

## “Show Thyself A Man”

1 Kings 2:1-4

*Jeremiah 5:1*

- *“Run ye to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, IF YE CAN FIND A MAN, if there be any that doeth justly, that seeketh truth; and I will pardon her.”*

The man being sought was a just, truth loving, humble man. *“But to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and trembleth at my word” (Isaiah 66:2).*

*Micah 6:8*

*“He hath showed thee, O MAN, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?”*

## David’s Charge To Solomon

*1 Kings 2:1-3*

*“Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, I am going the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and SHOW THYSELF A MAN;*

*3 and keep the charge of Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, (and) his commandments, and his ordinances, and his testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself.”*

## Man From The Beginning

Made in the image of God. Genesis 1:26-27  
DIGNITY and GLORY to man’s existence.

- Given personal responsibility.
  - Dominion over other creations. Genesis 1:26
  - *“And God said...”* Genesis 1:29
  - To *“dress and keep”* the garden. Genesis 2:15
  - *“And God commanded...”* Genesis 2:16-17
  - Dominion over his wife. Genesis 3:16
    - Embraced the responsibility for children. cf. Genesis 18:19; Ephesians 6:4
  - Work. Genesis 2:15; 3:17-19

## Real Men Are Always Godly Men

- Men who are not in close communion with God and do not lead their household spiritually are not the kind God recognizes, uses, and blesses.
- Three expressions that emphasize man’s devotion to God.
  - “Walk WITH God.”
  - “Walk BEFORE God.”
  - “Walk AFTER God.”

## Walk With God

- Enoch. Genesis 5:22, 24; cf. Hebrews 11:5
- Noah. Genesis 6:9; cf. Hebrews 11:7

Implies fellowship, harmony and agreement.  
Amos 3:3; 1 John 1:7; 2 Corinthians 6:16-17

Implies man yielding to God's way.  
Jeremiah 10:23; Proverbs 14:12

## Walk Before God

- Abraham. Genesis 17:1
  - "Literally, set thyself to walk, ... in my presence, as if conscious of my inspection and solicitous of my approval..." (The Pulpit Commentary)
  - God's man walks as to show he is ever before the Lord, constantly observed by Him. Hebrews 4:13
  - *Psalms 33:13 "The Lord looketh from heaven; he beholdeth all the sons of men"* cf. Psalms 139

## Walk After God

- Remnant. Hosea 11:10
  - Not only would God not destroy them all, but a remnant of them should *"walk after the Lord,"* i.e., they shall believe in Christ. cf. Hosea 1:11; 3:5
  - cf. Hosea 7:13; Jeremiah 7:9; 18:12 formally walked after *"other gods."*
  - God's man follows after the Lord. Ephesians 5:1; 1 Peter 2:21; John 8:12

## Examples

- Moses. cf. Hebrews 11:24-29
- Joseph. cf. Genesis 39
- David. 1 Samuel 17:45
- Daniel. Daniel 1:9,17; Daniel 5

## Conclusion:

- Real men are godly men who by God's standard...
  - Walk with God.
  - Walk before God.
  - Walk after God.
- Real men are never ashamed of being heard and seen as relying upon God.
- God recognizes, uses, and blesses such men.  
1 Corinthians 16:13