

## The Way of Man

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One of the fundamental principles which must be embraced by those who truly believe in God, earnestly desire to honor Him as God, and ardently long to spend eternity in heaven with Him, is found in Jeremiah 10:23. It reads: *“O Jehovah, I know that the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps.”*

In this verse from one of God’s prophets can be seen the divine right and wisdom of God and the weaknesses and limitations of men. God is the Creator, and man is the creature; God is the Maker, and man is the made; God is the offended, and man is the offender; God is the sinned against, and man the sinner. God has the divine right to direct our religious and moral path; God also has the divine wisdom essential to that great task. Man has neither.

How can we frail creatures know what is pleasing to Him who is *“over all and through all and in all”* (Ephesians 4:6), whose thoughts and ways are above our thoughts and ways as the heavens are higher than the earth (Isaiah 55:8-9)? How can we devise our own way of salvation or provide our own way of redemption? We know not the way! The fact is we cannot and must not even attempt it.

Proverbs 3:5-6 reads: *“Trust in Jehovah with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”* Proverbs 14:12 says, *“There is a way which seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death.”* In the days of Isaiah God said to His people, Israel, *“I have stretched out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good **according to their own thoughts**”* (Isaiah 65:2).

Friend, are you directing your religious walk by what you think best or by the instructions of God’s word? By His divine wisdom God knows how you must live, and by His divine right God has specified how you must live. It is yours and mine by faith to follow.

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