

THREE BASIC ASPECTS OF

THE WAYS OF GOD

- Each of us can expect that God's major dealings with us will be in harmony with His basic ways. He wants us to know these ways so we can properly respond to the events He brings into our lives.

BIRTH OF A VISION	DEATH OF THE VISION	SUPERNATURAL FULFILLMENT OF THE ORIGINAL VISION
<p>Each one of us has special purposes for being here. God wants to reveal them to us. ILLUSTRATIONS:</p>	<p>The expectations God gives are powerful motivations to continue during discouragement.</p>	<p>He usually fulfills our expectations in ways that we never would have thought.</p>
<p>ABRAHAM had a vision of being the father of a great nation. <i>Gen 12:1, 2 17:1-8</i> <i>15:2-6</i></p>	<p>SARAH was barren and became too old to have children. <i>Gen 16:1-9</i> <i>17:15-19</i></p>	<p>GOD gave Abraham and Sarah a son in their old age who became the father of a great nation. <i>Gen 21:1-8</i></p>
<p>JOSEPH had a vision that he would be a great leader and that many would bow down to him. <i>Gen 37:6-11</i></p>	<p>JOSEPH'S BROTHERS sold him to some merchants and he became a slave. Later he was falsely accused and condemned to spend his years in prison. <i>Gen 37:23-28</i></p>	<p>GOD allowed Joseph to interpret the dreams of the butler and baker and later the king, whereupon, he was made a ruler in the land. <i>Gen 45:15, 38-45</i></p>
<p>MOSES had a vision of leading his people out of the bondage of Egypt. <i>Ex 3:10</i></p>	<p>PHAROAH as well as his own people drove Moses out of Egypt after his first attempt to relieve their bondage. <i>Ex 5:20-23</i></p>	<p>GOD gave Moses signs and wonders to convince Pharaoh and his people that God was speaking through him to lead the nation to Canaan.</p>
<p>THE DISCIPLES of Jesus Christ had a vision of establishing and being an important part of the Kingdom of God.</p>	<p>JESUS was killed by the very ones He came to save, and the disciples saw Him buried in a tomb.</p>	<p>GOD raised Jesus from the dead and great miracles were performed by the disciples until the Gospel had spread through all the world.</p>
<p>A GRAIN OF WHEAT has a "vision" of reproducing itself and many more grains of wheat.</p>	<p>THE GRAIN dies and rots in the ground.</p>	<p>A HARVEST springs up out of the very process of "death" in the ground.</p>