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God’s ways are not our ways, and the very opposite is true. God says, “If you believe, then you will see” (*compare John 11:40*). “And we **believe** and **are sure** that Thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God” (*John 6:69*). We first believe, and then we are sure. We must not wait until we are sure before we believe.

Our ability to see and understand is greatly lacking. God says that apart from faith in Christ we are blind: “the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not” (*2 Cor. 4:4*). As long as we “believe not,” we are not going to see. Indeed, “the natural man [the unsaved man who does not have the Holy Spirit] receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned” (*1 Cor. 2:14*). He cannot see because he is spiritually blind.

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If we wait until we understand before we believe, then we will never believe! “By faith we understand” (*Heb. 11:3*). ***When we simply take God at His Word, our eyes are opened!***

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