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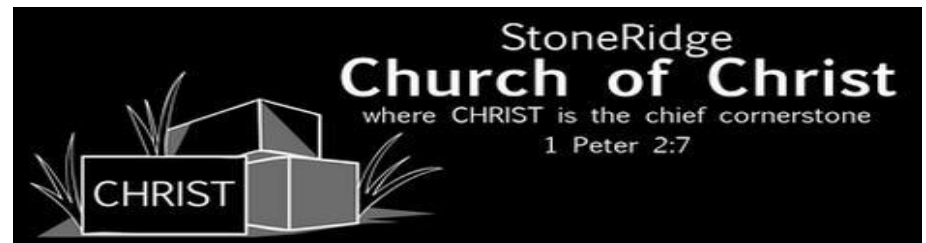
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My Thoughts Are Higher than Your Thoughts

God is gracious toward us even though many of us fail to have any reverence for Him at all. How appalling it is that One who is so loving and powerful and patient should be ignored or worse. He who is the very source of life and the very cause of our moral and spiritual attributes certainly deserves our praise and devotion.

Our Creator spoke to an obstinate people through His prophet Isaiah and said, 6 Seek the LORD while He may be found; Call upon Him while He is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And to our God,

For He will abundantly pardon. 8 "For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," declares the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts. (Isaiah 55:6-9).

God has the sovereign right to expect and demand that every human being live according to His will. This right is His because He is the eternal Creator of us all and has imparted unto each of us aspects of His own image. He is righteous, holy and powerful. He is also loving, kind and merciful. But He is also capable of both wrath and judgment. He is far above and beyond us. The wisest, most prideful among us are foolish compared to Him. It is foolishness to live in rebellion against God with each day drawing us nearer to eternity.

Job once asked, "Who does great things, unfathomable, And wondrous works without number. "Were He to pass by me, I would not see Him; Were He to

move past me, I would not perceive Him. "Were He to snatch away, who could restrain Him? Who could say to Him, "What are You doing?" (Job 9:10-12)

Some of us are willing to admit to God's supremacy and live our lives accordingly. Others of us stubbornly refuse, some even mocking God and His will as God still waits for them to wake up and come to their senses. Why does He wait? Why does He not react forcefully and finally to man's wickedness?

The answer is found in this question asked of those who have not turned to God for redemption; "Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance?" (Romans 2:4). His thoughts and ways are too wonderful for me. I probably would have run out of patience long ago. But God has not... at least not yet.



"LORD, thou hast heard the desire of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:"

Psalms 10:17 (KJV)

King James Bible Online.org

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. **Michael Cureton** had a pacemaker installed and is feeling some better...**Madonna Vines** will have open heart surgery in St. Louis on Sept. 2...**John Erickson** is in the hospital at this writing. Catch the announcements for updates on all of these...**Will Pierce** got overheated and spend a little time in the hospital...Remember the **Stevens** family. All of the are sick and Sara's mother is in the hospital...The **Ledgerwoods** are still sick, but recovering... Continue to remember **Virginia Bishop** has the shingles. Remember her... **Gail Brooks** is semi-shutin at home...Also remember **Donald Crisler** who is undergoing treatment for cancer... **Shirley Coots** is under hospice care at the Lawrence County Nursing Home..... **Beverly Allen** is confined at home...**Editha Kern** at Liberty Park Assisted Living...**Charles Bradsher** is at St.Elizabeth's Place. **Rita Kieffer** is at St. Bernard's Assisted Living.

TEACHERS' MEETING! There will be a teachers meeting on Aug 28 so our teachers can learn how to use the "Our Spiritual Heritage" series. 10 am. Please come.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

OCT 3-8 – STONERIDGE – Wayne Fancher



Welcome to a congregation that seeks to be just Christ's church. - - not a part of any sect or denomination.

It is not he who has little, but he who wants more, who is poor.

The cost of a thing is that amount of life which must be exchanged for it.



