

## **When You Begin to Think His Thoughts**

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

Now, here's what happens. When a man starts out, he will go to reason. He will go to the schools of theology. And he will go from church to church and wonder if this one's got the truth, or if that one's got the truth. Or he will take his membership from one church to another. You should never do that. **You should put your membership in heaven on the Book of Life (Luke 10:17-20).** And there it'll be forever.

Now, all churches, Christian churches, has good meanings, every one of them, and I believe every one of them has truth. And now, I don't mean to try to say now they don't have all the truth. Sure, if they believe Jesus Christ is the Son of God, that's the truth. Amen.

Now, but what a man will do, he will hear a little something and keep moving his papers. Well now, **you'll never find Christ moving your papers. You have to move your thoughts (Isaiah 55:8-9).** You have to move your thinking, and get away from reason **and move your thoughts from your own way of thinking to what God thinks.** *"Let the mind that was in Christ Jesus be in you."* (Phil. 2:5). **And then when you begin to think His thoughts, you'll begin to live His life and do the things that He did.** See what I mean? Now, because it's not you; **it's Christ (Col. 1:26-28).** [1]

Yet men and women live a good life, and **love God by a mental conception. But the real hiding place is in the heart: hid with Christ (Col. 3:1-4).** And when Christ the Holy Spirit comes into your heart, **He is in you with your temperament, and He's living His own Life through His own will through you.** Hallelujah.

I know it sounds awful, but it's right. **So yielded you are, that Christ speaks the kind of words He'd speak. He thinks the kind of thoughts He would think, through you.** He does the kind of works He would do--through you. **You are yielded and resting (Heb. 4:1-11).**

What a beautiful picture of a consecrated Christian: **yielded. Christ working through you.** [2]

We feel that, that we've got to have something into it also. **You do have something into it, that's your surrender of your own will, your own ideas, to the will and idea of Almighty God, and it's finished. That's all there is.**

**Just take His promise, don't think of nothing else. Walk by It, and God does the rest of it.** [3]

**When you surrender fully, He'll come in fully.** But until you surrender, He can't come in fully. Surrender! **Surrender your thoughts; surrender your thinking; surrender your life; surrender your all; surrender your prestige. Surrender everything to Him now,** and He'll come in and fill you with the Holy Ghost. That's what He's here to do. He's already struck two or three here in the building. There's more than that want the Holy Ghost. **Just keep believing! Glory to God!** [4]

Notice, let us remember, He also created our bodies. **And won't our bodies have to obey Him?** Amen. You surrender your thoughts to Him, surrender your life to Him, surrender your faith to Him, **and watch that body obey what He said.** If you're a drunkard and you can't quit drinking, surrender that life to Him, and watch, you'll drink no more. If you are a habitual smoker and tried to give it up and can't do it, just surrender that to Him and watch what happens. **He'll make that body come back in subjection to the Word.** Yes, sir. **But you've got to surrender it to Him.** You've got to believe Him. He made our bodies; they obey His will also. You believe that? If you're a Christian, you have to. [5]

God's omnipresence knows what you're doing, and even your thoughts. One time while I was in a vision, I was speaking to a Being standing by me; and He said back, He said, **"Your thoughts are louder in the Heavens than your voice is on the earth." He knows what you're thinking.** You might say you do this and you do that, but, you see, down in your heart, if you think different, you're doing something wrong. **You should be just what you are, see, the heart. The mouth should speak what's in the heart.** See? And so we find that the people don't realize the Presence of God. [6]

*John 1:1,14, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt with us..."* God dwelt with us in flesh. He was the Word.

Before a word it's a thought, and a thought has to be created. All right. **So God's thoughts become creation when it was spoken by a word. That's when He presents it to you as a thought, His thoughts, and it is revealed to you, then it's still a thought until you speak it.**

That is the reason Moses went out to pray (that Pillar of Fire around him) and He said, *"Go, hold your stick towards the east and say, call for fly."* There's no flies, but he went and held the stick there and said, *"Let there be*

*flies." (Exod. 10).* No flies at all yet. Went on back, **but the Word, God's thought has already been spoken.** It's a Word, now it's got to happen.

