

Manifestation of the Thoughts of God

St. John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

Listen what God's Prophet said about it:

The Word was in God; It was God. It was His thoughts that was with Him always. God's thoughts are as eternal as God is. Amen!

Here it comes! **God's thoughts was His Word.** *"In the beginning..."* (That's in eternity now, when beginning first started, time)... *"In the beginning was the Word,..."* (God's thoughts)... *"and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* See? **His thoughts is what He was.** That's you too. **What your thoughts are is what you are.** No matter what you try to live by something else, your thoughts is what you are. You might go along and act like a nice fellow, but in your heart you're an adulteress, and whatever it is, that's what you are--your thoughts. And God's thoughts were His Word, that was with Him and in Him, and It was God. [1]

And every believer that comes to Christ must come to the same cross of self-denial, and die there with the Lamb, with his Lamb. **Die out to own thoughts;** die out to your own mental thinking. **Just take what the Holy Spirit says in your heart, then live for Christ!** [2]

And now, a "word" is "a thought expressed." **First, it must be a thought, and then it becomes a word;** because you do not speak your words without thought.

When we speak in tongues, we have no thought (*I Cor. 14:13-14*); it's God taking the thoughts; it's God's thought using our lips. We don't think or know what you're saying when you're speaking in tongues, if it's inspired speaking. When you interpret, you do not know what you're saying; you just say it; that's all. See? That's God. And prophesying, you're not using your own thoughts; it's God (*I Cor. 14:1-3*), 'cause you say things that you ordinarily wouldn't think about saying. [3]

So, „In the beginning was the Word,“ that's as far as we can go back, by This, by theology. But before the Word was, It was a thought, and a thought was made manifest. You see what I mean? Now, that's how that He said. **First, He thought, and He spoke the Word, and the Word was**

made manifest. Oh, how infallible God is! Notice, every thought, when it's spoken.

And every Word in the Bible is God's thoughts laid in seed form, that if received into the human being, and spoke by the same thought that materialized the Bible, brings the thing to pass. See what I mean? How powerful could the Church be? The Bible said, "Let this mind that was in Christ be in you (*Phil. 2:5*). **As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he** (*Prov. 23:7*)." Now, your thoughts, if they become expression...

Like, God said, "Let there be a world" (*Gen. 1:3-26*). Before it could be a word, it had to be a thought. **So God in the creation, created the world by His thought first, then spoke it, and the thought, expressed became material.** See what I mean?

Now, **if that same Spirit** that said, "Let there be Light," and there was Light, that said, "Let there be trees," and there was trees; and if that same mind that was in Christ **be in you**, how much could it say, "Let there be no cancer," and it would be gone; "Let the blind eyes be opened," and it would be so. See? **It's your thought.** Jesus said, "Verily..."

You said, "That was Jesus." But wait a minute. He said, "Have faith in God. For verily, verily, I say unto you, **if you shall say to this mountain**, "Be moved, plucked up and cast into the sea, and don't doubt in your heart, but believe that what you say will come to pass, **you'll have whatever things thou sayest.**" Is that right? "You shall have it, not me, you shall have it." What power has been given to the Church... (*Mark 11:22-23*).

Now, you can express it by mental conception, **but if it becomes a real revelation of God, that you see it before it happened**, and express it in word form, **that word takes a hold and becomes material: a thought expressed.** Oh, my, how God could... See? If your heart and your mind is so, **and infilled with God's Spirit, until your thoughts become His thoughts...** Amen. There you are. **When your mind, and your leading, and your guiding, becomes a direct place, or a direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit that's moving your mortal being...** Oh, my.

What kind of people should we be? If the very Holy Spirit has you so embodied or empowered, **that you don't use your own thoughts**, you don't use your own mind, you don't use your own opinion; but the Holy Spirit has you so built, **until your thoughts and your being is God's Spirit expressing Itself through you**, what kind of a church would we be?

