

As A Man Thinketh [The Mind As Your Personal World]

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2 Corinthians 10:4-5

⁴ (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;)

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;

Philippians 2:5

⁵ Let this mind be in you,
which was also in Christ
Jesus:

Romans 12:2

² 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.

Proverbs 25:28

²⁸ He that hath no rule over his own spirit is like a city that is broken down, and without walls.

Jeremiah 17:9

⁹ The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Romans 6:16

¹⁶ Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?

Proverbs 4:23

²³ Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 23:7

⁷ For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee.

James 4:7-8

⁷ Submit yourselves
therefore to God. Resist the
devil, and he will flee from
you.

⁸ Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

God's Laws And Rules

59-0823 — Palmerworm, Locust,
Cankerworm, Caterpillar

36 Now, remember, that, only anything can work as you work in the law of that thing. The cosmic forces can only move according to cosmic law.

The planets can only move as they're moved by the law of the planets. The sun can only rise according as the earth turns to the sun.

And that there, is,
everything has to work
according to the law of its
plan. For, God made all
things, and made a law for
that thing.

And then it's got to turn, and to work, and to operate according to the law of that item. It will not work correctly any other way.

59-1217 — What Was The
Holy Ghost Given For?

44 As I said, God will never go
outside of His laws to do
anything. If you've got an
artesian well on this hill,
blowing water all over the air,

and on this other hill over here, you've got a crop burning up, you can stand on this hill and holler, "Oh, water, run over here and fill my crop!"

Oh, water, get to my crop!”
It’ll never do it. But if you’ll
work according to the laws
of gravitation, you can water
that crop.

45 You've got a sick man
laying here, or a sinner laying
here, or a man that wants to
be right, can't give up
drinking, can't give up
smoking, can't give up lust
and things.

If you'll just work according
to the laws of God, let the
Holy Spirit come in there,
then he's no more his own.

He, he will stop that thing,
because the Holy Spirit takes
him over. But you've got to
work according to the laws
of God, the rules of God.

60-0108 — Conference With²⁴ God

14 I think that Divine healing is something that you must approach reverently, sanely, because it is the work of God.

Now, God can never go
against His Own laws and
rules, He will always work
according to His rules.

60-0729 — What It Takes To
Overcome All Unbelief: Our
Faith

123 There's an old proverb
that's more than a proverb,

“No matter how, who is
there first, you have to play
the rules of the game, or
you’ll never win.”

If a runner is running around the track, and one takes a shortcut, and cuts through the field, and beats the other one there by a half-hour,

still he will be disqualified at the end of the race. He's got to play it according to the rules of the game, or he's disqualified.

124 And that's the way we
have to do, the race of life
that we're running now, it
has to be played according
to God's qualifications, or
we'll lose when we get
there.

Whether we're President,
whether we are the
Governor, or a minister, or
who, what church we belong
to,

or what denomination, the rules of the game has to be kept, we must run it fair, we must play it by the rules; we must preach the Word, we must do it willingly.

62-0422 — The Restoration Of
The Bride Tree

88 Enforce! Then, we are
the...have the privilege to
enforce, upon Satan, the
claims that God give us.

For, God has a law, and His
Word is a law, and God in
this Word made certain
claims to the Church.

Therefore, we have a right to
force these claims upon
Satan,

and say, “Give it back,” and he has to do it. Because, we can take God’s Agent, the Holy Spirit, go right down on our knees, and say, “It’s THUS SAITH THE LORD.”

He's got to give it up, that's all, 'cause the Holy Spirit is there to make him do it.

The law of the land is to enforce. It's by the land, for the land.

63-1229M — There Is A Man

Here That Can Turn On The Light

163 You can't go against

God's nature. He's got a law,

and, to contrary that law,

kills your plant.

You've got to go according to
God's spoken laws, and His
laws is His Word. Any law is a
word spoken. And a word is a
thought manifested. See? Now
we—we know that that's true.

With Head Or Heart?

61-0315 — An Uncertain Sound

101 Here some time ago, it was questioned about Solomon in the Bible, when he said, “As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he.”

