



Jesus Christ, our All in all
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How can I listen to God?

**‘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’** *Is 55:8,9 (NIV)*

To know the Lord's Way

- † **The Lord's Way is clear, but what makes it difficult to grasp is that it is far away from human thinking (*Is 55:8-9*). Who would do what Jesus did?**
 - **Jesus Christ, the second person of God, left the Kingdom of Heaven and came to dwell among us**
 - **He freely accepted to be crucified to save us, the sinners, from our sins**
- † **All nature yields to the Lord, the Father Who is the Creator and the Son, through Whom all things were made. Who am I to reject or command the One Whom even the wind and waves obey? (*Lk 8: 23-27*)**

Putting our plans aside

- † **Since our plans are way different than the Lord's and since our thoughts are way different than His, they do not meet**
- † **Let us submit our plans to the Lord or else they become a hindrance to God's great plan in our lives. *‘A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his step’ Pro16:9***
- † **Fill ourselves with God by denying ourselves. *‘Then Jesus said to His disciples, ‘If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me’ Mt 16:24***

Obey Christ even when it seems impossible

- † Obeying Jesus Christ is loving Him. *'He who has My commandments and keeps them, it is he who loves Me' Jn 14:21a. 'He who does not love Me does not keep My words' Jn 14: 24a*
- † Peter, the professional fisherman, obeyed Christ, even when His words defied the science of fishing and its techniques (*Lk 5:1-11*)

Acknowledge the Lord

- † Giving thanks to God is acknowledging His great work and love
- † Let us get into being grateful; very few are (*Lk 17: 11-19*)

Naaman (*2 Kgs 5:1-14*)

- † God is constantly at work to lead us to Him, no matter how dark our circumstances are
- † God uses any committed believer, no matter how ordinary or insignificant he may be according to the world
 - He used the girl who was not only a servant, but also a captive
 - Her strength is that she kept her faith no matter what the circumstances are
 - Sometimes we possess both knowledge of the good and strength to do, but we do not do it. Pontius Pilate knew that Jesus Christ is innocent but did not act accordingly. That little servant acted according to the Truth
- † The grace of God cannot be bought neither with silver, nor gold, nor power, nor position. We must come to God humbly in faith
 - All the wealth and power that Naaman had could not make him healthy again
 - In reality, power and position, silver and gold, our logic and ways can be a hindrance to coming to Christ as it was with Naaman
- † Two of the greatest hindrances to experiencing God's blessing are:
 - our pride: Naaman almost lost out because of his pride
 - our opinions: Naaman almost lost out because his thinking was contrary to God's

Bibliography

1. Unless otherwise noted, all Biblical passages referenced are from the New King James Version

Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

Verse to memorize

‘Because the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men’ 1 Corinthians 1:25

In my Prayer and Faith Autobiography Book

God acts

✝ Christ gave us His Holy Spirit to dwell and work in us

My reaction

✝ Am I seeking His wisdom and acting upon it?

✝ Am I revealing Christ to others by the courage in putting my faith into action?

During the coming week, let us pray expectantly

1. seeking the Lord's will to be done in Lebanon
2. for CrossTalk to find a locale
3. for David, Gisele, Habib and Karim
4. to become more of saints and less of sinners
5. to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think
6. to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth
7. to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him
8. to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor
9. to all the sick, namely Marie
10. to all those in prison
11. to the unity of the Christians
12. to one another to be honest and not lack integrity
13. to put all that we have in the Lord's hands trusting His management
14. to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them
15. to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights
16. to the situation in Lebanon, the region, and the whole world

During this coming week, we will lift the Protestant Church in prayer

الصلاة الربانية

أبانا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَوَاتِ
لِيَتَقَدَّسَ اسْمُكَ
لِيَأْتِ مَلَكُوتُكَ
لِيَتَكُنْ مَشِيئَتُكَ
كَمَا فِي السَّمَاءِ
كَذَلِكَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ
خُبِّرْنَا كَفَافًا أَعْطِنَا الْيَوْمَ
وَاعْفُزْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا
كَمَا نَعْفِرُ نَحْنُ أَيْضًا
لِلْمُذْنِبِينَ إِلَيْنَا
وَلَا تُدْخِلْنَا فِي تَجْرِبَةٍ
لَكِنْ نَجِّنَا مِنَ الشَّرِّيرِ
لَأَنَّ لَكَ الْمَلِكَ وَالْقُوَّةَ وَالْمَجْدَ
إِلَى الْأَبَدِ
أَمِينَ

قانون الايمان

نحن نؤمن بإله واحد، أبٍ قادر على كلِّ شيءٍ
خالق السَّمَاءِ والأَرْضِ
وكلِّ ما يُرى وما لا يُرى
و برَبِّ واحدٍ يسوع المسيح، ابنِ الله الوحيد
المولود من الأب قبلَ كلِّ الدهور
إله من إله، نور من نور، إله حقٌّ من إله حقٍّ
مولود غير مخلوق
ذو جوهر واحد مع الأب
هو الَّذِي بِهِ كَانَ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ
الَّذِي مِنْ أَجْلِنا نحن البشر ومن أجلِّ خلاصنا
نَزَلَ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ
و تجسَّد بالروح القدس من مريم العذراء وصارَ إنسانًا
وصُلِبَ عَنَّا على عهد بيلاطس البنطي
وتألَّم وفُتِر
وقامَ أَيْضًا في اليوم الثالث حسب الكتب
وصعدَ إلى السَّمَاءِ
وهو جالس عن يمين الأب
وسَيَأْتِي أَيْضًا بِمَجْدٍ
لِيُدِينَ الْأَحْيَاءَ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ
الَّذِي لَيْسَ لِمَلِكِهِ نِهَابَةٌ
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الرَّبِّ المُحْيِي
المُنْبِثُ مِنَ الْأَبِ وَالْإِبْنِ
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و ننتظر قيامة الموتى وحياة الدهر الآتي
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