

# MARCH 2022

MATTHEW 28:19

ACROSS THE STREET AND AROUND THE WORLD



Amazing Grace Baptist Church

# REACHING OUT

2022

## "TO GROW AND THRIVE"

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As we think about the beginning of Spring, I wonder what Spring actually means. There are several meanings of spring: to begin to appear, begin to grow, to arise, to break forth, to grow, to thrive, etc.

Thinking about one of those definitions, I want to use “to grow, or thrive” and give you a thought about a man named Enoch, who “walked with GOD”. Walking requires effort. Physical walking causes our stamina to grow, as walking with GOD will cause our faith to grow. With the condition of our world, it would do us all good to let our “walk with GOD” begin to grow and thrive” A lost and dying world needs to see Christians, walking with GOD again. No doubt, Enoch’s walking with GOD increased his spirituality, and he became closer to GOD.

Let’s take a look at Enoch, and what his name means and use it concerning a walk with GOD. I found three meanings:

### 1. Enoch’s name means “Dedicated”

-Dedicated = devoted to a divine being; or to a sacred use; consecrated; given wholly to Enoch was dedicated to his walk with GOD. He walked with GOD 300 years according to Genesis 5:22. Just as Enoch, you and I need a dedicated walk with the LORD.

### 2. Enoch’s name means “Disciplined”

-Disciplined = instructed; educated; subjected to rules and regulations; corrected; chastised; punished; admonished.

I’d say Enoch’s walk became disciplined, as he walked daily with the LORD. Our walk with the Lord needs to be disciplined. The more we walk with HIM the more we’ll grow.

### 3. Enoch’s name means “Initiated”

- initiate = to introduce

I began to ask the LORD, what the significance of Enoch’s name meaning “initiated”? The Lord reminded me that the first mention of “walked” in our Bible is concerning Enoch, Genesis 5:22.

Could it be that Enoch is introducing us to “walking with GOD”? It’s a great principle to introduce. With the start of spring season approaching, it would do us all good to work on our walk with GOD. If we all can get our walk in order, we’d have no problem introducing some things to the ones we rub shoulders with on a daily basis. Remember, walking takes effort. Just as exercising takes effort, walking with GOD will take effort. Exercising increases stamina, and walking with GOD will improve your spiritual life. This is what we all need. So with springtime coming, let’s get to walking with GOD. You make a choice everyday whether to walk with the world or walk with GOD. Remember the words of our LORD in Matthew 6:24 – “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.”



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## Financial Report





## How Much More?

Miss. Haley Newman

Have you ever been taking a walk and noticed a raven off in the grass? Or have you ever been driving in a car and noticed one on the side of the road? If you're like me, you've probably noticed that they aren't the prettiest birds in the world. In fact, a raven is considered a fowl of little worth. They are usually disregarded by men and thought of as unclean. Doesn't that sound a little bit like us Christians? From the world's perspective, we aren't worth anything. They disregard us because we seem "different". However, just like God created the raven, God created us.

Luke 12:24 says, "Consider the ravens: for they neither sow nor reap; which neither have storehouse nor barn; and God feedeth them: how much more are ye better than the fowls?" To consider means to take thought of. In this verse, we are being asked to take thought of the ravens. They don't sow or reap...so how do they eat and stay nourished?? If you read a little further, you see that God feeds them. He knows how worthless they seem to the world, yet He still makes it a priority to feed the ravens. Aren't you thankful that God sees fit to "feed" us, even when this world says we aren't worth it? He knows exactly what we need when we need it.

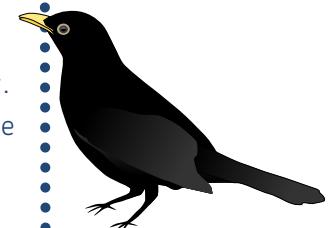
Another thing I found interesting about a raven is that they are adaptable to different environments. They can live in a variety of habitats, from snow to desert to mountains to forest. God, when He created them, gave them a varied diet to help them withstand their changing environments. This, again, made me think of the Christian life. Life is ever-changing. We never know exactly what is around the corner. It only takes one second to turn our world upside down. But, would you know that the "food" that God gives us from His word will withstand us through anything we face? God is bigger than our current circumstance. He is always going to provide for us in whatever we're going through. The end of our verse says, "**how much more are ye better than the fowls?**" This simply means that if God cares enough to provide for the ravens, how much more does He care to supply your needs! I'm humbled to know that someone so great as God, the one who numbers the stars, cares enough about me to provide for me. Aren't you glad that we are one of God's top priorities?

I'd like to leave you with the chorus of a song that I've been learning. It's called, "How Much The More?"

If He sees every sparrow that falls,  
He knows when they're hungry, He feeds them all  
If he counts the stars in the sky, Knows how much sand is on the shore  
Then on His word you can rely, How much the more



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