

**Spoken Word #28**  
*“The Examination of Your Faith”*

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*1 Peter 4:12 12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: 13 But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

Let's pray, Dear Father we approach thy Word this morning because we know by Your Word you created the heavens and the earth. And we know according to your own Word in Hebrews 11 that You created the worlds by Your own Faith in Your own Word, and so we know that without Faith in Your Word it is impossible to please you. Help us Father to have the Faith that was in Your Son, Your own Faith in Your Own Word that He held onto as He was tested to the point of Death, even as Abraham held to Your Faith even up to the point of death for his own son. And we ask these things in the lovely name of your obedient son, Jesus Christ. Amen!

Now, this morning I want to examine our faith and in fact I wish to talk about the examination of our Faith, because it is going to take faith to receive a body change. But let me say this, It isn't working yourself up into something called faith. For Faith is a Revelation and if a revelation, then it isn't a mental cognition, but it is something that has been revealed to you that it is.

Faith isn't something that might happen. Faith is something that is already, but just needs skin on it. Faith is the Evidence of those things which are not yet visible, and it is substance.

And we know that word for substance speaks of God Himself. So Faith is God, and He is the Word. And *as a man thinks in his heart that is what he is*. So What God thinks in His heart is His Word, and that is what He is. And the substance of that thinking is an expression called the Word.

Now, this may be a little bit deeper than you would like, but let me lay this out so simple that you could not miss it.

When you and I think of something, our thoughts take on an identification process. In others words, if I ask you to close your eyes, and think of a black stallion, running across a green grassy hill, and now as you are following this stallion as he runs across the green grassy hill, you see over the horizon of the hill an ocean way off in the distance.

Now, what I described to you is something I thought up in my mind, but if you closed your eyes as I spoke those words then you saw in your own mind what I am seeing in my own mind. Now, this is how God could say let there be horse and there was horse. First God had to think it, and then when he spoke it, it became substance. Well, in God's mind it was as real when it was still in His mind as when it became manifested.

Now, that is the Power of His Word. By Faith or Revelation you see it in the invisible pre-incarnate state, but then when you apply His Word to it, it puts on a reality in the 3 dimensions in which you live. I kind of believe the Resurrection will be that way. We know the saints that are to come forth are already in another dimension. Only you can't see them but they are there already.

Brother Branham saw them there waiting on you and me to get ourselves lined up with the Word for this hour and that is what they are waiting on. He saw them there. He described what he saw, and when he spoke it, in my own mind I caught a glimpse of what he was seeing.

Now, to bring it to these three dimensions that we are now living takes something more than an ability to see it in your mind. It takes Faith or revelation in God to perform His own Word.

You and I do not have that yet because we still think there is something down the road for us to come to in order for the resurrection to happen. But you see, those people are already just as alive as you and I are. Brother Branham saw them and they spoke to him and he spoke to them. And they are just waiting on you to see what they already are seeing.

So we are dealing with Faith which is an evidence of what we can not see with natural site, but what we can see with supernatural eyes, the eyes of your heart. And faith is a substance, so it is as real as you and I are.

Now, we read from **1 Peter 4:12** for our text where Peter said, *Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:* And we must ask ourselves, what are the trials for? And we get our answer in verse 13 where he says, *“when His glory (His Doxa, His Opinion, His Values, and His Judgments) shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.”*

So you see the trials are to test our faith in His Word. We also see in **1 Peter 1:3** *Blessed be the God who is the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ out from among the dead, 4 To an inheritance...*

Now, listen, he’s talking about adoption here, because inheritance is for sons and daughters. So let’s see what he says about this inheritance.

First of all it’s) *incorruptible*, (then he says it’s) *undefiled*, (so you see we are to receive an inheritance that is incorruptible and undefiled, and notice then, “if it is incorruptible and undefiled”, then he adds,) *and that fadeth not away...*

Therefore, if it *can never fade away*, and *it is incorruptible*, then it can’t be broken, it can’t be bent nor can it be distorted in any way shape or form. So it is pure. And if it can not fade away you will have it forever. And then he says, and it’s) *reserved in heaven for you...*

Now, this is pretty good, it’s being safeguarded in Heaven for us. And do you know what that inheritance is, that is being stored in Heaven for us? It is God’s own Word which is He said in **Romans 1:16** is *“the Power of God”*, and *Wisdom*, and therefore it is what God intrinsically is.

