

God's Ways vs. Man's Ways  
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Scriptures:

- Isaiah 55:8, 9
- John 8:3-11
- Deuteronomy 28:1, 2, 15
- John 12:47
- Romans 12:1
- John 3:17

Summary:

*God's way of thinking and method of operating are very different from ours. On life's journey, He expects us to encounter detours and stray from the path from time to time. However, unlike people who shame and condemn us for making mistakes, God takes it all in stride. Under grace, He'll never judge or punish us for not living godly; He instead reminds us of what He's already done for us, then appeals to us to live right with that in mind. Instead of threatening us for falling short, He emphasizes His love and mercy. God operates on the supernatural level; unlike natural man, He doesn't expect us to contribute anything to earn His favor. God shows us grace, not wrath; our belief in and acceptance of this undeserved favor—not our self-effort—is what enables us to live godly lives.*

Notes:

1. God thinks and acts differently than humans. He isn't restricted or limited to earthly ways of thinking or behaving; He is above it all.
2. We don't have to perform perfectly to deserve a reward from Him. He doesn't offer His blessings based on anything we do; neither does He threaten judgment to encourage godly living.
3. Condemning others for their faults and shortcomings smacks of self-righteousness; everyone has issues, and no one is perfect.
4. God asks us to live right but first reminds us of the mercy and grace He has given to us.
5. The Law of Moses and man's way go hand-in-hand. The mindset there is that blessings and curses depend on *our* performance. This is the opposite of God's grace, where He does everything apart from human merit.

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