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### I. Hebrews 3:10-God has ways of operating and functioning

#### A. The ways of God are how God operates, how He functions, His mode of action, His methods

1. Ways-Mode of action, method, course of conduct, way of thinking, feeling, deciding, manner, habit, way
2. *CJB*-They have not understood how I do things; *CEV*-You don't understand what I want to do; *NLV*-They never understood what I've tried to do for them.

#### B. There are ways God operates and there ways He does not operate

1. There are things he does, things he does not do, things He is for, things He is against, ways He is and ways His not

#### C. Can you think wrong about how God operates, about His ways?

1. Is everything that people think, believe and even preach about God's ways right and true?
  - a. Is God controlling everything that's happening on the Earth?
  - b. Does God sit back and allow His people to suffer and do nothing?
  - c. Does God sometimes by His choice not heal, not provide, not deliver?
2. You can be saved and not know the ways of God
3. People are saying stuff is God that is not God

#### D. It's vitally important that we get acquainted with and get understanding of His ways (How does he operate and function, what does He do, what does He not do, what is He for, what is He against)

1. Not knowing God's ways caused them to error in their heart, relinquish their faith, miss God's will/plan for their lives
2. Knowing God's ways causes us to go aright in our heart, retain our faith, experience God's full will/plan for our lives

### II. What did they believe about God's ways?

#### A. Ps78:5-TPT-The story of Israel is a lesson in God's ways

1. *AC*-For He established a testimony (an express precept) in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, commanding our fathers that they should make [the great facts of God's dealings with Israel] known to the children
2. 1Cor13:11-These things happened to them and were written for us for our learning in the things and ways of God
3. What do we know? What are the scriptural facts? We know they cried out to God when they were in bondage in Egypt and he heard their cry and rained down plagues on Egypt and delivered them from Egypt and when they left they left with the silver and gold and there was none feeble among them and God has every intention of leading them into the best this Earth has to offer; He parted the Red sea for them, he got them water out of a rock, manna from Heaven; He turned bitter waters to sweet waters; When they didn't want manna He gave them meat; He gave them the promise land and told them He would drive out the giants in the land; They complained, they yielded to unbelief and in His mercy God overlooked it time and time again to the point where they are on the outside of the best this Earth has to offer and God in spite of all their junk was still going to cause them to possess it

#### B. Deuteronomy 1:27-Two things they believe about God's ways that makes it evident that they don't know His ways

1. They believe the Lord hates them (Hate-Enemy, foe or to be against) – They don't believe God is for them
  - a. Is God for His people or is He against His people?
  - b. Hates us? He heard their cry, delivered them from bondage, healed them, gave them silver and gold, protected them, fed them, gave them water, wants to give them the best
2. They believe God wants to destroy them
  - a. They believe God brought them out of Egypt NOT to lead them into something good, but to destroy them
3. Is this who God is? Is He a God of hate who is against His people? Is He a God who gets pleasure in seeing His people destroyed (Ps35:27)? Is this how He operates and functions? Are these His ways?

- a. Is it evident they didn't know His ways; This God of theirs would never be against them and lead them into a place of destruction; *Psalm 145:9-The Lord is good to all; Psalm 145:17-The Lord is righteous (correct, right, just, fair) in all His ways and holy (good, kind) in all His works*

C. God was doing everything he possibly could to get them into that land that flowed with goodness because He loved them and was for them

1. The reality is God loved them so much and because He did He wanted them out of bondage and enjoying the glory of all lands and he was so much for them He overlooked a bunch of the junk they said and did
  - a. Ex14:11-12-At the red sea they complained and said they were going to die; Ex15:23-They murmured b/c the waters were bitter and they had nothing to drink; Ex16:1-They complained because there was nothing to eat; Ex16:19-God said take just enough for today and they took more than that; Ex17:1-They need water again and they are murmuring; Ex32-They made a golden calf and worshipped it
2. After all this they are standing on the edge of the best this Earth has to offer and God is still willing to lead them in

D. Not knowing His ways cost them their faith – It was the root of their unbelief and the cause of them missing the land

1. They believed He hated them, He was against them, He was trying to lead them into bad and keep them from good; Because that's what they believed about His was, they couldn't trust Him and didn't possess what He had for them
2. Not knowing the ways of God 1) Cost them their faith 2) Caused them to miss out on what God had for them
3. Knowing the ways of God will 1) Strengthen our faith 2) Cause us to get into what God has for us