In Verse **23** of this very same Chapter of 1 Peter, we are told that *the Word of God in incorruptible and that fadeth not away*. So our inheritance has to be God’s own Word.

Well, you might be thinking, “great I thought it would be great treasures and riches and things like that”. But listen, those things fade away, but this can never fade away. Now, the reason that may not excite some is because they do not understand what God’s Word is? But God created the World’s by His Word. That’s Hebrews 11. and it took God having faith in His own word to do it.

And so we read on in **1<sup>st</sup> Peter, 1:5** *And you, who are kept by the power of God...* (notice this tells us that God keeps us by His Own Word, because the Word of God is the Power of God...And Peter goes on to say, ) *through faith* (through revelation that brings us) *unto salvation* (And this Faith or Revelation is) *ready to be revealed in the last time.*

So what is this Faith or Revelation that is to be revealed to us and I might add, in us at the end-time? It is the Revelation of Jesus Christ.

Look, how many remember my sermon called the Faith of Jesus from Gethsemane to the Cross? Well, what was that Faith that Took Jesus from Gethsemane to the Cross? It was God's Own Faith in His Own Word, and once Jesus took hold of God's Faith, the battle was over. Oh, that doesn't mean the trials were over, but that just means That His Faith took hold and sealed the promise to Him.

From his sermon **Will I find faith when I return 51-0508 P:33** Brother Branham said, *And the very God, back there in the beginning that rolled the world, the moon, the stars, and made them from things which do not appear, or made them out of things that do appear. Out of things... And where did He get the material to make it? He spoke it into existence by His Word. He said, "Let there be." And it was so: Deity. And that, a portion of that deity dwells in the heart of every borned again Christian. Hallelujah. Then what did He say, "Ask what you will, and it'll be given to you." There you are. Deity, it fell on the day of Pentecost. It's still falling.*

And again from his sermon **Word become flesh India trip 54-1003M P:81** *"And they that are sons of God are led by the Spirit of God." 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. That's when the Church in its power...I believe it's on its road, that when the Church will be so wrapped in Christ, the Holy Spirit, mankind so away from their selves, 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. Then the love of Christ in the human heart, 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.*

From his sermon, **Identification 63-0123 P:46** *Look to Him, all the ends of the world, and live. And the only way you can... His sinful--sinless nature expressed the Word of God so much that He and the Word was One. He said so. "I and My Father are One. I do always that what pleases the... I and My Father are just One." He was so perfect in the image of God until He and God was the expressed same thing. He was the flesh, the Son, that expressed the deity of God. So that made Him deity in a man, in order to redeem a man. See? He and the Word was One. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was God. And the Word was made flesh..." So He and the Word became one, that the Word could express, and could show to the world that Example of what man should be.*

And Again from his sermon *Pergamean church age 60-1207 P:46* Now, if He is the living Word, then this wrote on the Bible is part of Him; then if you can receive this into Him, which is the Word, this Word comes into you by faith makes It alive, because the... Oh, catch That. The Word comes into you, if the Holy Spirit's in there, It's alive as soon as It comes in, and every promise is true. Nothing... "Therefore, if you say to this mountain 'Be moved,' and don't doubt in your heart." Because what? You are Deity speaking. You believe it? The Bible said so. And whatever you say shall come to pass if you'll not doubt, if you can get all of the world bred out of you, let the Holy Spirit make you a full son or daughter of God (no world, no condemnation, no doubt). What is it then? It's no more you; it's God in you. Then you take His Word; It's a promise, and say, "Father, it's Your promise." "Satan..." Something's got to move.

