

The Battle for the Mind

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WHAT YOU THINK ON (*meditation*) WILL DETERMINE WHICH KINGDOM YOU LIVE AND WALK IN; THE KINGDOM OF DARKNESS OR THE KINGDOM OF LIGHT.

Proverbs 23:7 "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he."

SANCTIFICATION: THE WORK OF GOD

Colossians 1:13

"**He has DELIVERED** (*rhuomai - to draw to oneself, to rescue*) **us from the domain of darkness** and **TRANSFERRED** (*methistemi - to move from one place or sphere to another*) **us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.**"

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

23 Now may the God of peace himself **SANCTIFY** (*hagiazō - make holy, dedicate, separate, consecrate*) **you completely**, and **may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept BLAMELESS** at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

24 **He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.**

SANCTIFICATION: KNOWING GOD

2 Peter 1:2-4

2 May grace and peace **be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God** and of Jesus our Lord.

3 **HIS DIVINE POWER HAS GRANTED TO US ALL THINGS THAT PERTAIN TO LIFE AND GODLINESS, through the knowledge of him** who called us to **his own glory and excellence**,

4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that **through them you may become PARTAKERS OF THE DIVINE NATURE, having ESCAPED** (*apopheugo - to successfully flee away from, separation, a full breaking away from the previous situation*) **FROM THE CORRUPTION that is IN THE WORLD** because of **SINFUL DESIRE**.

SANCTIFICATION: BY RENEWING THE MIND

Romans 12:2

"Do not be **CONFORMED** to this world, but be **TRANSFORMED** by the **RENEWAL** of your **MIND**, that by **TESTING** you may **discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.**"

TRANSFORMED - *metamorphoo* - root of English *metamorphosis* - *transfigure, transform*

- *meta* - *changed after being with, what results after the activity, in company with*
- *morphoo* - *changing form in keeping with inner reality, taking on the form that properly embodies the inner essence*

RENEWAL - *anakainosis* - *renewing, change of heart and life*

- *ana* - *again, back, anew, completing a process*
- *kaino* - *to make new, new in quality, a new development by God's power, "not found exactly like this before"*

2 Corinthians 11:3

"But I am afraid that as the serpent DECEIVED (*seduce*) Eve by his CUNNING (*cleverness, craftiness*), your THOUGHTS (*noema* - *mind, process of thinking*) will be LED ASTRAY (*corrupt, deteriorate, decomposition, waste away*) from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ."

2 Corinthians 4:3-4

3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.

4 In their case the god of this world has BLINDED the MINDS of the unbelievers, TO KEEP THEM FROM SEEING THE LIGHT of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

- **BLINDED** (*tuphloo* - *blowing smoke causing blindness, loss of spiritual perception*)
- **MINDS** (*noema* - *to exert mental effort, the result of thinking, the mind, soul, heart, emotions*)

2 Corinthians 11:13-14

13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ.

14 And no wonder, for even Satan disguises (*change the outward appearance*) himself as an angel of light.

Genesis 3:1-6

1 Now the serpent was MORE CRAFTY than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?"

2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden,

3 but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die.'"

4 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die.

5 For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

6 So when the woman saw that the tree was GOOD FOR FOOD, and that it was a DELIGHT TO THE EYES, and that the tree was TO BE DESIRED TO MAKE ONE WISE, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate.

1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father IS NOT IN HIM.

16 For all that is in the world—the DESIRES OF THE FLESH and the DESIRES OF THE EYES and PRIDE OF LIFE—is not from the Father but is from the world.

17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

Romans 1:18-32

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

19 For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.

20 For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So **they are without excuse.**

21 **For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became FUTILE** (*make empty, vain, foolish, perverted*) **IN THEIR THINKING** (*back and forth reasoning, deliberating*), **and their FOOLISH HEARTS WERE DARKENED.**

22 Claiming to be wise, they became fools,

23 and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things.

24 Therefore **God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts** to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,

25 because they **exchanged the truth about God for a lie** and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

26 For this reason **God gave them up to dishonorable passions.** For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature;

27 and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

28 **And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a DEBASED** (*reprobate, rejected as worthless*) **MIND to do what ought not to be done.**

29 They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips,

30 slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents,

31 foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless.

32 Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Matthew 4:1-11

1 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil.

2 And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

3 And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread."

4 But he answered, "**IT IS WRITTEN, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'**"

5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple

6 and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "'He will command his angels concerning you,' and "'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.'"

7 Jesus said to him, "**AGAIN IT IS WRITTEN, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'**"

8 Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

9 And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus said to him, "**BE GONE, SATAN! FOR IT IS WRITTEN,** "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

11 **THEN THE DEVIL LEFT HIM,** and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

- *Each of Satan's temptations to Jesus correspond directly to the lust of the flesh, lust of the eyes and the pride of life.*
- *Notice how directly and fervently Satan is personally involved in corrupting, distorting and deceiving people's minds and thought process.*
- *Only the Word of God has the required power to destroy Satan's strategies against our minds.*

2 Corinthians 10:3-6

3 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh.

4 For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have **DIVINE POWER to DESTROY STRONGHOLDS** (*fortress, a strongly fortified structure*).

5 **We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion RAISED AGAINST THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, and TAKE EVERY THOUGHT CAPTIVE TO OBEY CHRIST,**

6 being ready to punish every disobedience, when your obedience is complete.

Romans 8:5-7

5 **For those who live according to the flesh SET THEIR MINDS ON THE THINGS OF THE FLESH, but those who live according to the Spirit SET THEIR MINDS ON THE THINGS OF THE SPIRIT.**

6 **For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.**

7 **For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot.**

- **SET THEIR MINDS** (*phroneo*)
 - *to dispose their minds in a certain way*
 - *to exercise the mind*
 - *to entertain*

Psalm 1:1-6

1 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

2 but his **DELIGHT** (*heps - a feeling of extreme pleasure and satisfaction*) **is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he MEDITATES** (*hgh - to think intently and at length, speak, mutter, read*) **day and night.**

3 He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

4 The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

5 Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

6 for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.