




# a Higher purpose

**Isa 55:8-11**



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

**"For as the rain and snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there without watering the earth  
and making it bear and sprout...so will my word be  
which goes forth from by mouth; it will not return  
to me void without accomplishing what I desire..."**

**Isaiah 55:10-11**



## Man's thoughts are inferior to God's

Isa 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. **Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.**

Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon.

**Prov 5:21**

**For your ways are in full view of the LORD, and he examines all your paths.**

**Prov 16:2**

**All a person's ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord.**



## God's Thoughts Are Higher Than Yours

**“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the LORD. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isa 55:8-9**

**The Hebrew word for “**thought**” encompasses 4 ideas:  
**intentions, purposes, designs & dreams.****

A landscape photograph featuring a long, straight asphalt road that recedes into the distance. The road is flanked by dry, yellowish-brown grass and fields. In the background, a prominent, jagged mountain peak rises against a sky filled with large, billowing clouds in shades of orange, yellow, and green, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. A small white car is visible on the road in the distance. The overall mood is one of hope and journey.

*“For I know the  
Plans I have for you”*

“plans to prosper you and not to harm you  
plans to give you hope and a future”

Jeremiah 29:11

## Thoughts of Peace

God is good. He is your Heavenly Father.



Look at the birds of the air;  
they do not sow or reap  
or store away in barns, and yet  
your heavenly Father feeds them.  
Are you not much more valuable than they?

Matthew 6: 26



# Thoughts Ordained Before You Were Born

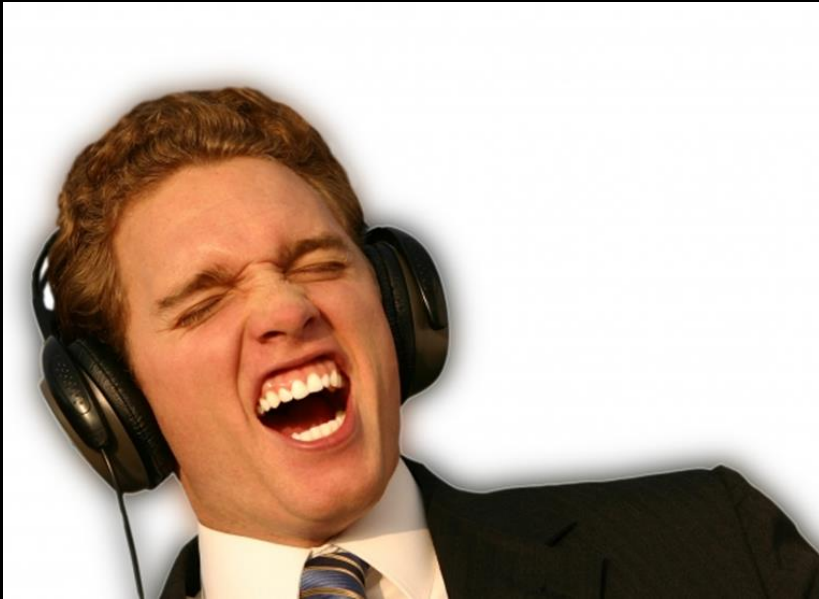
**Ps 139:17**

**Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

**How precious to me are your thoughts, God! How vast is the sum of them! Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand—**



## Thoughts More Than You Can Count



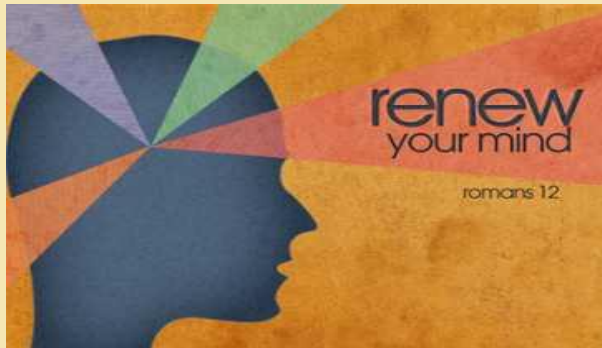
**Many, O LORD my God, are  
Your wonderful works which  
You have done; And Your  
thoughts toward us cannot  
be recounted to You in order;  
if I would declare and speak  
of them, they are more than  
can be numbered. Ps 40:5**

# God's thoughts and ways are higher than yours means...

## 1. Ready To Walk On Water



## 2. Ready to Renew Your Mind



Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. Rom 12:2

## 3. Ready for Success

... my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it. Isa 55:10-11