Now, in getting back to **1 Peter 1** we shall pick up at verse **6** *Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations:* (Notice he says we will have manifold t4estings if we need it. So as Peter said in our text, *Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:* And why should we think it not strange? Because he said you will be tested if you need it. That's the key. Lord, why all these tests? Because you have need of them, that's why. And why is that? Because you have not yet let go of your own desires and worldly ambitions, and you have not yet let Christ take over your being. So he says, ) **7** *That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honor and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:*

So you see we are to have the trials of our faith. So the testing is not to see how great you are, and how much you know, and how holy you can make yourself. But the trials are the trials of your Faith. In other words, the Faith or revelation in you is set forth to be tested and tried to make sure it brings forth what is ordained for it to bring forth.

Now, let me just read to the end of the chapter and then I will again comment.

**1 Peter 1:8** *Whom having not seen, ye love; in whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory: 9 Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. 10 Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 11 Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. 12 Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into. 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;*

And we know that in **1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 1: 4-10** we are told that this Grace that is to come is for the purpose of bringing us into a maturity that we might have the mind of Christ in us, and that we might all say the speak the same concerning the Doctrine) **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.*



Now, in getting back to verse 7 we are promised that these trials of our Faith or revelation are to produce in us Praise, Honor and Glory. You see, we do not test things just for the sake of testing them. We test for approval. We test the 1<sup>st</sup> graders after they are ready to be proved that they have what it takes to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> grade and be promoted into 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade. So with each test passed we are promoted up one rung of the ladder so to speak.

Now, what I am driving at is that this revelation of Jesus Christ, if you have truly received it into your mind, and soul, then as Brother Branham said, you are deity expressed to this world.

**Deity of Jesus Christ the 49-1225 P:38** *And that same power, that same Christ... Hallelujah. Let the fundamentalists, let them people who deny the power of God say it's wrong; but **that same power that spoke the world into existence is in those people that's got the Holy Ghost.** That's right. Men and women, **it's time that we found out who you are.** The devil's trying to hide you back, tell you that you're some little trod-down something. You're not. **You're sons and daughters of God.** The Deity is not in heaven; **it's in you.** Hallelujah. I know you think I'm crazy, but let me tell you something, brother. When you realize that Almighty God lives in you, it's all right. "My Life, I give Zoe," the Life of God is in the human being.*

So what you are in your mind and soul is what you are. And Jesus said, “**whatsoever a man thinketh, so is he.**” Therefore, if The revelation of Jesus Christ is in You, then it will not only affect your character, but it will mold His Character into your character, And whatever He reveals in your heart, will even affect the circumstances that you enter into daily, which circumstances are used by God in the shaping of your character into it's final product that God has predestined.

Look, we all know in **Matthew 13** the Parable of the Son of Man as he went forth sowing seeds, and we also know those seeds were the word of God, and we also know the Word is Life, so those seeds as carriers of God-Life, are the children of God. We all know that. Well, then those thoughts in your mind are seeds also. And as seeds they contain life. **Therefore, every trial you endure, every test that God puts you through, comes about as a result of the Seed thoughts that lay within your heart.**

Then as Peter said it should not surprise us when we face our trials, because these trials are made for the purpose of testing us. In fact we see in [**1 Peter 1:7**] that not only are we ordained to these tests, but we are also ordained to pass them. **WUEST TRANSLATION ....In which last season you are to be constantly rejoicing with a joy that expresses itself in a triumphant exuberance, although for a little while at the present time if perchance there is a need for it, you have been made sorrowful in the midst of many different kinds of testings in order that the approval of your faith, which faith was examined by testing for the purpose of being approved, that your approval being much more precious than the approval of gold which perishes, even though that gold be approved by fire-testing, may be discovered after scrutiny to result in Praise, Honor and Glory at the time of the Revelation of Jesus Christ;**

Therefore, we can say that every trial that you go through and every time you are put to a test by God and you can not see beyond the circumstance which surround your life, just remember that these are all a result of the seeds of your thinking and they have spawned forth from the heart.

Remember, what Paul told us in the book of **Romans 8:28-31** *28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. 29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified. 31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?*

Therefore, if everything about us is already predestined from God, then the very thoughts we think, He knew we would have them before the foundations of the World, and He knows not only what you have thought, but what thoughts you will think too.

Then we can see the relationship of these thoughts that we have and how they influence our growth into the image of His Son. Our minds are always in a constant flux of change. When we were children we had certain thoughts that filled our minds. Then through life experiences we begin to further develop our thoughts.

