though He will never leave us if we do not leave Him. We must maintain a sacred communion with Him, and have our conversation in heaven rather than on earth; we must be perpetually receding from the world, and withdrawing from its attachments. We must feel our hearts glow with a greater degree

of love to Him, and, by the influence of His Holy Spirit upon our affections, become gradually more assimilated to the Divine nature. We must take His word for our directory; His promise for our food; and His blessed Son for our sole reliance; making the foot of the cross our only resting-place. If we thus walk with God through the wilderness of life, He will walk with us when we reach the dark valley of the shadow of death; and though we cannot hope for the same translation as Enoch, still, like him, we shall not be on earth, because God hath taken us.