

# “The Ways of God”

## I. The Ways of God can only be Known by Divine Revelation

### A. The Bible records and reveals the ways of God

For many years, I have had the spiritual goal of annually reading the entire Bible from Genesis to Revelation. With few exceptions, I have attained that Goal.

Some years after I started this practice, God began to bring to my attention that there were strands of truth that ran throughout the Bible. Truth that was constantly and consistently taught in both the Old Testament and the New Testament. Although, I had never heard anyone use the term, I began to refer to such truth as “the ways of God.”

### B. God the Father revealed His ways to Moses

*He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel. Psalm 103:7*

### C. God the Holy Spirit teaches us the ways of God

*But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God. For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him? even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God. Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God.*

I Corinthians 2:9-12

## II. The Ways of God Are Not the Ways of Man

**A.** *Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him;*

*and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 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 yours, and my thoughts than your thoughts. For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. Isaiah 55:6-11*

## B. God’s Ways and Man’s Ways Contrasted

### God’s Ways

Mercy  
Truth  
Faith  
Suffering & Sacrifice  
Humility  
Gratitude  
Obedience  
Giving  
Holiness  
Love  
Sovereign  
Eternal  
Prayer

### Man’s Ways

Revenge  
Lies & Deception  
Fear  
Ease & Comfort  
Pride  
Gripping  
Disobedience  
Greed & Hoarding  
Ungodliness  
Hate  
Limited  
Temporary  
Self Sufficiency

## III. The Ways of God are True

### Truth

God is truth, therefore, every word of God is true, and all the ways of God are truth. Because God by His very nature is true, He is never on trial. Everything else is to be understood and judged by Him as the standard of truth. He is the literal foundation for all that can be and can be known. His truth is the basis by which everything is to be measured. Anything that differs from His truth is error.

*As for God, his way is perfect: the word of the Lord is tried: he is a buckler to all those that trust in him. For who is God save the Lord? or who is a rock save our God?*  
Psalm 18:30-31

*The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed so shall it stand ... for the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back? Isaiah 14:24, 27*

*Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure. Isaiah 46:9-10*

#### IV. Prayer Is a Way of God

A very challenging and fruitful study would be to search the scriptures from Genesis through Revelation to answer the question “What does God do in answer to prayer?” Truly prayer brings what God can do into human experience.

Nehemiah prayed and was enabled to rebuild the walls around Jerusalem. Elijah prayed and fire fell from Heaven revealing Jehovah to be the true and living God. Hezekiah prayed and was granted additional years to live. Hannah prayed and God gave her a son. Nineveh prayed and repented and avoided the judgment of God.

Prayer could change your life, your family, your church, your community, your county, your state, your nation, your world.

A significant moment, one of those divine moments, happened in 1727, in a place called Herrnhut, located in present-day Germany. Count Graf von Zinzendorf had brought to his lands a group of believers known as Moravians. Persecuted and hounded for their strict dependence on the Bible, they found refuge in Herrnhut. Led by the Count, they formed a small colony and church on the count’s estate.

The Moravians knew what it meant to be saved spiritually and physically, and the Word of God became very powerful to them.

Apparently they were led by God to study the tabernacle. Their attention was drawn to the altar of incense, where the flame would never go out. They learned the altar of incense was designed by God to represent the prayers of the people that would continually ascend to the throne of God. They were

convicted to ask themselves, “Why is this not true of us? If God desires that the prayers of His people rise continually, why have we not been praying day and night?”

The little Moravian congregation made a commitment to pray 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. They divided up their families and took turns. Their prayer commitment lasted over 100 years unbroken in prayer.

So deep was their impact as they acted on God’s Word, that the Moravians opened much of the world to a Christian witness. At one point, about 50 years after forming a church at Herrnhut, they had more missionaries in place than all the mission societies of their day combined.

#### V. Truth About the Ways of God

- A. God **always** works according to His ways.
- B. There are **no substitutes** for the ways of God.
- C. To ignore or to turn away from the ways of God brings death.
- D. **No one** can rebel against the ways of God and get away with it.
- E. Disobedience to God’s ways is sin which leads to further sin. Sin is addictive. Sin enslaves. Sin destroys.

In Summary: **It is absolutely necessary that you learn the ways of God and walk in them for then you will place yourself in the flow of God and will experience God’s manifest presence and manifold blessings.**

An Excellent Book On This Subject Is “The Ways of God” by Henry T. Blackaby and Roy T. Edgemon, Published by Lifeway Press, Nashville, Tennessee.

I have drawn heavily from this source.