

God's Ways

It is of the utmost importance that believers seek to know & understand Gods ways. The Bible says to ask God for the Old Paths & the Good way.

Jer 6:16 Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where *is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls. But they said, We will not walk therein.*



ASK FOR THE
OLD PATHS
WHERE IS THE GOOD
WAY
AND WALK THEREIN
JEREMIAH 6:16

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The early church called Christianity "The way".
Before his conversion Paul said he persecuted "the way."

Act 9:1 MEANWHILE SAUL, still drawing his breath hard from threatening and murderous desire against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest

Act 9:2 And requested of him letters to the synagogues at Damascus [*authorizing him*], so that if he found any men or women belonging to *the Way [of life as determined by faith in Jesus Christ]*, he might bring them bound [*with chains*] to Jerusalem.

Act 22:4 And I persecuted this way unto the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and women.

Saul, Saul why do you persecute me?



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Gods ways are revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. To the degree we understand and know the person of Jesus Christ is the degree we will understand and know God's ways.

Jer 9:24 But let him who glories glory in this: that he understands and knows Me [*personally and practically, directly discerning and recognizing My character*], that I am the Lord, Who practices loving-kindness, judgment, and righteousness in the earth, for in these things I delight, says the Lord.



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What was the result of the Israelites just knowing Gods acts and not his ways?

Psa 95:10 Forty years long was I grieved with *this generation, and said, It is a people that do err in their heart, and they have not known my ways:*

Psa 95:11 Unto whom I swore in my wrath that they should not enter into my rest.

Therefore, while the promise of entering his rest still stands, let us fear lest any of you should seem to have failed to reach it... Let us labour therefore to enter into that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief.

Hebrews 4:1,11

**They Failed to Enter the Rest
Because Of Unbelief...**

They Perished in the Wilderness

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As believers we are to seek to understand God's ways through an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

Pro 25:2 It is the glory of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter.



Rom 11:33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable *are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!*

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There are many things God hides from the casual observer or even the Casual Christian.

Exo 20:20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not.

Exo 20:21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God *was*.



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Moses made the effort to climb the Mountain to draw near to God. Some of God's kids don't even make the effort to get out of bed on time for church much less seek God. Is it any wonder why they don't understand Gods ways or what God is doing in their lives.

Jas 4:8 Come close to God and He will come close to you. [*Recognize that you are*] sinners, get your soiled hands clean; [*realize that you have been disloyal*] wavering individuals with divided interests, and purify your hearts [*of your spiritual adultery*].

Jas 4:9 [*As you draw near to God*] be deeply penitent and grieve, even weep [*over your disloyalty*]. Let your laughter be turned to grief and your mirth to dejection and heartfelt shame [*for your sins*].

Jas 4:10 Humble yourselves [*feeling very insignificant*] in the presence of the Lord, and He will exalt you [*He will lift you up and make your lives significant*].



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Like Moses, Abraham was a man who sought God and God revealed his hidden ways and plans to him while the rest of the world only saw Gods acts.

Gen 18:17 And the LORD said, Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do;

Gen 18:18 Seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him?

Gen 18:19 For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.



ABRAHAM
The Friend of God

Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness—and he was called a friend of God.

James 2:23

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Jesus even said of Abraham that he saw His Day!

Joh 8:56 **Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw *it*, and was glad.**

Joh 8:57 **Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham?**

Joh 8:58 **Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, I am.**



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If we seek to know and understand God's way "Jesus Christ" we like Moses & Abraham we will see the hidden truths of God and we will know God's course of life and modes of action.

Joh 14:6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.



Life truth Way



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Jesus is the way into the Holy of Holies and to understanding Gods ways which are hidden in Christ. In the Ark of the covenant that Moses built there were three things. There were the Ten commandments, Aarons rod that budded and the “hidden pot of Manna”.

Rev 2:17 He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes (conquers), I will give to eat of the manna that is hidden, and I will give him a white stone with a new name engraved on the stone, which no one knows or understands except he who receives it.



