



# God's Ways Are Always Best

*"Teach me thy way, O Lord, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies." Psalm 27:11 (KJV)*

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In 1976, with a life and marriage in ruins, I gave my life to Christ and asked Him to help me. One of the first scriptures the Lord led me to was Isaiah 55:8-9 (KJV) which reads, *"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith 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."*

There were so many serious problems in my life, and I could see that none of my ways of trying to handle them had worked. To be honest, everything I did made things worse! Here in Isaiah 55:8-9, the Lord was telling me that His thoughts and ways were as different from mine as the heavens are higher than the earth. Having done a lot of flying, I know it would be impossible to measure the difference, so I humbled myself and told the Lord that my ways had failed and that I needed His help. I needed His thoughts and ways for every situation in my life.

Another portion of scripture that the Lord led me to was Proverbs 3:5-7 (KJV) which reads, *"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil."* From this scripture I could see that my ways had always failed. I had been trusting in myself—in my ways—and in my understanding of how I thought life should be. I had been proud and wise in my own eyes. The

result was that my life got worse instead of better. The more time that I spent with the Lord each day—praying, reading the Bible, and obeying it—the more I trusted Him, and the more He directed my paths. His ways were always better than mine!

Psalm 119:59-60 (KJV) reads, *"I thought on my ways, and turned my feet unto thy testimonies. I made haste, and delayed not to keep thy commandments."* Each time I had a decision to make, I knew I had a choice: my ways or God's ways. The quicker I chose God's ways, the faster my life changed.

Psalm 16:11 (KJV) reads, *"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore."* As I chose the Lord's ways, HIS AMAZING GRACE led me in paths of life (making godly decisions). God was faithful to transform my life and marriage and give me His joy.

Beloved, God's ways are always best! Choose a life of obedience to Him. The pleasures of this life can never compare to the peace and joy of loving and serving Jesus Christ. Unbeliever, today would be a good day for you to put your trust in Jesus Christ as your Savior. He wants to be in control of your life.

*With a goal to glorify Jesus Christ  
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