

Truth In Hymns: God's Mysterious Ways

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the Lord." Isaiah 55:8 (ESV)

How did a _____ in an basket become Israel's _____?!

A Brief Survey Of The Life Of William Cowper

- A. Born in _____, he and his brother were the only ones of _____ children to survive _____. His mother died when he was _____. His father intended for him to go into _____, but it was not Cowper's choice. He was unable to _____ his _____ Theodora; he never _____.
- B. In 1752 he had his first paralyzing _____, one of _____ he would experience in his life. In 1763 he entered an _____ after attempting to take his _____.
- C. In the late 1760s he met John _____, who became a strong friend. He convinced Cowper to use his _____ skills to write _____. In 1779 the "Olney Hymns" was published, with "God Moves In A Mysterious Way" as well as Newton's "_____".

God's Ways Are Often Mysterious

- A. Isaiah 55:6-9 - God's _____ are not ours, nor are our _____ His. We must learn to _____ Him.
- B. Many statements of God's mysterious ways:
1. Daniel 2:28,29 - It is _____ who _____ mysteries (like the _____ the king had which troubled him).
 2. Galatians 4:4,5 - Is it not a mystery that God's _____ arrived on _____ in a woman's _____?!
 3. Hebrews 2:14,15 - Is it not a mystery how Christ's _____ defeated the one who has the power of _____?!
 4. 1 Timothy 3:16 - _____ is the mystery of _____!
- C. God's mysterious ways in our lives:
1. Colossians 1:26,27 - The mystery is _____ in _____, the _____ of glory.
 2. 2 Corinthians 12:9,10 - God's _____ would be made _____ in Paul's _____.
 3. Romans 8:28 - God can make _____ come from _____.
- D. Hebrews 13:5,6 - He will _____ leave us; He'll _____ us.

Romans 11:33 - How _____ are God's _____!

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