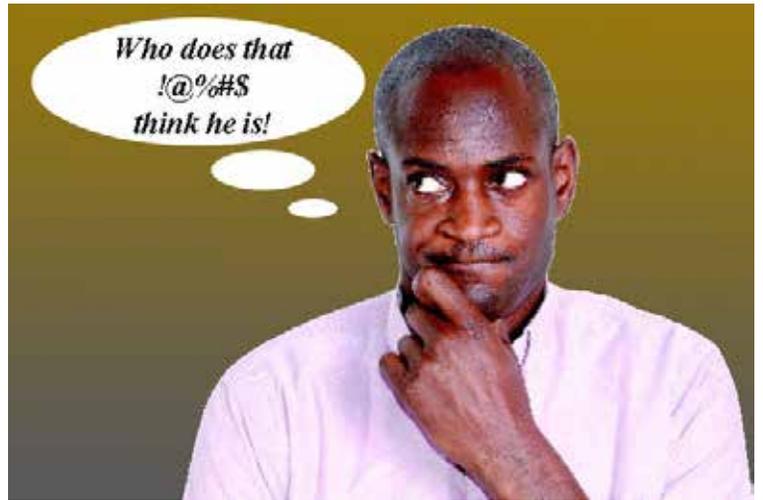


“O LORD, Thou hast searched me, and known me. Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, Thou understandest my thought afar off. Thou compasses my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways. For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, Thou knowest it altogether.” Psalm 139:1-4 KJV



Every word that escapes our tongue begins with the faintest glimmer of thought. Did you ever pause and consciously study your consciousness: Evaluated the state of your awareness: Tracked the origins of a particular thought? Thoughts begin somewhere; either with Satan, you, or the Holy Spirit. Considering the origins of thought help us “[*prove*] what is acceptable unto the Lord.” Of course, it needs to matter to you whether or not God approves of your thoughts. They are the origin of action. To know why you do what you do, you must know why you think what you think. Truth is the measure of thought. God knows the anatomy of every word and action before uttered or done. God is a “*discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.*” He knows what you do not care to know. If you are a believer, it will matter to you whether or not God approves. If it doesn’t matter, you are not a believer. You can maintain your oblivion to Truth or you can correct it. God already knows your choice. “*He knowest it altogether*” from origin to completion before even a glimmer of it occurs. You cannot hide a single intent or thought from the Almighty. “*Every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.*” You may not curse out loud, but God knows and hears even your thoughts. To judge a man by his words, God will necessarily have to record the thoughts and intents behind them. Next time feelings cause you to have unacceptable thoughts, don’t think of it as just wrong. Think of it as openly displeasing God. Every thought is open before Him. Emotions are the greatest source of wicked thoughts, and each is recorded by God. You may fool men, but not God.

My thoughts, to God, are open books,
He even knows what prompts my looks,
I cannot hide nor shade my sin,
For it is open unto Him. ~CGP

The easiest way to keep evil out of your mind is to fill it with Truth. “*Meditate therein day and night.*” The Apostle calls it “*the washing of water by the Word.*” What do you use to extinguish fire? What chance do Satan’s “*fiery darts*” have in a mind filled with the Fountain of Truth? The next time you allow an evil thought, you need to remember who stands beside you and “[*cast*] down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and [*bring*] into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ” with the water of the Word of God. You cannot “[*prove*] what is acceptable unto the Lord” if you do not read and know His Word. Your choices are being recorded. Not even death will hide you from God!

“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the Book of Life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works. And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and Death and Hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works.” Revelation 20:12-13 KJV