

## *The Gospel.*

It was evidently viewing this service in the sanctuary that saved David from backsliding. He had beheld the prosperity of the wicked, and was envious of them, until his "steps had well nigh slipped;" but when he went into the sanctuary, then he understood the end of the wicked. <sup>19</sup> *We can imagine* him watching *the sinner separating the fat* and the priest placing it, upon the great altar, and presently nothing remained but ashes. In it he saw ashes only as *the final end of all who would not separate from sin*; <sup>20</sup> *for if the sin was a part of themselves*, then when the sin was burned, they would be burned, with it. The only reason God will ever destroy a sinner *is because the sinner keeps sin in his own character, and will not separate from it.* {1914 SNH, CIS 126.3}

This was an impressive type, *the priest waiting for the sinner to separate the fat from the offering*, ready to take it as soon as it was offered to him. So Christ, our great High Priest, is waiting for each sinner to confess his sins and give them to Him, that He in return can clothe the sinner with his own robe of righteousness; <sup>21</sup> and consume his sins in the fires of the last day. Paul evidently refers to this part of the sanctuary service in Heb. 4:12. {1914 SNH, CIS 128.1}

The righteousness of Christ *is not a cloak* to cover unconfessed and *unforsaken* sin; *it is a principle of life that transforms the character and controls the conduct.* Holiness is wholeness for God; it is the entire surrender of heart and life to the indwelling of the principles of heaven. {DA 555.6}

Note Clothing the sinner—to make it part of his character—transformed.

“ . . . *Jesus is making experiments by His grace and divine mercy upon human hearts. Angels are amazed as they behold the transformation of character brought about in those who yield themselves to God*, and they express their joy in songs of rapturous praise to God and to the Lamb. They see those who are by nature the children of wrath, converted and becoming laborers together with Christ in drawing souls to God. They see those who were in darkness becoming lights to shine amid the moral night of this wicked and perverse generation. *They see them becoming prepared by a Christlike experience to suffer with their Lord, and afterward to be partakers with Him in His glory in heaven above.* {TM 49.1}

Rom. 12:1 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that *ye present your bodies a living sacrifice*, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And be not conformed to this world: but *be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind*, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Note: Since Christ is the central figure in The book of Revelation this book is the

Gospel.

## ***How is this accomplished? Through Thought!***

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Eze. 3:17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: ***therefore hear the word at my mouth***, and give them warning from me. . . . 33:7 So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; ***therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth***, and warn them from me.

Note: We are all suppose to hear His word at His mouth.

2Cor. 10:5 Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and ***bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ***;

1Peter 1:13 Wherefore ***gird up the loins of your mind, be sober***, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 14 As obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ***ignorance***: 15 But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; 16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

Phil. 2:3 Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 ***Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus***: . . . 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, 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***. 9 ***Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you***.

Heb. 4:12 For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and ***is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart***.  
Ps. 10:4;Pro. 15:26

Pro. 3:5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and ***lean not unto thine own understanding***. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Isa. 55:7 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. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Josh. 1:8 This book ***of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night***, that thou mayest ***observe to do*** according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. *Ps. 1:2.*

Ps. 63:6 When I remember thee upon my bed, and meditate on thee in the night watches. 77:12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings. 119:15 I will meditate in thy precepts, and have respect unto thy ways. 16 I will delight myself in thy statutes: I will not forget thy word. . . . 23 Princes also did sit and speak against me: but thy servant did meditate in thy statutes. . . 48 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved; and I will meditate in thy statutes. . . . 78 Let the proud be ashamed; for they dealt perversely with me without a cause: but I will meditate in thy precepts. . . . 148 Mine eyes prevent the night watches, that I might meditate in thy word.

Amos 3:3 Can two ***walk together***, except they be agreed?

Isa. 1:18 Come now, and ***let us reason together***, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. 19 ***If ye be willing and obedient***, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 But ***if ye refuse and rebel***, ye shall be devoured with the sword: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it.

Rom. 8:7 Because ***the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.***

Isa. 30:2 That walk to go down into Egypt, and ***have not asked at my mouth***; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt!

### ***Sin Starts in The Mind.***

James 1:13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God: for God cannot be tempted with evil, neither tempteth he any man: 14 But ***every man is tempted***, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then when lust

hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. 16 Do not err, my beloved brethren.

Note: Thoughts make up acts. Acts make up habits. Habits make up character—either in His image or not!

Micah 4:12 But ***they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel:*** for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.

See Isa. 59:7; Jer. 4:14; Gen. 6:5; Jer. 44:17; Matt. 15:9; Rom. 16:17;

Deut. 12:8 Ye shall not do after all the things that we do here this day, ***every man whatsoever is right in his own eyes.*** . . . 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the LORD your God which I command you. Pro. 30:5 Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him. 6 ***Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.*** Rev. 22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man ***shall add*** unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: 19 And if any man ***shall take away*** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.

When we ***submit*** ourselves to Christ, the heart is united with His heart, the will is merged in His will, the ***mind becomes one with His mind, the thoughts are brought into captivity to Him; we live His life.*** This is what it means to be clothed with the garment of His righteousness. Then as the Lord looks upon us He sees, not the fig-leaf garment, not the nakedness and deformity of sin, but His own robe of righteousness, which is perfect obedience to the law of Jehovah. COL 3:11.4

The Sadducees rejected the teaching of Jesus; He was animated by a spirit which they would not acknowledge as manifesting itself thus; and His teaching in regard to God and the future life contradicted their theories. They believed in God as the only being superior to man; but ***they argued that an overruling providence***” God’s word 10 Commandments ***“and a divine foresight”*** prophecy ***“would deprive man of free moral agency, and degrade him to the position of a slave.*** It was their belief, that, having created man, God had left him to himself, independent of a higher influence. They held that man was free to control his own life and to shape the events of the world; that his destiny was in his own hands. They denied that the Spirit of God works through human efforts or natural means DA 604.2 *2Peter 1:19,20; Isa. 42:9; Amos 3:7; TM 411.2; 412.1;*

We have been “bought with a price” (1 Corinthians 6:20), not “with corruptible things, as silver and gold, ... but with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18, 19); “that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto Him which died for them, and rose again” (2 Corinthians 5:15). COL 325.3

All men have been bought with this infinite price. By pouring the whole treasury of heaven into this world, by giving us in Christ all heaven, ***God has purchased the will, the affections, the mind, the soul, of every human being.*** COL 325.4.

***“In rejecting the truth, men reject its Author. . . It is as easy to make an idol of false doctrines and theories as to fashion an idol of wood or stone. . .”*** GC 583.1

...Paul's exhortation to Timothy: “Preach the word.” *In that word are the only safe principles of action. It is a transcript of the will of God, an expression of divine wisdom. It opens to man's understanding the great problem of life. It will prove a guide to all who heed it, so that their lives will not be wasted in misdirected efforts.* ***God has declared his will, and it is absolute madness for men to change or even question that which has gone out of his lips. After Infinite Wisdom has spoken, there can be no doubtful questions for man to settle, no wavering probabilities for him to adjust. All the interests of time and of eternity are involved in a frank, earnest concurrence of the mind and will of men with the expressed will of God. Obedience is the highest dictate of reason as well as of conscience.*** *Those who choose to listen to other voices and to follow other guides, will be turned unto fables, and, trusting to these, they will in the day of God meet with infinite loss.* LP 324.2 see GC 583.1