



THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS THINKING

The Lesson Text

Psalm 19: 14; Prov. 4: 23; Mark 7: 21-23; Phil. 4: 8

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in thy sight, O Jê-hô'-vâh, my rock, and my redeemer.

23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; For out of it are the issues of life.

21 For from within, out of the heart of men, evil thoughts proceed, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries,

22 Covetings, wickednesses, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, railing, pride, foolishness:

23 All these evil things proceed from within, and defile the man.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.

Golden Text: —“For as he thinketh within himself, so is he.” (Proverbs 23:7a) Devotional Reading.—Matthew 15:10-20

Daily Bible Readings

- Mon.....The Righteous Meditate on the Law (Psalms 1)
- Tues.....Benefits of Meditating on the Law (Psalm 119:9-16)
- Wed.....Attitudes Determined By the Law (Psalms 119:97-104)
- Thurs.....“Try Me, and Know My Thoughts: (Psalms 139:17-24)
- Fri.....“Apply Thy Heart Unto Instruction” (Prov. 23:12-26)
- Sat.....Think Soberly of Self (Romans 12:1-8)
- Sun.....“Be Not Wise in Your Own Conceits” (Rom. 12:9-21)

"The Christian and His Thinking", Thoughts to Consider

The importance of right thinking cannot be over-estimated. The thinking of young people is even more important than that of mature people, for they are forming character. The things about which they think become a part of them for all their life, so they should have some guidance as to the things they read and the associations they keep. One cannot build a beautiful brick or stone house if he has no better material than mud and straw. So young people cannot build a fine spiritual character if they have nothing better than what the average media of the day furnishes as material for building of character. Through thinking, meditation, the material we get by seeing and hearing is turned into character. Meditation is in the process of character building what digestion and assimilation are in the process of body building; it turns thoughts and feelings into character. But one's meditation depends on what he sees and hears. If he sees and hears low, vicious, and vulgar things, his meditations will be on that plane and the character he forms will be of that type. But if he sees and hears holy spiritual things, his meditation will be along such lines, and his character of that type.

Mature people cannot afford to disregard their thinking. Let no one conclude that since he has built a holy character, he can now cease to give attention the plane of his thinking and maintain a holy character. Tomorrow we will be doing what we are thinking about today. The mature heart can be corrupted the same as the young heart, and the man who shuts his eyes to such a possibility is foolish, and he is giving the devil an advantage of himself that he will likely regret. Would you bathe in the filthy water of a pigsty when you could as easily bathe in the crystal pure pool fresh from a spring? Why bathe the mind in the impurities



offered by salacious conversation, magazines, and much of today's media, when you may as easily bathe the mind in pure enobling and elevating sentiments offered by better literature and conversation becoming to saints?

More Thoughts on Sound Thinking from the Texts

I. Pray for Right Thoughts (Psa. 19:14).

Let the words of my mouth.

David prayed that his words might be acceptable to God.

The importance of our words may be seen from the following:

"And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak,



they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

For by their words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned." (Matt. 12: 36, 37.)

Again, "Death and life are in the power of the tongue; and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof." (Prov. 18: 21.)

And a fools mouth is his destruction, and his lips are the snare of his soul." (Prov. 18:7.) Not only will a man stand or fall in the day of judgment by his words, but his character and standing among men may be determined by his words.

The meditation of my heart. David realized that the heart is the source of all his words, so he prayed that it might be kept pure so that his words would be such as would please God. The righteous man meditates upon the law of the Lord day and night. He does not do that because he is a righteous man, but he is a righteous man because he has meditated on the law of the Lord. Meditation on the precepts of Jehovah gives one understanding which leads him to hate everything contrary to truth. (Psa. 119: 97-104) David loved the law of the Lord, (Psa.



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119:47, 48). When one has cultivated such an attitude toward God's word as that, he will find it easy to spend much of his time meditating upon it, and he will receive great benefit from it.

Be acceptable in their sight. This is a prayer David uttered for his own good. If he prayed for such, we may conclude the following: (1) That it is right for us to pray for such, and that we will profit by such prayer; (2) That God will listen to such prayers and be pleased to answer such to whatever degree is in harmony with his will; and (3) We must recognize that God is interested in such details of our life, that He knows the thoughts and words which go to make up our daily life, and that we must account to Him for all such.

II. Think on These Things (Phil. 4:8)

"Whatsoever things are true, Whatsoever things are honorable, Whatsoever things are just, Whatsoever things are pure, Whatsoever things are lovely, Whatsoever things are of good report, If any virtue, if any praise, think on these things." **Adapted : Steve Frazier**

Order of Worship July 4, 2021

Song Leader—AM	Michael Young
Song Leader—PM	Matthew Frazier
Lord's Table	Phillip Steen
Sermon—AM	Devin Barber
Sermon—PM	Devin Barber

Continue prayers for those on our list, and for the free course of the gospel.

1 John 5:14

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