

God's Ways vs. Man's Ways
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Scripture References:

- 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 His 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 has already done for us, and then appeals to us to live right with that in mind. 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 isn't restricted or limited to earthly ways of thinking or behaving; He's above it. Man's way is to reward for good behavior and punish for bad behavior, but God operates in a completely different realm; He shows us grace even when we don't deserve it. God's method under grace is seen in how Jesus dealt with the woman caught in adultery; Jesus refused to judge or condemn her for her actions, but instead showed her mercy and grace.
2. God asks us to live right, but first reminds us of the mercy and grace He has given to us. The Law of Moses and man's way go hand-in-hand; the mindset here is that blessings and curses depend on *our* performance, first. This is the opposite of God's grace, which Jesus brought when He descended from the divine plane to earth.

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