

## COMPARING GOOD AND BAD THOUGHTS

We have a beautiful thought for today. And let us consider the subject of “Thoughts.” Our thoughts should be spiritual and enlightened with Truth and with the Word of God so that they become powerful Rays of Light that can penetrate and move from the lowest to the highest and the highest to the lowest. In the Old Testament Tabernacle when the Candlestick stood in the Holy Place and was lit and represented the Word of God, we find the rays darted into the high places and into the low places. So thoughts are powerful. If they are thoughts from God, they are powerful to do good and to bring Light. If they are thoughts from the enemy, Fallen Lucifer, then they are, likewise, powerful for darkness and for evil. So thoughts are powerful because they are invisible words.

Let us see what God’s Word has to say. Let us run, quickly, to Proverbs, the twelfth chapter, and verse five, and you will see in the Book of Proverbs, when he talks about thoughts, he makes a continual contrast. It is like he sets up a little pair of scales and makes a comparative analysis between the thoughts of the righteous and the thoughts of the wicked, then we can discern which one we would like to choose. Do we want the thoughts of the righteous or the thoughts of the wicked? We read these words:

The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit  
(Proverbs 12:5).

The *thoughts* of the righteous, the word is *mish-pawt* there in Hebrew. It is the same word for judgment. In other words, a righteous man will weigh out the Truth whether it is favourable or whether it is unfavourable. When we use the thoughts of a wicked man and the thoughts of the carnal man, then we will be afraid to use that which is true and which right. We will be afraid it might offend someone, but a righteous man will weigh out that which is true, regardless whether it

is favourable or unfavourable.

In Proverbs, the fifteenth chapter, and verse twenty-six, we find another beautiful verse that says:

The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD: but the words of the pure are pleasant words (Proverbs 15:26).

So, again, we see a marvelous comparative analysis concerning the power of thoughts and their effects. God hates wicked thoughts. They are an abomination to the LORD. They are abominable in His sight. But the words of the pure, or the thoughts of the pure, a person that has received Jesus Christ and been made pure in the Blood of the Lamb and thinking thoughts out of the Spiritual Man, then he is a pleasure to God. So, again, let us choose to be a righteous person and think the kind of thoughts that would be pleasing to the LORD.

No wonder the Psalmist cried out and said, “Let the meditation of my heart, let the thoughts of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.” You know, we are so concerned, as human beings, with having our words and our thoughts to be acceptable and be pleasing with somebody else, and when they are not, we get all upset and frustrated. We become angry and many things happen in our disposition. But, beloved, we should be concerned about having the kind of thoughts that will be pleasurable to the LORD Jesus Christ. Thoughts that will be acceptable in His Sight so there can be a beautiful communion established between you and God.

So, let us go over, again, in Proverbs, the sixteenth chapter, where we see another comparative analysis about the good thoughts, as it were, and the bad thoughts. We find in this verse here, he said,

Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established (Proverbs 16:3).

You know, beloved, when we are more in love with our works and our services for mankind and even for the LORD Himself, then we are anxious, and we produce many evil thoughts, miserable thoughts, anxious thoughts about our works: whether they are going to be accepted, whether they are going to be successful, whether somebody is going to criticize, whether someone is going to reject; and we become so excited about our works that we cannot think good thoughts that way. We will think evil thoughts. We will begin to fear. We will begin to become weary. We will begin to become anxious and, thus, we find this class of thinking destructive to us, spiritually and physically and mentally.

But He said, “If we commit our works unto the LORD that our thoughts would be established”; then we can think out of the good side of the scales, we can think out of the pleasurable side of the scales that will be pleasing to the LORD. We can think, “Well, God, this is Your work so, therefore, You are able to keep it,” so we commit it unto Him, and we think good thoughts of faith, of trusting in the LORD, of having thoughts concerning the faithfulness of His Divine Nature, His Love, His Mercy. He is too kind, too holy to let any one work that is ordained of Him fall to the ground or disintegrate. So we do not have to become anxious or worried, we can have pleasurable thoughts of trust unto the LORD.

Now, for the fourth one, we see in Proverbs, the twenty-first chapter, and verse five. We are just making a comparative analysis. Our thought for the day is to compare good thoughts versus bad thoughts. We find these words:

The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want (Proverbs 21:5).

Again, here is a comparative analysis. If we are diligent to seek the Word of God, then we are going to have thoughts of plenty, good ones. And the word there *plenteousness* in the Hebrew

means abundant, sufficient for every purpose. Is that not wonderful? If we serve God and we think upon Him, we will have plenty good thoughts for every purpose, for every situation, that comes across our path. We do not have to think bad thoughts. Jesus Christ is abundant in Word, in Thought, in Life, and in Power so we can have an abundance of good thoughts for every situation in life. It means to be fruitful. It means to be productive. It means to be prolific. In other words, as we think good thoughts, one good thought begets another good thought, and another good thought, and, after a while, we just have an orchard of pomegranates and an orchard of good fruit trees, as it were, growing in our hearts and in our minds. You know how that can be. One seed can produce many more seeds, so how prolific is the Word of God if we are diligent.

And the word *diligent* in the original means to love, to delight. So if we are diligent to the Word of God, we will become productive in our thoughtlife of pleasant thoughts, good thoughts, that are pleasing and acceptable to the LORD and they, in turn, will beget more so that we will live a continual life of gladness and joy and victory in the LORD Jesus Christ. He is so marvelous and so wonderful. Choose today. Do you want bad thoughts that will destroy you or do you want good thoughts that will be productive and make you more like Jesus Christ?

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank You again today for the time that we have to fellowship together here in radio land. We ask You, Precious Jesus, that you will help hearts today to choose to think upon You. We pray, God, that You will help them to choose that which is good and refuse that which is evil because we pray in Jesus' Lovely Precious Name. Amen. ☐