Now, don't you see where Jesus said: "*If you say to this mountain*"? (*Mark 11:23*). Not if I say it, **but you say to this mountain, 'Be moved'...**

And the first thing, I guess, in Moses time, big old green fly begin to buzz, and after while they were five pounds per yard. See? Where did they come from? **God created them.** Don't you see?

God can destroy this world tonight with gnats if He wants to. Why, He could pile gnats plumb to the moon. The only thing He would do, just say, "Let there be gnats to the moon." That'd be all there would be to it. No chemicals or nothing, they'd just keep on growing, growing, growing on. See?

**He can do what He wants to. He's God, the Creator. The only thing He has to do is just speak it. That's right. He's the Creator.** Now, if we just get to realizing how great He is... See? **He just does what He wishes to** (*Psalms 135:6*). He sets up there and looks at people, and these little educators smart mouthing there's no God and everything... Why, it's just like it was at Babel again. [7]

**A birth is a mess,** I don't care where it's at. Excuse this expression, but if a birth is in a pigpen, it's a mess. If it's in a cow barn, it's a mess. If it's in a hospital room, it's a mess. **And if it's at the altar, it's a mess. It'll make you rot, in your own thinking.** It'll make you throw away everything that's... Things that you once cherished with all your heart, you'll give it up to let that little still knock. I don't care if it's a mission on the corner.

We people out here believe in big things. We Americans, we want big hats, and big automobiles, and big denominations, more in the creed, and more in the denomination. **All we want is big things; and God is after small, still voices** (*1 Kings 19:9-16*). [8]

Jesus said, "*Except a man be born of water and Spirit, he will in no wise enter into the Kingdom*" (*John 3:5*). "*He that will follow after Me, let him deny himself and his own worldly pleasure, take up His cross daily and follow after Me.*" (*Luke 9:23-24*). **Cross is a symbol of death, agony.** "He that will be a Christian, **let him strip himself of his own thoughts. Let him strip himself of his own works. Let him strip himself of everything, denying himself, and take up that consecrated cross, and follow Me daily.** He that will come after Me, let him do that." That's what Jesus said. [9]

Men all down through the age has stumbled at that, so simple: **Just accept the Blood.** You can't cover yourself; **take God's covering.** You can't learn how to do it; there's no learning about it. **God does it Himself, it's**

**supernatural! It's through life; God does the covering.** You can't do it. And not as much as you try to do it, you can no more clean yourself from sin by joining churches and taking creeds, than a leopard could lick his own spots off of him. No, sir. The more he licks them, the brighter they get. **You've got to die to yourself, your own thoughts. Give up, and let the Holy Spirit cover you with His Presence and His power.** That's God's decision. [10]

**It takes death to produce life. You've got to die to your own thinking. You've got to die to your own theology.** You've got to die to your own self, to your own human ways. You've got to be regenerated, **a new creature, a new creation** (*II Cor. 5:17*). Before you can be that... **You can't be two at the same time; you got to die to one in order to be born in the other. It brings a mess, and it causes a mess too. But you got new life.** What difference does it make? You got to do it. [11]

**Come and be born! Come and die! Come and rot to yourself and your own thoughts and let Christ come in, and become a new creature.** That's the idea (*Gal. 6:14-16*). [12]

And today, when we believe God with all of our heart and accept His Son, the Lord Jesus, and **God recognizes that faith is true in Him, then He sends back down the Holy Spirit of promise and seals us until the day of our redemption** (*Eph. 1:13-14; Eph. 4:30*). That takes **all the scare out of all of it. There's no negative thoughts at all in Christianity. Everything is a past tense. It's already finished.**

**Healing is not what a man can do. It's what God has done. See? It's a finished work.** Salvation is not what a man can do, what the Church can do. It's a finished work, and **your faith in that finished work** that Christ completed everything that was brought in the fall, Christ redeemed it back in His atoning death, vicarious suffering at Calvary's cross (*John 19:30; Col. 2:13-15*). **And He was put in the grave, and God raised Him up the third day for our justification** (*Eph. 1:20-23*).