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The Bible says to redeem the time we are to use the gift of time that God has given us to know the Lord and his ways and to do his will.

Eph 5:15 Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people),

Eph 5:16 Making the very most of the time [*buying up each opportunity*], *because the days are evil.*

Eph 5:17 Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is.



Redeeming the Time


Ephesians 5:15-21

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The Bible says we are to seek the Lord and his ways while he may be found and the Lord will have his “greatest mercy” on us.

Isa 55:6 Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near:

Isa 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, **(course of life mode of action)** and the unrighteous man his thoughts: **(intentions, plans)** and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy **(racham)** upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.



SEEK THE LORD
WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND.

ISAIAH 55:6

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We must seek the Lord while he may be found. For a time is coming when many will seek God and not find him. The Book of Proverbs describes the people who refuse to heed the call of God and are lost.

Pro 1:20 Wisdom cries aloud in the street, she raises her voice in the markets;

Pro 1:21 She cries at the head of the noisy intersections [*in the chief gathering places*]; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

Pro 1:22 How long, O simple ones [*open to evil*], will you love being simple? And the scoffers delight in scoffing and [*self-confident*] fools hate knowledge?



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Pro 1:23 If you will turn (repent) and give heed to my reproof, behold, I [*Wisdom*] will pour out my spirit upon you, I will make my words known to you. (*Gods ways*) [*Isa. 11:2; Eph. 1:17-20.*]

Pro 1:24 Because I have called and you have refused [*to answer*], have stretched out my hand and no man has heeded it,

Pro 1:25 And you treated as nothing all my counsel and would accept none of my reproof,

Pro 1:26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when the thing comes that shall cause you terror and panic--



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Pro 1:27 When your panic comes as a storm and desolation and your calamity comes on as a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

Pro 1:28 Then will they call upon me [*Wisdom*] but I will not answer; they will seek me early and diligently but they will not find me.

Pro 1:29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the reverent and worshipful fear of the Lord, [*Prov. 8:13.*]



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Pro 1:30 Would accept none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,

Pro 1:31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way and be satiated with their own devices.

Pro 1:32 For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them, and the careless ease of [*self-confident*] fools shall destroy them. [*Isa. 32:6.*]

Pro 1:33 But whoso hearkens to me [*Wisdom*] shall dwell securely and in confident trust and shall be quiet, without fear or dread of evil.



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To understand Gods ways we must put on the mind of Christ

1Co 2:16 For who has known or understood the mind (the counsels and purposes) of the Lord so as to guide and instruct Him and give Him knowledge? But we have the mind of Christ (the Messiah) and do hold the thoughts (feelings and purposes) of His heart. [*Isa. 40:13.*]



The
Mind of
Christ

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When we know and understand Gods ways like Moses we will always judge God faithful in every circumstance.

Heb 11:11 Through faith also Sarah herself received strength to conceive seed, and was delivered of a child when she was past age, because she judged him faithful who had promised.

Heb 11:12 Therefore sprang there even of one, and him as good as dead, *so many as the stars of the sky in multitude, and as the sand which is by the sea shore innumerable.*

Great ^{is}
Thy Faithfulness

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Many believers don't have a problem with God's way as long as God's way is going their way but when things don't go their way then they reason to themselves that God is giving them new direction, or telling them to change churches or leave their Job.

Amo 3:3 Can two walk together, except they be agreed?



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My Way

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A good example of this is found in John chapter 6.

Joh 6:66 From that *time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.*

Joh 6:67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, **Will ye also go away?**

Joh 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life.

Joh 6:69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.



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God wants us to understand his ways and walk with him by his spirit.

Psa 32:8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Psa 32:9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee.



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Knowing & understanding Gods ways is paramount to fulfilling his destiny for our lives.

Job 22:21 Acquaint now yourself with Him [*agree with God and show yourself to be conformed to His will*] and be at peace; by that [*you shall prosper and great*] good shall come to you.

Job 22:22 Receive, I pray you, the law and instruction from His mouth and lay up His words in your heart. [*Ps. 119:11.*]

Knowing God

