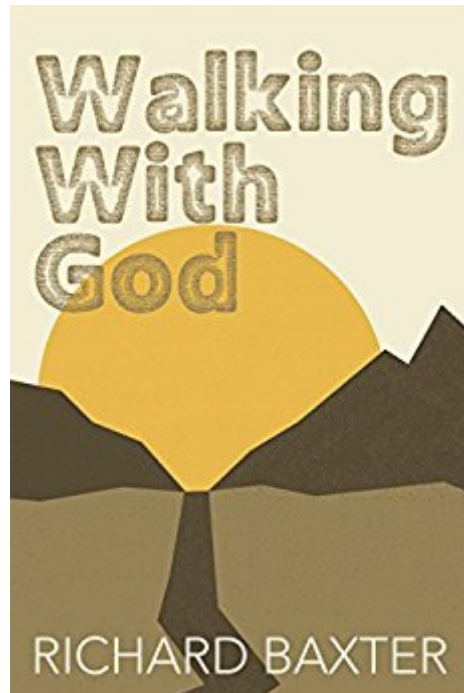




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Synopsis

What does walking with God truly mean? What does it look like in the life of an ordinary Christian? Puritan writer Richard Baxter provides an answer for us that is just as powerful and enlightening in our modern era as it was in the 17th century when he penned his words. Baxter, who himself was persecuted and spent time in prison for his beliefs, was intimately familiar with the great challenge of walking with God in a tumultuous world and in the midst of a generation that railed against God. Inscribed at the base of Baxter's statue in Kidderminster, England are these words: "In a stormy and divided age he advocated unity and comprehension, pointing the way to the eternal." Come learn from this great man of faith who walked with God.

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Customer Reviews

What is the heart of walking with God? It can be described as 'The Duty Of Practical Godliness'; Baxter also gives us this-"...to walk in obedience and fear of God... is the principle thing

in our 'Walking With God'." I think Mr. Baxter's 'Walking With God' is a manual for 'Practical Christian Living'. If atheism can be considered the highest degree of wickedness (living as if God did not exist, and wishing and desiring it to be so) then being devoted to God, living in God's presence and acknowledging Him 'In All Things', would be the antithesis of atheism. That there is a high degree of atheism in our day and also was in Baxter's day, would be hard to refute (not necessarily those who outwardly and boldly declare such) but heart atheism which the author describes thus - "when there is nothing of God upon the heart, no love, no fear, no trust, no subjection, this is heart atheism." He also labels those as atheists, who profess to know God but by their works deny him. I think it would be common to label such as hypocrites, does not hypocrisy fall under the umbrella of atheism. One thing I've long appreciated about 'The Legacy Of The Puritans' is their wholehearted, uncompromising devotion to God. This mindset is filtered throughout their writings and this is abundantly evident in the godly Pastor Baxter's writings - "...man's chiefest business in the world is with God, and that our thoughts, and all of our powers, are made to be employed upon him, or for him..." "The most helpful things that I've read on 'The Thought Life' have been by Puritan writers - The Vanity Of Thoughts - Thomas Goodwin and The Sinfulness And Cure Of Thoughts - Stephen Charnock. I had not read anything by Baxter on 'The Thought Life' before reading a section of this book, which has an extraordinary contribution in that area. Anyone who has read anything Mr. Baxter has written, will have some idea of how searching his preaching and written ministry are (even compared to a number of his Puritan brethren). I want to give a few quotes of his on 'The Thought Life' to help support this assertion - "There is nothing but darkness in all my thoughts if God be not in them." "You murder the creature by separating it from God who is its life, and then you are enamored at the carcass..." "If God be not in all your thoughts, they are all in vain." "The thoughts are the most constant actions of a man, and therefore most of the man is in them." Baxter's section in this book on 'The Thought Life' are worthy of not just a careful and prayerful reading but of serious ongoing meditation. I strongly believe that such an undertaking, with the Lord's blessing, can be life transforming. In expounding the nature of 'Walking With God' here are the godly Pastor's main points; that one's walk with God - 1. Must be with the greatest reverence - which could also be called 'godly fear'. 2. It must be with humble boldness and familiarity - If one is reconciled to God, this brings God near to them, which makes the familiarity with him possible. 3. It is with holy pleasure and delight - we were once enemies of God but we are no longer, we long to know his presence in greater measure because we delight in Him (prior to conversion there is enmity, fear and hatred of God, because we are far from him). 4. Walking with God must include industry and diligence, our Lord rewards those who diligently seek him. 5. To walk with God is a matter of constancy - It is not an

occasional or haphazard, but ought to be the normal course of our lives. I am convinced that Richard Baxter's writings on 'Practical Christianity' are in the front rank of the Puritans. That is a bold assertion because in general they were 'Master Physicians Of The Soul'.

This is a book one cannot rush through. So as I read and meditate on it day by day, I would say that it is very helpful in our walk daily with God. I have not finished reading the book as it needs to be "digested".

Even in the first chapter the uplifting theology presented is amazing.

Very good

Interesting book in a good way. I have to reread many passages because of the language used. It is a wonderful book and I enjoyed reading it. It is so prevalent to today.

Richard Baxter always delivers sound teaching of the scriptures.

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