And now we see Him setting at the right hand of God, making intercessions upon our profession (*Rom. 8:34*), or the same word is translated, "confession." **And no matter how much you pray, how much you cry, how much you agonize, how much you do, it'll never be accepted. God can do nothing for you until first by faith you accept it, and believe it, and confess it** (*Heb. 4:14-16; Heb. 2:17-18*).

**That's the only way God can act now is when you act first, 'cause He's a High Priest making intercessions on your confession of your faith in His finished work.** I don't believe there's anyone could find fault with that. See? That's the basis of Divine healing. [13]

The eternal thoughts of God! **Let me ask you, "Are the thoughts of God eternal?" If you can see this, you will see many things.** God is unchangeable in both essence and behavior. **God is infinite in His abilities so therefore He as God must be omniscient.** If He is omniscient, then He is not now learning, nor is He taking counsel even with Himself, nor is He at any time adding to His knowledge. If He can add to His knowledge, then He is not omniscient. The best we could say is that sometime He will be. But that is not Scriptural.

He is omniscient. **He has never had a new thought about anything because all His thoughts He has always had and always will have, and knows the end from the beginning because He is God.** Thus the thoughts of God are eternal. They are real. They are not simply like a man with a blueprint he has drawn up and which one day will be translated into substance and form, **but they are already real and eternal, and part of God.**

See how this works. God always had His thoughts for Adam. Adam, as His thoughts, was yet unexpressed.

Psalm 139:15-16 will give you a little idea of this,

*"My substance was not hid from Thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being imperfect; and in Thy book were all my members written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them."*

That was not written about Adam but it gives you the idea and knowledge **that the thought was there in His mind, and that thought was eternal and had to be expressed.** So when Adam was formed of the dust of the earth and his spiritual being created by God, **then Adam became God's thought expressed, and those eternal thoughts were now manifested.**

Down through the centuries we could go. **We find a Moses, a Jeremiah, a John the Baptist, and each one of these were God's eternal thought expressed in its season. Then we come to Jesus the LOGOS. He was the perfect and complete thought expressed and He became known as the Word. That is what He is, and forever will be.**

Now it says that "He hath chosen us in Him (Jesus) before the foundation of the world." (*Eph. 1:3-4*). **That means that we were right there with Him in the mind and thoughts of God before the foundation of the world. That gives an eternal quality to the elect. You can't get away from that.**

But to go on. These elect were not only the eternal thoughts of God which were to be expressed in flesh in their due season, **but these same elect are called by another name.**

*Romans 4:16, "Therefore it is of faith, that it might be by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all."*

*Romans 9:13, "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated."*

*Galatians 3:16, "Now to Abraham and his seed were the promises made. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, And to thy seed, which is Christ."*

*Galatians 3:29, "And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise."*

According to Romans 4:16 we find that **God has given a sure Promise to all of Abraham's seed**, and Paul puts himself and all believers under that designation because he says "Abraham who is the father of us all." Then he goes on to not only narrow down his definition, but rather to finalize it for in Galatians 3 he identified the Seed (singular) with Jesus, and counted "the seed children" as children of promise, and promise as having to do with "election", or "the choosing of God". And that is exactly what we have been saying. **These who are of the Royal Seed are the elect of God; are the predestinated, fore-known of God, and were in the mind of God and His thoughts.**

