

27-28 wrapping it all together:

The wicked are far from God,  
and in the end they perish.  
The Psalmist is near to God,  
and in the end God will receive Him.  
Enoch walked with God,  
and then God received Him.

*for me, it is good to be near God.*

*I have made the Lord GOD my refuge.*

*you will tell of all [His] works.*

Colossians 2:6 *As you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him.*

“O for a Closer Walk with God”  
William Cowper

O for a closer walk with God,  
a calm and heav'nly frame,  
a light to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb!

Where is the blessedness I knew  
when first I sought the Lord?  
Where is the soul-refreshing view  
of Jesus and His Word?

What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!  
How sweet their mem'ry still!  
But they have left an aching void  
the world can never fill.

Return, O holy Dove, return,  
sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,  
and drove Thee from my breast.

The dearest idol I have known,  
whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from Thy throne  
and worship only Thee.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.

**Next Steps Sunday**  
**A Closer Walk with God**

Genesis 3:8

We were made \_\_\_\_\_.  
\_\_\_\_\_ is the problem.

Genesis 5:22-24

Walking with God \_\_\_\_\_.

Walking with God is a \_\_\_\_\_ of heaven.

Walking with God means walking \_\_\_\_\_  
(Heb. 11:5).

Genesis 6:9

Walking with God means walking a life that is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ from the world  
and \_\_\_\_\_ to God.

*Micah 6:8 He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you but to do  
justice, and to love kindness [or, mercy], and to  
walk humbly with your God?*

*Matthew 23:23 You have neglected the  
weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy  
and faithfulness.*

*1 Peter 3:18 For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous  
for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God.*

*Hebrews 10:21-22 Since we have a great high priest ... let us  
draw near.*

Hebrews 4:14-16

Psalms 73

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*23 I am continually with you*

*23 you hold my right hand*

*28 But for me it is good to be near God.*

*24a You guide me with your counsel*

*“Although the [wicked] are sometimes very  
successful in their affairs, ... yet the way in  
which God ordinarily and more abundantly  
blesses his own people is by giving them  
wisdom.” (John Calvin)*

*24 afterward you will receive me to glory.*

*“This completes the happiness of the saints, so  
that they have no reason to envy the worldly  
prosperity of sinners.” (Matthew Henry)*

*25 “As long as I have thee, I wish for nothing else in  
heaven or on earth.”*

*“He, and he only, that made the soul, can make  
it happy; there is none in heaven, none in earth,  
that can pretend to do it besides.”*

*“We must desire nothing besides God as  
needful to be a partner with him in making us  
happy.”*

*(Matthew Henry)*

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