

God's Ways Are Not Our Ways

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God is not like us!

Truth

We often use this passage to explain to each other what we don't understand ourselves. - PD

Truth

The problem is not that we don't trust God. The problem is that we expect God to do things our way and in our timing. - PD

Isaiah 55:8-9 NKJV

“For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways,” says the Lord. “For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.”

Truth

**God wants closeness and intimacy. God wants to be near to us and
He wants us to be near to Him. -PD**

God wants to:

- **comfort people**
- **forgive our sins**
- **free us from our bondages or habits**
- **redeem us when we stray**
- **give us an assurance of our salvation**

Question

Do we need to be saved or do we need redemption?

**Clarion call (Bible)- a mighty or outspoken plea for action. -
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Truth

Salvation leads to faith and trust in the Lord. Then repentance and forsaking our ungodly ways flows out of the faith and trust we place in Him.

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Isaiah 55:7 NKJV

**Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
let him return to the Lord, and He will have mercy on him; and to our God,
for He will abundantly pardon.**

Truth

Take your plans and your problems to God and God will make His ways known to you.

Psalms 103: 10-13 NKJV

He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. As a father pities his children, so the Lord pities those who fear Him.

Mercy

God is merciful in that He doesn't give us what we deserve.

Grace

God is gracious and that He gives us what we don't deserve.

Communion