And as we receive each and every new experience, our minds begin to examine the circumstances in our lives with a more mature understanding. Paul said in [**1 Cor 13:11**] *"When I was a child, I spoke as a child, because I understood as a child understands, because I thought as a child thinks, but now that I have become a man, I put away from my mind childish thinking."* And so we see that our mind is in a constant growth pattern, in which our garden or thoughts are constantly being upgraded so to speak, or renewed by what life experiences we go through on our journey of becoming.

Paul tells us in [**Romans 5:3-5**] that *we should glory in our tribulations, or testings*. Now this word here is a Greek word which means those things that seem to bring forth pressure upon us.

Why do we always think of our trials come as a result of someone else bringing them, when we are told by Paul that we should glory in these things, because he went on to say, *"knowing that tribulation worketh within you patience; and patience; experience which is character, and character brings forth an earnest expectation, and having an earnest expectation makes us to be not ashamed, because we know that the Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts or understanding by the Holy Ghost which God has given to us by the receiving of His Word.* Therefore we see God uses circumstances in our lives to bring forth His character & grace in us.

Then our character development is dependent upon receiving outside stimuli and how we react to those trials because God is trying to produce in our thinking, His very words. Thus these stimuli bring us into fulfillment toward the ultimate goal of receiving the very mind of God. Because after all, God wants us to do what His son did, and with every temptation that came his way, he went right straight to the Word. And that is what Eve Failed to do.

When that young slicker comes along and tries to get your kids to do something that they were taught by dad that isn't right, when he says, o, c'mon, it's ok, let's go do this or that. And in your mind, your child training pops up in your mind and says, but dad said I shouldn't do it. Or Mom said that this thing is wrong.

Well, that is the same way with God and His word. He's trying to fill our little minds full of His Word, so that as Jesus said under the same tests you have, He said, "It is written, or it is also written, etc. Therefore, *our reactions that we show toward these circumstances is an outward indication as to where we stand in our development as sons of God.* How we handle each circumstance will depend upon what stage of our development we are in, in our progression toward our ultimate character as obedient sons. Then *what appears to be a test at one stage in our progression, will not appear to be so at a later stage in our character development.*

Circumstances are just like taking a test in school. What would appear to be a very difficult thing for us in the first year of schooling, would not even appear to be a test after twelve years of schooling. The further on in our progressive state that we move into toward the image of God that we are conforming to, the further developed will be our response mechanism that we harbor in our mind set or seed garden of our thinking.

*Therefore every circumstance that we face in life is a growth from our own mind or thoughts. Circumstances grow out of thought.* We are only buffeted by circumstances so long as we perceive these to be an outside influence upon our lives.

When we finally realize that circumstances that come forth in our lives are a direct result of our own mental state, we will begin to appreciate their use and purpose in our growth toward the finished product that God has destined for each one of us.

Anyone who has for any length of time, been a practicing Christian, and who has practiced self control and self purification or sanctification, will have noticed that the alteration in their circumstances have been in a direct ratio to the alteration in their mental state.

When you purposely and earnestly make an effort to remedy your personal character defects, and make swift and marked progress toward bettering yourself in areas where you are weak, you will pass swiftly through a succession of unpredictable changes. Therefore, your soul attracts that which it secretly desires, and also that which it fears the most. It not only reaches the heights of it's desired aspirations, but it also falls to the level of it's un disciplined desires, and circumstances are the means by which your soul receives what it longs for.

Therefore, every thought seed that we allow to fall into the fertile soil of our minds, to take root there, will produce it's own kind, after it's own likeness or nature. Yes, your thoughts will produce fruits of what is there.

Sooner or later each thought seed we have sown in our hearts will have to blossom and become manifested in our lives as an action or deed. And each action or deed will bear it's own fruit in terms of opportunity or circumstances. As the Scripture tells us, *good thoughts will bear good fruit and bad thoughts will bear bad fruit.* That is why we must come to the place where **we begin to monitor and control what we think and believe.**

Peter tells us in **1 Peter 1: 20-22** that *if we suffer for Christ sake it is acceptable with God, but if we suffer for what we have caused, then we should take the consequences patiently,* knowing as Paul taught in Romans 8, *that all things are working together for our own good.* As you can see, your thoughts are seeds that must bring forth into manifestation the nature that is in the seed.

