

## CLINGING TO GOD'S PROMISES

*Isaiah 55: 8-9 (ESV) 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.*

Eric was feeling a little out. During lunch break, his mother had left chocolates on everyone's seats at the dining table except his. Puzzled, he lamented to Dad, "Why did Mom leave me out?" When asked, his Mom explained, "Those chocolates are still good, but they've been around for some time. Eric has just recovered from his prolonged coughing, so I just wanted to play extra safe."

Similarly, God's plan might differ from ours, but His wisdom and love guide His decisions.

This incident got me thinking about how we sometimes misread God's intentions because of our limited understanding and perception. We may even believe ourselves to be victims of unfair treatment, forgetting that God always has our best interests at heart.

This verse highlights the difference between God's perspective and human understanding. God's ways and thoughts are far beyond human comprehension, emphasizing trust and faith in God's sovereignty (supreme power).

Isiah 55:8-9 reminds us that while we may not fully understand God's thoughts and ways, we can be sure that they are 'higher than our ways'. Ours are often influenced by selfish desires; His are perfect, compassionate and righteous. So even when things don't look good for now, we can trust that God will provide what we truly need, for He is loving and faithful to His own everlasting promise. Let's call on the Lord while He is near, knowing that He will never leave us as we seek His guidance through prayer.

**Reflection:** Which promises of God can you hold on to when life seems challenging?  
Which aspects of His character give you comfort and assurance?

Let us pray.

Dear God, thank you for your faithfulness in showing me that your ways and your thoughts are higher than mine. Please forgive me when I sometimes feel left out of Your blessings and doubt Your love for me. Help me to trust in You and to hold on tightly to your everlasting promises. Amen.