



## Times of Worship

**Sunday Bible Classes:** 9am

**Sunday AM Worship:** 10am

**Sunday PM Worship:** 5pm

**Wednesday Bible Study:** 7pm

## Join us Online

### Church Website:

<https://www.westfayettechurchofchrist.com/>

### YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UJGckN8D9NwwX3KUboQ4GRKyA>

## Interested in a Bible Study?

Please send an email to [patcawthon@gmail.com](mailto:patcawthon@gmail.com)

## Evangelist

Patrick Cawthon

# His Thoughts Are Not Our Thoughts

How many times have you heard someone say, "God's thoughts are not our thoughts"? The point they are making is, there is no way we can understand the deep things of God because He is so far above us intellectually.

God's intellect being much higher than ours is absolutely true. Anyone who claims he knows more than God is a fool. It was God who gave Solomon the wisdom that "surpassed the wisdom of all the people of the east and all the wisdom of Egypt." (1Ki 4:29) It took a great deal of wisdom to create the world and all that is in it. God did that task in less than a week's time. Saying, "God's thoughts are not our thoughts" is certainly true. However, we are not understanding the passage this phrase comes from correctly if we use it in the sense that Isaiah did in 55:9. Let's look at the context of verse 9 and see what God is teaching us.

**Isaiah 55:6-9** - *"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares*

## Week of May 14

### Attendance

- ✦ **AM Service** - 77
- ✦ **PM Service** - 47
- ✦ **Wednesday** - 48

### Contribution

- ✦ Weekly Budget \$2,400
- ✦ Contribution - \$1,767

### Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries

- ✦ Keith and Debbie Malone's Anniversary (5/26)
- ✦ Joanne Skinner (5/31)
- ✦ Teddy Morgan (6/1)
- ✦ Susan Todd (6/2)

### Calendar Items

**Song Learning Class** this afternoon at 4pm

**Women's Bible Study** on Tuesday at the building at 11a

**Men's Meeting** on May 28

### Today's Lessons

- ✦ AM Sermon - Leaving a Legacy
- ✦ PM Sermon - 2 Samuel 17

*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."*

God is calling for the wicked to repent of his ways of sin and return to God. Notice that in order for the wicked to turn, it begins with his thoughts. If the wicked desire the compassion of the Lord they need quit living their own way. God says if they do that, "He will abundantly pardon." Pardoning someone who has lived a very wicked life and accepting them back is certainly the opposite of the way of man.

Then God says, "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways." The ways of God are all about "compassion" and giving "abundant pardon" for those who forsake their way and turn to the Lord. God's ways are so high and loving that man could not reach on his own.

Isaiah is not saying we can never come to understand the thoughts and intellect of God. Isaiah is really saying the opposite of that. God is calling us to His ways and to forsake the way of the wicked. God is comparing His way with the way of the wicked. The first five verses of this chapter is God's invitation to His people which is full of blessings.

He asks the question in verse 2, "Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food." If we want to enjoy God's blessings, we need to forsake our ways and do the will of God.

His ways are truly higher and better than ours. Are you willing to repent and return to the Lord? Are you willing to follow God's lead instead of your own? If we want the way that is higher than the heavens, we will do whatever it takes.

Patrick