

Strength from God's Thoughts

Almighty God is a Spirit who created all things with Thoughts expressed in words. God's Thoughts are everlasting: they are incapable of change when expressed. Nothing existing on earth is greater than they. As such, absolutely nothing or no person can affect them in any way.

Also, God created mankind as "thinkers of thoughts." (*Proverbs 23:7*) He releases His Supernatural Strength of Thought into our hearts through His spoken words. They become our Faith. He commands us to walk by Faith, not by sight. (*II Corinthians 5:7*) Walking by Faith means having God's dominion Thoughts living inside our hearts and their controlling our thinking, speaking and behavior at all times. His Thoughts become our new thinking about life, no longer our old thought patterns. Before Christ, our hearts contained and were dominated by natural thoughts, imaginations, desires and ways. To receive God's prepared blessings; we abandon these and receive God's Thoughts because they are higher than all natural thinking. *Isaiah 55:7-9* declare, "Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord and he will have mercy upon him and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts." We are to keep our minds focused on the dominion Thoughts that God gives us through His spoken words. He keeps us in perfect peace as our minds are stayed on them. (*Isaiah 26:3*)

Satan, our adversary, manifests challenging situations in our lives designed to move our minds away from God's dominion Thoughts and disturb our peace. A health challenge arises that brings fear, we enter financial difficulty, a family problem occurs, among other challenges. Each challenge exalts itself against the Knowledge of God, but cannot overcome it. Remember, God's Thoughts are Everlasting. We are to keep our thinking, speaking and our ways in line with His Thoughts in the face of challenge, not giving in to it. This ability is developed in us by practice.

Satan strategically forms illegal manifestations that appeal to our senses. Each manifestation contains negative thought pressure. He uses the pressure to break our concentration off of God's words and draw our attention to him. If we turn from God's dominion Thoughts, we disconnect from His Strength. When Satan turns our attention to the challenge that he formed, he moves to capture our imagination. He does so with the negative images contained in the challenge. Contained in the images are the spirits of fear and unbelief. If we are weak in Faith, we will observe the negative manifested thing, becoming fearful and doubtful. This is called wavering in Faith. If we are strong in Faith, we will observe only the Eternal words of God about the challenge. We will draw His Strength of comfort and patiently endure the challenge, overcoming it.

Knowing the truth, then, is the key. (*St. John 8:31-32*) Being armed with the truth that a challenge will not last, and that our God will deliver us out of it, empowers us to look above it, endure it and overcome it. We remain connected to God's higher Eternal unseen Thoughts. From this thought connection, the Eternal Strength of God is released and flows into our heart strengthening us. This always ensures us of victory. God Bless.

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