

**Gen 3:8** “And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking ; *hālaḵ in the garden in the cool of the day, and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden.*”

This word walking in the Hebrew, it means a bi-lateral action taken by two parties abiding together God is not going for a solo walk here. He is trying to engage His walk with Adam and Eve.

**2 Tim 2:13** “*If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself*”

But God says come *hālaḵ* with me and let’s talk about it. God left the door open to them to still *hālaḵ* with Him and still be close to Him and still connect with Him.

The invitation to walk with God and abide with Him did not expire, even if we reject his offer. His offer of *hālaḵ* will always remain.

**Gen 5:24** “And Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him.”

**Gen 6:9** “Noah walked with God”

**Gen 13:17** (Abraham) “Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you.”

**1 Jn 3:18-24** “My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.

<sup>19</sup> And by this we know that we are of the truth and shall assure our hearts before Him.

<sup>20</sup> For if our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart and knows all things.

<sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God. Now John picks up the words of Jesus from Jn 15:7

<sup>22</sup> And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight.

<sup>23</sup> And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.”

**Gospel of John 15:4, 7, 12, 13, 17**

<sup>4</sup> “Abide<sup>e</sup>/ *hālaḵ*/meno’ in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me.

<sup>7</sup> If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

<sup>12</sup> This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

<sup>13</sup> Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

<sup>17</sup> "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you."

**Verse 7**        **says "if you abide you can ask"**

**Verse 12 & 17 says "if you love you can ask"**

Abiding in Him

Loving Him

There must be the vertical abiding in the horizontal loving if one of those is missing than the *hālak/meno* experience with God is going to be limited or nullified, we saw all the times he used the word abide in chapter 3

**Vs 18** "little children let us not love with word or with tongue but in deed and in truth

**1<sup>st</sup> Jn 3:19** we will know this that we are of the truth and will assure our hearts before him and whenever our hearts condemn us that God is greater than our hearts and knows all things beloved if our heart does not condemn us we have confidence before God

**1<sup>st</sup> Jn 3:20** "if your heart condemns you"    and he's talking to Christians here.

'God is greater than your heart' since your heart is the thing condemning you.

**Ps 73:26** "My flesh and my heart fail;  
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

**1<sup>st</sup> Jn 3:20** "God is greater than your heart and he says he knows all."

### **First Benefit    Confidence in God's Presence**

**1<sup>st</sup> Jn 3:21** Beloved, if our heart does not condemn us, we have confidence toward God"  
Our confidence in God will grow and our condemnation will diminish.

### **Second Benefit    Answered Prayer**

**1<sup>st</sup> Jn 3:22** "And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."

*Jn 15:7 "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."*

**What commandments?** *to abide in love, to abide with Him and love His family.*

- The goal of prayer is to bring heaven into our history
- The goal of prayer is to bring God down to earth.
- The goal of prayer is heavenly permission for earthly intervention
- The goal of prayer is that God will invade whatever you are praying about and You are doing it with confidence.

Which is why we can *"come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."* **Heb 4:16**

**Isaiah 65:24** *"It shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; And while they are still speaking, I will hear."*

His unconditional will, or things he's going to do whether you pray or not.  
He's just going to do it, because it's his prerogative.

His conditional will be only those things which are going to be answered when the conditions are met.

*I put the answer out there just waiting for the condition to drop or be met.*

So, there are things up there in heaven

- Still waiting to come down,
- Still waiting for you to meet what God has Commanded you to do!

**1 Jn 3:23** *"And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment."*

**Micah 6:8** *"He has shown you, O man, what is good;  
And what does the LORD require of you  
But to do justly,  
To love mercy,  
And to walk humbly with your God"*