Since the life in the seed will make itself known, then when the seed thought does give way to a life experience in the form of an action or a deed, it will then cause other things to happen in response. Therefore as Peter said, *don't be so shocked and surprised if your actions cause other circumstances to happen which you may feel you can not control*. You really can control them by not causing them to happen in the first place.

The law of physic's tells us "*For every action there is a reaction*." And in his sermon Testing for reactions, Brother Branham taught us that God uses actions or circumstances in our life to test our reactions to them. Therefore, it behooves us to be careful how we do things. If we really believe that everything we sow will result in reaping, then when we sow hateful speech, we should not be surprised when criticisms come back our way. Therefore we can see how circumstances can actually shape themselves around our inner thoughts. The we can see that God uses both pleasant and unpleasant external happenings in our life to work together for our good. That is why we learn from suffering and from blessings. Each of these helps further our growth toward the image of Christ that we so long to be in our souls.

Therefore we should be able to see how our actions are only an expression of our thoughts. Circumstances do not just happen, they grow out of the conditions of our heart.

Just as our spiritual lives are progressive where Word must be piled upon Word to bring forth our Glorified body, so too do our circumstances add to our suffering in order to help our character to grow and develop. Every situation we face in life is like the piece of a large puzzle that once fitted together gives purpose and meaning to each of them. The circumstances and conditions we face each day are only reflectors which help us to know how far along in our development we have come.

Therefore, you may not always receive what you pray for, but know one thing for sure, you will always receive what you have sown for.

Then our desires and prayers are only beneficial to us when they are in harmony with what we are actually sowing in the recesses of our mind. When we fight circumstances, we are only revolting against the effect of what we have been sowing. We see the circumstances that are without and we may not like what we see, yet they are there only because we keep nourishing them in our minds, and we keep feeding and thus preserving them in our mind.

You can not improve your circumstances without improving your self. And that is why our circumstances remain the same. If we are not willing to die to self, we shall never achieve our hearts desire. A man who wishes to have a better life style, must be willing to work for what he wants. Too many people live in poverty and yet only wish that they could rise above it, but what are they doing about it, what are they sowing toward changing their situation? Griping never will never get you anywhere, so why do it.

If you want change you must be willing to change. You must be an agent of change. It reminds me of a poem I heard brother Branham tell. From his sermon **Serpent's seed 58-0928E P:42** he said, *A little poem, that used to help me so much when I was a kid, goes something like this: There was a noble Roman, In the Roman Emperor's days; Who heard a coward croaker, Before the castle say: Oh, it's safe in such a Fir tree, There's no one can shake it.' Oh, no,' said the hero, 'I'll find a way or make it.' There you are. That's right.*



*43 If this Bible teaches that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever... It wasn't a easy thing, when I stepped out of this Tabernacle that day, and everybody was telling me this would happen and that would happen. "You'd be considered a fanatic and thrown into jail. And all of the medical association would get against you." But God said do it. The Bible said He was, and now a revival fire burns in every nation under the heavens. That's right. Stand up to it. How do you tackle your work each day? Are you scared of the job that you find? Can you stand right up to the work ahead of you? Have you got a tired and empty mind? (I hate that stuff.) Or do you stand right up to the work ahead of you, Or is fear ever running through it? If so, tackle the next you find, By thinking you're going to do it. Stay with it. Certainly. Purpose in your heart like Daniel. Stay with God.*

So quit your griping because it will never get you anywhere. It reminds me of an young man that wanted to be a monk. So he enters into the monastery and after he is ordained he is told, This Monastery is dedicated to silence, and you will only be permitted to speak two word after you have been here 10 years. So ten years goes by and the young monk is asked what his two words are, and he replies. Bed hard. The head monk said we will consider that. Another ten years passes by and the young monk is permitted to speak another 2 words, and he says, Food Bad. The elder monk says we will consider that. Finally at the end of the next 10 years, the young monk is asked what two words he would like to speak, and he said "I quit". The elder monk replies, "well, that figures, the only words out of your mouth for the past 30 years were complaints anyway."

