

Doctrine of Thoughts

1. The thoughts of the wicked are evil continuously.
 - *Genesis 6:5 And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*

2. It is possible to have great thoughts of the heart, thoughts of victory in battle.
 - *Judges 5:15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah; even Issachar, and also Barak: he was sent on foot into the valley. For the divisions of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart.*

3. Intercessory and personal prayer begs God to keep and establish the thoughts of the hearts of His people.
 - *1 Chronicles 29:18 O LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of the heart of thy people, and prepare their heart unto thee:*

4. The time will come when the thoughts of the heart will cease be those thoughts good or bad.
 - *Job 17:11 My days are past, my purposes are broken off, even the thoughts of my heart.*

5. The thoughts of God's heart will last to all generations.
 - *Psalms 33:11 The counsel of the LORD standeth for ever, the thoughts of his heart to all generations.*

6. God knows how empty and vain are the thoughts of the natural man.
 - *Psalms 94:11 The LORD knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are vanity.*

7. The thoughts of the righteous are pure and uplifting and are contrasted with the thoughts of the wicked which are disgusting to God.
 - *Proverbs 12:5 The thoughts of the righteous are right: but the counsels of the wicked are deceit.*
 - *1 Corinthians 3:20 And again, The Lord knoweth the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.*
 - *Proverbs 15:26 The thoughts of the wicked are an abomination to the LORD: but the words of the pure are pleasant words.*

- *Isaiah 59:7 Their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; wasting and destruction are in their paths.*
8. Impulsive thoughts will lead to poverty or at least economic hardship.
- *Proverbs 21:5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness; but of every one that is hasty only to want.*
9. God is thinking of how He will deal with the ungodly. The wrath of God is being stored up against the wicked. Once His judgment begins it will not cease until He has performed the thoughts of His heart.
- *Jeremiah 23:20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.*
10. If a person wants to know what God is thinking about them personally the answer is this, provided no judgment has been unleashed. God is thinking thoughts of peace and mercy.
- *Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.*
11. Through Bible doctrine it is possible for a person to know the thoughts of their own heart, a point which is contrary to much modern thinking which teaches the subconscious drives individuals.
- *Daniel 2:30 But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but for their sakes that shall make known the interpretation to the king, and that thou mightest know the thoughts of thy heart.*
12. The unbelieving and ungodly do not know the thoughts of God for God is spirit, and the unconverted is flesh, and fleshly in every facet of being: body, soul and spirit.
- *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.*
13. Jesus Christ reveals the innermost thoughts of a person's heart.
- *Luke 2:35 (Yea [Mary], a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also,) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.*