

## Upcoming Events...

**1 Corinthians Class:** Every Tuesday at 12:00 p.m.  
**Barnabas Group Meeting:** May 30

## God's Thoughts and Ways...God Knows

*"Great is our Lord and abundant in strength; His understanding is infinite."* Psalms 147:5

*"And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do."* Hebrews 4:13

### June Birthdays

9 Debbie Pescador	12 Celina Perales
20 Mike Bruni	26 JoAnn Carlson

### June Anniversaries

5 Kurt & Debbie Hoffman	9 Sue Tanner
11 Marcos & Celina Perales	

#### Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.  
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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## God's Thoughts, God's Ways

By Lance Cordle

*"For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts."* (Isaiah 55:8,9)

It is interesting to watch sporting events on television and hear the broadcasters comment on various plays and circumstances. One familiar scenario comes when a player fails to execute properly and the comment is made that he needs to work on fundamentals. Whether it is tackling (football), pitching (baseball), or putting (golf), they all have the common factor of fundamental execution. If proper technique is not used, the proper result will not be produced consistently.

By the same token, if a person is going to have a consistent, godly life, attention must be given to the fundamentals. If we are going to act as God's people (Titus 2:14; 1 Peter 2:9), we absolutely must think God's thoughts.

To people who were languishing in immorality and despair, Isaiah sent forth the admonition, *"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near"* (Isaiah 55:6). Then, as now, many people felt the need to seek God and wanted to do so on their own terms. The seeking and the calling could not and would not consist of just looking for God in the places and ways they chose to seek him.

Therefore, Isaiah added these words, *"Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts"* (Isaiah 55:7). The requirement comes clearly into view: a man who seeks God must be

willing to change. That change must begin within. The fundamental requirement for living and acting like God is thinking like God.

Micah, another prophet of God, put it this way: "*He has told you O man, what is good, and what does the LORD require of you, but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?*" All three of these necessary things require thought on the part of the follower of God. Not only do they require thought, but they require sustained effort to maintain the thinking and actions. A man will only be as just, as kind, and as humble as he willfully requires himself to be.

We won't have God's ways until we think God's thoughts. We won't know God's thoughts until we spend time with His word (Psalm 1:2).

## **Integrity**

By A. Jay Kelly

His wife said to him, "*Are you still holding on to your integrity? Curse God and die!*" He replied, "*You are talking like a foolish woman. Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?*" In all this, Job did not sin in what he said (Job 2:9-10). Lynn Anderson had a hit with a song called "I Never Promised You a Rose Garden" many years ago. In the song, a wife was reminding her husband that not everything goes right all the time and that relationship had to be able to weather the storms as well as the good times. There is an Arab proverb that sums up that feeling quite well. It says, "All sunshine makes a desert." That would seem to sum up what Job told his wife as well. We need to understand that Job was far from perfect and his wife was probably not as evil as we make her out to be from this verse. How many times have we had the same reaction as Job's wife to our problems? How many times have we wanted to give up? How many times have we told ourselves or others that this is just too hard? How many times has Satan tempted us to quit trying? Some of us have given in from time to time and Satan is using that failure to incite us to give up again. We need to be like Job. No, he was not the paragon of virtuous understanding we sometimes think him to be. He failed to understand all the reasons for God's allowance to Satan, but so do we. Is there really anyone reading this who claims to understand all of why God does what he does? We don't need to

always understand, just believe. We can understand it later. We'll have all eternity.

## **God Knows!!!!**

Author Unknown

When we are tired and discouraged from fruitless efforts...  
God knows how hard we have tried.

When we've cried so long and our heart is in anguish...  
God has counted our tears.

If we feel that our life is on hold and time has passed us by...  
God is waiting with us.

When we're lonely and our friends are too busy even for a phone call...God is on our side.

When we think we've tried everything and don't know where to turn...God has a solution.

When nothing makes sense and we are confused or frustrated...God has the answer.

If suddenly our outlook is brighter and we find traces of hope...God has whispered to us.

When things are going well and we have much to be thankful for...God has blessed us.

When something joyful happens and we are filled with awe...God has smiled upon us.

When we have a purpose to fulfill and a dream to follow...God has opened our eyes and called us by name.

Remember that wherever we are or whatever we are facing . . .  
God knows.