

THE WAYS OF GOD

Understanding The Ways Of God

I. We can understand, comprehend and have working knowledge about the ways of God

A. We are after understanding in regards to the ways of God

1. Them not knowing His ways wasn't a compliment; It wasn't God's will and plan that they didn't know His ways
 - a. Known-Understand, have knowledge of; Hb3:10-*EX-Have not understood my ways or discerned/obeyed my will*
2. There are levels of revelation in God's ways and you can grow in your understanding
 - a. You have to learn His ways-Hb3:10-*EHV-They did not learn my ways*
 - b. Hb3:10-*AM-They did not know my ways nor become progressively better and more intimately acquainted with them*

B. Religion has given us the idea that not only can we not know God's ways, but also we shouldn't even try

1. "God moves in mysterious ways, His wonders to perform" is not a scripture (William Cowper Hymn)
 - a. This has been shoved down our throats by religious demons to the point where most don't believe they can understand – We got to get over this
2. 1Cor2:11-12-The Spirit of God knows of the things of God and we can know them because He has been given to us
 - a. *CSB-For who knows a person's thoughts except his spirit within him? In the same way, no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God; CJB-No one knows the inner workings of God except God's Spirit; MSG-The Spirit, not content to flit around on the surface, dives into the depths of God, and brings out what God planned all along. Who ever knows what you're thinking and planning except yourself? The same with God – except that he not only knows what He's thinking, but he lets us in on it. God offers a full report on the gifts of life and salvation that he is giving us. We don't have to rely on the world's guesses and opinions. We didn't learn this by reading books or going to school; we learned it from God, who taught us person to person through Jesus.*
 - b. The Spirit of God was given to us that we might know the things that are freely given to us and it's been given to us to know the mysteries of the Kingdom (Mt13:11)
3. Jn16:13-You have a direct line to understanding the ways of God; The one who knows everything about God, who has been swimming around in God lives in you and is going to reveal truth to you
 - a. He will guide you into all truth; *AC-The whole, full truth; DRA-He will teach you all truth; GNT-The Spirit comes, who reveals the truth about God he will lead you into all the truth; TP-He will unveil the reality of every truth within you*
 - b. 12-There's some truth you can't bear right now – You have to grow to even be able to bear it – The Holy Spirit will give you all that you can bear; *MSG-I still have many things to tell you, but you can't handle now. But when the Friend comes, The Spirit of Truth, he will take you by the hand and guide you into all the truth that there is*
 - c. Everything that the Father has belongs to Jesus and He said the HS would take of His and reveal it to you
4. Eph3:18-God is love and Paul prayed by the Spirit that we would have working knowledge of the depth, the height, the length and the breadth of that love which is God (That's all of it, that's all of God)
 - a. 19-You know stuff that passes knowledge
5. 1Cor2:16-You have the mind of Christ and your ability to understand is on the level of Jesus' when he was here
6. Mt13:11-It's been given unto you to know the mysteries of the Kingdom
 - a. Mysteries-Not obvious to the understanding, something that is beyond human comprehension
 - b. You have to the ability to understand things that are not obvious to the understanding; You have the ability to comprehend stuff that is beyond human comprehension
7. God is beyond man's understanding and intellect and alone apart from God man can't understand God; But man with the help of the Holy Ghost can understand the height, depth, breadth and length of God and His ways

C. God's not trying to hide understanding of Himself and His ways from His people

1. Ps103:7-He made His ways known to Moses and if He did it for Moses He'll do it for you

- a. *TLB-He revealed His will and nature to Moses and to the people of Israel; MSG-He showed Moses how he went about his work, opened up His plans to all Israel*
2. Is2:3-In the last days God will teach us of His ways; *MSG-He'll show us the way He works*
 - a. It's always been God's nature to reveal Himself and His ways to His people
3. God wants you to know how he operates and functions
 - a. If God was trying to hide His ways from us we would never find them
4. People have the idea that God delights in being mysterious and keeping us confused about who He is
 - a. *"I'm really going to confuse them with this one; They'll never figure out who I am."*
 - b. Hb8:12-All shall know me from the least to the greatest
 - c. Ex34:6-He told Moses directly who He was; He was constantly trying to reveal His will and plan and nature to people but so many of them just wouldn't listen

II. Psalm 25-The truth about God and His ways comes from His Word

A. 4-Let's release our faith the way the Psalmist did-This is a good prayer; Lord show me your ways

1. *Ps25:4-ISV-Cause me to understand your ways; ERV-Lord help me learn your ways; KJ-Show me they ways*
2. 9-The meek He will teach His way

B. 5-We want the truth about His ways

1. There are lies floating around about God and His ways; People saying stuff is God that is not God
2. This stuff that the enemy peddles about God and His ways sounds humble, pious and even right, but because it's not the truth it will do nothing for you, it will not set you free, but it will bind you up more
 - a. You can think so wrong that when you hear the right thing it sounds wrong and the wrong thing sounds right
3. We want the truth even if the truth is different from everything we've ever thought was right
 - a. Jn8:32-The truth will make you free, lies will bind you up

C. One of the biggest mistakes people makes is they try to obtain understanding of God and His ways through their experiences and they ignore His Word

1. They base what they believe about God and His ways on what does/doesn't happen in their life and in the Earth
 - a. People let what does or doesn't happen be the defining factor in determining God and His ways
2. How did they get to the conclusion that God hates them and wants to destroy them?
 - a. God told them 100 different ways that He was good and wanted them have the land; They had more than one supernatural experience of God being good and God being for them
 - 1) They wouldn't accept His word and went with their reasoning and experience instead
 - b. They judged God and His ways based on the adversity they experienced; Because they saw adversity they decided that God hated them and was not for them and totally ignored what He said
 - 1) If God is good and for us, if the land is ours, then why are their giants in it and walls surrounding it?
3. Revelation of God and His ways comes from His Word NOT your experience

D. 6-God's tendermercies and lovingkindnesses are for ever

1. Tendermercies-Bowels of compassion, love deeply, tender affection; Lovingkindness-Goodness, kindness; Old-Always, forever, continuous existence, perpetual – When was God ever not compassionate? When was God ever not good, not kind? When does God stop being compassionate, good and kind?
2. People question this because bad things happen in the Earth – If He's good/kind why did this happen?

E. 8-God is good, God is upright (Upright-Straight, correct, just, equity, fair; Good-Good, kind)

1. People see bad things happen and think God could have stopped but didn't and believe He's not good; There's just something you don't understand about how things work, but God's goodness is not on trial here?

F. 10-All the ways of the Lord are mercy (goodness, kindness) and truth (faithfulness) for those that keep his covenant

1. *CSB-All the Lord's ways show faithful love and truth to those who keep his covenant; CEV-In everything you do you are kind and faithful to everyone who keeps our agreement with you; EHV-All the ways of the Lord; VO-Kind and true are all the ways of the Eternal to the people who keep His covenant and His words*