

# Psalm 103:7

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

## Analysis

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God made known His 'ways' (derek) to Moses and His 'acts' (alilah) to Israel. This distinction is crucial: Israel saw God's miraculous deeds, but Moses understood God's character and patterns. Intimate knowledge of God's ways enables deeper relationship than merely witnessing His acts. The Reformed emphasis on the knowledge of God recognizes that understanding His character and purposes is essential for mature faith. Christ revealed the Father's nature fully (John 14:9), enabling believers to know God's ways intimately.

## Historical Context

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Moses enjoyed unique intimacy with God, speaking 'face to face' (Exod 33:11) and receiving detailed revelation of God's character (Exod 34:6-7). Israel witnessed spectacular miracles but often failed to understand God's deeper purposes behind them.

## Related Passages

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**Ephesians 2:8** — Salvation by grace through faith

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. Do you seek to know God's ways or merely to see His acts in your life?
2. How has Christ's revelation transformed your understanding of God's character?

## Interlinear Text

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## Additional Cross-References

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**Exodus 33:13** (Parallel theme): Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.

**Psalms 147:19** (References Israel): He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

**Psalms 78:11** (Parallel theme): And forgat his works, and his wonders that he had shewed them.

**Nehemiah 9:14** (Creation): And madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them precepts, statutes, and laws, by the hand of Moses thy servant:

**Psalms 77:20** (References Moses): Thou leddest thy people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

**Deuteronomy 34:10** (References Moses): And there arose not a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face,

**Psalms 99:7** (Parallel theme): He spake unto them in the cloudy pillar: they kept his testimonies, and the ordinance that he gave them.

**Psalms 78:5** (References Israel): For he established a testimony in Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our fathers, that they should make them known to their children:

**Exodus 19:8** (References Moses): And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD.

**Exodus 19:20** (References Moses): And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up.

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