**In very plain language the True Bride of Christ was in the mind of God eternally, though not expressed until each came forth in the designated, decreed season.** As each member came forth it became expressed and took its place in the body. **Thus this bride is the literal Spoken Word Seed Bride.** And though she is feminine in designation she is also called the **"body of Christ"** (*I Cor. 12:11-31*). It is very apparent that she ought to be called that for she was predestinated in Him, came from the same source, **was eternal with Him, and is now manifesting God in a many membered body whereas once God was manifested in one member, even our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Now then, here we are coming to a conclusion. As the eternal Logos (God) was manifest in the Son, and in Jesus dwelt all the fullness of the Godhead bodily (*Col. 2:9*), and that Eternal One was the Father manifest in flesh, and thereby gained the title of Son, **even so we, eternal in His thoughts in our turn became the many membered Spoken Word Seed, manifest in flesh, and those eternal thoughts now manifest in flesh are the**

sons of God, even as we are so called. We did not become Seed by the rebirth, we were Seed and therefore were reborn for only the Elect can be reborn. Because we were Seed is the reason we could be quickened. In non-seed there is nothing to quicken.

Hold this carefully in mind. Now take the next step. Redeem means to buy back. It restores to the original owner. God, by His death, **the shed blood bought back His Own. He bought back the Spoken Word Seed Bride.** *"My sheep hear My voice (Word) and they follow Me."* (John 10:27). **You always were a sheep.** You never were a pig or a dog turned into a sheep. That is impossible for every kind of life produces the same kind and there is no change in specie. **As we were in the thoughts of God and then expressed in flesh,** there had to come a day when we would hear His voice (the Word), **and hearing that voice become aware of our Father calling us,** and recognize that we are the sons of God. We heard His voice and we cried out as did the prodigal son, *"Save me, Oh, my Father. I am returning to Thee."* (Luke 15:18-21).

**A son of God can go a long time before he recognizes that he is a son.** And once a true son of God hears **the cry of the Spirit by the Word, he too, will realize who he is and run to the Great Prophet Eagle** and be with Him forever seated in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Eph. 2:6). [14]

I stood out yonder where that big glass... You can see a hundred and twenty million years of light space. When I have seen the picture where they took it, I just had to raise up my hands in there in that place, and I said, "How great Thou art, how great Thou art." **And before one of those planets ever turned (Hallelujah.), God chose us in Jesus Christ.** Now, how great Thou art. Yes, sir.

Before there was a world, before there was a planet, before there was a sun, before there was a moon, before there was light, before there was anything, when it was still God, **God and His thoughts, the eternal thoughts of God chose you by predestination, by foreknowledge, to know that you would be on the earth, to know there would be sin.**

Someone said, "Then, why was there sin?" If there'd never been sin, His attributes would've never have been a Saviour. There had to be a sinner so He could be a Saviour. There had to be a sick man so He could be a Healer. Amen. There you are. It had to be that way. It was God Who saw it and foreordained it. The devil ain't even in the race. Oh, he's just a stump on the side of the road that God used to bring children to Him, crying, "Abba, Father." No wonder on that day how the Angels will sing. When we're singing the redemption stories, the Angels will bow their heads; don't know what we're talking about. Sure. They never was lost; they don't know what it

is. They don't know how good we feel to know that we which were once sinners and alienated from God, without hope (*Eph. 2:11-17*), without mercy, without God in a world of corruption, dying, going to a devil's hell; **and God stooped down, and picked us up, and redeemed us; and now we're above the Angels right now.** [15]

So, I've always had a little slogan that I always give to people as: Do three things in life. **First thing is do right; that's your duty to God. Think right; that's your duty to yourself; and you're bound to come out right.** That's exactly right. You do right, and then think right. And as long as you are going right, you can't be going wrong (*Proverbs 23:7*). [16]

**Forgive our many weaknesses,** Lord. We don't intend to do anything wrong, Lord, **but through flesh** we do make mistakes daily (*James 3:1-2*). **So in order to stay alive in Christ, we have to die to our own thoughts. So keep us dead to ourselves and alive in Him.** Let our bodies be so, and our soul so submissive to Him that people **will see the reflection of Christ** as we go, or come, or whatever we do. [17]

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[Bro. Branham in „Conduct-Order-Doctrine“, page 724]