So gripe and complain if you wish, but no one really cares. You get what you sow for. You are the reason you are what you are. What you have sown is what you are reaping in your life. You don't get a close knit family by the luck of some draw, but you get a close knit family by hard work and constant communication. *Good thoughts and actions can never produce bad results.*

In fact Jesus told us in **Matthew 7:17-19** that a good tree can not produce bad fruit. Therefore if we think good thoughts, we will have good actions which will produce good results. You reap only what you sow. Therefore if you delight in the Lord, you will receive the things that you have need of.

**Psalms 37:4** *Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart*

**Proverbs 16:3** says, *Commit thy works unto the LORD, and thy thoughts shall be established.*

You make the commitment; you are the one who must sow, and then God simply honors the Law or Reproduction that says, *every seed will bring forth after it's own kind.* I have seen too many people complain about their lack of victory, yet they do not sow victory, but defeat.

**E-17 Hour Is Come 51-0415E** *Your right mental attitude towards God's Divine promise will bring any promise to pass. Now, maybe you don't believe that. You say, "Well, my faith is weak." I wouldn't confess it. See? Don't let the devil know that. Always say, "I have good faith. I believe God with all my heart." See? Don't testify nothing of the devil. And when you accept Him as your Healer, don't never act like you're sick or crippled any more. Believe that you're healed. Take Him at His Word. Then it's all over on God then and not on you. See? As long as you take God at His Word, then the Word will produce what It promised to do.*

A friend of mine told me that he heard a man that claims to be a minister but has no church, said, "You know I can do what brother Brian is doing, and in fact I've always wanted to do just that. And my friend replied, "but your not doing it". And that was a good answer. A lot of arm chair quarter backs think they would have called a better play than the professional they are watching, but they are only puffed up in their own minds, and in most cases their bellies are swollen with beer as they slouch on their easy chair. If they could do better they would be the one out their.

Therefore, *Beautiful thoughts of all kinds will crystallize into habits of Grace and kindness, which solidify into friendly and cheerful circumstances: pure thoughts crystallize into habits of holiness and self control, which further solidify into circumstances of rest and peace.* If you sow *thoughts of self reliance, courage and decisiveness*, they will bring forth *circumstances of success, plenty and freedom*; energetic thoughts crystallize into habits of cleanliness and industry, which solidify into circumstances of courteousness: gentle and forgiving thoughts solidify into protective and preservative circumstances.

Loving and unselfish thoughts crystallize into habits of self-forgetfulness, which solidify into circumstances of abiding prosperity and true riches. *"To have friends you must show yourself friendly"* If you keep sowing the same particular train of thoughts, be it good or bad, it cannot help but to produce its results on the character and circumstances in which you live.

**Isaiah 58:11** *"And the Lord shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not."*

**Jeremiah 31:12b** *"Their Soul shall be as a watered Garden"* Therefore, everything you are, even your Character comes forth from the thoughts that is in your heart, making you what you really are. And your thoughts affect everything that is already in you, not only affecting your character, and molding your character, but even affect your daily circumstances, and the way you handle those circumstances. And God uses those circumstances in shaping of your character to its final goal that He predestined for you. Therefore, every trial you endure, every test you go through, comes as a result of the thoughts that lay within your heart. Therefore, every thought seed that we allow to fall into the fertile soil of our minds, to take root there, will produce it's own kind, after it's own likeness or nature. Sooner or later each thought seed we have sown in our hearts will have to take blossom and become manifested in our lives as an action or deed. And each action or deed will bear it's own fruit in terms of opportunity or circumstances. As the Scripture tells us, good thoughts will bear good fruit and bad thoughts will bear bad fruit.

Therefore Loving thoughts create an atmosphere of help, and trust, which crystallize into habits of Grace, kindness, and charity, which creates further circumstances of friendliness and cheerful benevolence, and reciprocity on the behalf of those who are the recipients of your loving thoughts. We will pick up on Wednesday evening from where we leave off this morning.

Let us pray...