

My Ways Are Not Your Ways

Isa 55:8-11 ESV For **my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways**, declares the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are **my ways higher than your ways** and **my thoughts than your thoughts**. 10 "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

- **Thoughts** - contrivance = the skill to bring something about, intention, plan
- **Ways** - a road, a course of life, a mode of action

Through His Word He shows us what He is like - Rain from Heaven Falls to Earth

We wouldn't know what God is like unless He told us - look what we come up with on our own

- Examples: (Exo 32:4 - a golden calf, Eze 21:21 - king of Babylon divination shake arrows or look into a liver, Acts 17:23 - the "Unknown God", Jer 32:25 - burning their children to the god Molech)

Jesus also came to show us what God is like - When you've seen me you've seen the Father

- 2Co 4:3-4 ESV And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. 4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the **glory of Christ, who is the image of God**.

He is the WORD MADE FLESH - this image of God is called glory

- Joh 1:14 ESV And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and **we have seen his glory, glory** as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Through His Word He changes us - like the rain and the production that comes

God made us in His image

- Gen 1:27 ESV So God created man in his own image, **in the image of God** he created him; male and female he created them.

Sinned destroyed something of that glory

- Rom 3:23 ESV for all have sinned and **fall short of the glory of God**,

That image is being restored

- 2Co 3:15-18 ESV Yes, to this day whenever Moses [*Scripture-Pentateuch*] is read a veil lies over their hearts. 16 But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. 17 Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. 18 And we all, with unveiled face, **beholding the glory of the Lord**, are **being transformed into the same image** from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.
- Col 3:8-10 ESV But now you must put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from your mouth. 9 Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self with its practices 10 and have put on **the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator**.