What kind of a people would it be, this morning, if this Branham Tabernacle, this morning, **was so filled with the Presence of God**, why, when you didn't even use your own mind, didn't even use your own thoughts, didn't even have no alternative of your own, **but just to be led by the Spirit...?**

"And they that are sons of God are led by the Spirit of God" (*Rom. 8:14*). **Then when the human element goes out, and the Spirit of God fills that vacancy, where you empty yourself** (amen), then will be when the Church in Its power of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, will walk in His steps, in His Power, in His thoughts, in His Being, in His moving... You see what I mean? **Then your thoughts will become words, and words will become material.**

I believe it's on its road, **that when the Church will be so wrapped in Christ, the Holy Spirit, mankind so away from themselves, that they don't see themselves, they don't have no thoughts but to serve God.** And their thoughts move on. They refuse the things of the world. They just move in the Spirit, live in the Spirit, move in the Spirit, walk in the Spirit, so fulfill the law of Christ (*Gal. 6:2; Gal. 5:16,25*). Then the love of Christ in the human heart (*Rom. 5:5*), moving in the Holy Ghost, that great wonderful Church will go forth with power and Deity; **because Deity will be revealed in human beings by the Holy Spirit** bringing to pass the thought of their mind.

Our thoughts run different. A lot of times we walk up, say "How do you do, brother?" And you don't mean it in your heart. A lot of times we say, "I am this and that. I will do that." You don't mean it in your heart. See? I don't mean it in my heart.

But when you can become **so dead to the things of the world** (*Col. 3:1-3*), that Christ is first, Christ is all, then your entire makeup is of the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ, He has full control. **That's when your thoughts will be clean. Your thoughts will be pure.**

Many people say, "Well, religion comes from your heart." There's no mental facilities in that little being called "heart." You can't think with your heart. The Bible said, "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." You can't think with your heart. You can't, 'cause there's nothing mentally in there to think with. **Jesus wasn't speaking of the physical being; He was speaking of the supernatural being.**

"As a man thinketh..." **It has to become a thought before it can become a word.** And a word expressed, materializes. I believe in my heart that I am a Christian, because I have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ;

if I don't cry, if I don't move, if I don't do a thing. In my heart first, I believe that Christ died for me in my stead. Amen. I accept it as a Christian; I believe it as a Christian; **then it's in my heart.** Then I express it in a word, "I am a Christian." Hallelujah. Then I start walking as a Christian, talking as a Christian, living as a Christian, being as a Christian. And by my fruits I'm recognized by the world as a Christian. Hallelujah.

We are Christians by the faith. Through grace of God, we are Christians (*Eph. 2:8-9*). See? God in His infinite mercy, called us to be reconciled to Him through His Son, Christ Jesus (*II Cor. 5:18-19*). Settles it. **Not what we done, what He did;** He changed my soul from the things of the world unto the things of God, from horse races, and gambling, and adultery, and lying, and stealing. He changed my soul, changed my thoughts; and **then my thoughts become so real till they become words in my lips; and they materialize, and now I am a Christian.** It made me a different person. That's what made you. See?

When God speaks anything, it's got to happen; **for it's His thought first, then His Word is expressed.** No matter what comes or goes, it's got to happen. Oh, can you see the infallibility of the Word? Oh, my. [4]

So if you speak one thing and think another, you better stop that. **Get your thoughts on God.** Keep them pure, and stay right there with it, **and speak the same thing all the time.** See? Don't say, „Well, I'll say I'll believe it; but I'll go find out.” You believe it. Amen. [5]

Reference:

[1] „Wisdom Versus Faith” (62-0401), pg. 27

[2] „Christ” (55-0221), par. E17

[3] „Absolute” (62-1230M), pg. 10-11

[4] „The Word Became Flesh, India Trip Report” (54-1003M), par. 173-187, 213, 216, 230

[5] „The First Seal” (63-0318), par. 117, pg. 134

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