Well then, the scientist said,
“Looky here, there’s no
mental faculties in a human
heart, Solomon meant his
head.” Huh!

If he'd have meant head, he'd have said, head, that's it. I—I believe the Bible to be just exactly the way It's wrote. Just, I believe That's God's Word, just, I believe It is God.

God is no better than His Word, you are no better than your word. Your own word is what is going to stand there to judge you at that Day.

102 Now, in Chicago about
four years ago, Brother
Mattsson-Boze's little girl,
Joyce,

is to be married next month,
lovely little girl, she's always
telling me something, and
laughing, just always have a
little joke to tell me,

saying about something
that—that’s a little crack she
has to make about
something, and she says to
me, she said, “Did you hear
what was in the paper
today?”

And I said—I said, “Now, wait a minute, Joyce, now what—what you going to tell me now? What...?”

103 Said, “No this is not,
Brother Branham,” said, “I’ll
bring it to you, show you.”
Said, “I heard you say about
man thinking in his heart.”

I read it in the Bible. She said,
“Now, today they have found
it, and proved it, it’s not in
the, it’s not in no other
heart,

but the human heart, it isn't in a animal heart, but there's a little compartment in the heart that science says is the place where the soul abides.”

So therefore God was right when He said, “As a man thinketh in his heart.” See, there is a mental faculty in the heart.

104 Now, when you say,
“Well now, l—l—l...” Did you
ever...? All of you has had
this: times that when you
would think,

“Well, I—I don’t know whether it could happen or not.” And all at once something just tells you, “It’s going to happen,” regardless of what anybody else says,

you know it's going to happen. We've all had them experiences. That's when your heart is thinking, that's your heart telling you.

105 Now, the mind reasons,
but the heart doesn't
reason, it just believes it. If I
could ever drive that home
to one of my audience,

I'd have a real healing service, if I could ever get my audience to see that, that it's not what your head thinks at all.

There's where the devil abides, but he reasons it out, "I—I'm sick, I can't get well. I—I got this," or, "I can't be saved, I—I—I've done too much."

See, that's reason, but we are to cast down reasonings. That's right. Casting down our reasonings, we believe with our heart.

106 In the garden of Eden,
man was divided in two
parts, the devil took his
head, and God took his
heart.

The devil makes him look at things, and say, “Well, it just can’t happen, I can reason it out.”

And God took his heart to dwell in his heart to make him believe things that his head don't even know nothing about. That's right.

So it's in your heart you think. Down here, that's where the real certain Sound comes from, is from the heart, there's where God talks, and here is where the devil talks from.

So let's cast down what the devil said, and take a certain Sound, and that certain Sound is God talking in our heart, that's true, God's promises.

107 Let's just interview for the next three or four minutes, find some that took His promises, and whether they were realities or not.

They didn't reason about them. God makes you think of things, and do things that's unreasonable to the human head. Did you know that?

108 Here's a little boy
setting here in a chair,
wheelchair, perhaps, maybe
his mama and papa might
have brought him,

and he...maybe the doctors done everything for him they can do. See? He said, "It's all over." Well now, if you're going to listen to what he tells you, then it's all over,

but if there's something
begins to work down in here,
brother, that—that's
different then, that's another
sound.

109 Now, this sound says, “It’s over.” But this sound is a certain sound, it’ll deny this one. Now, depends on...And this one will try to deny that one, the vice versa.

But depends on which one
you listen to.

Like the Indian was that
time, that got saved. Said,
“How you getting along,
Chief?”

110 Said, “Well, since I got saved, there’s two dogs in me, and,” said, “one is white and one is black, and the white one wants me to do right, and the black one wants me to do wrong.”

Said, “They’re fighting all the time.”

He said, “Well, how do—how do you get along? Which one wins, Chief?”

111 He says, “Depends on which one Chief feeds the most.” Well, that’s it. If you’re going to listen to reason, you’ll always have this fellow conquered,

but if you'll listen to the certain Sound, God's Word, working in your heart, you'll conquer this one. Which one do you feed?

58-1005M — Hear His Voice

94 It'll make a different man
and woman out of you, if
you'll just stand still long
enough to hear His Voice,
like Samuel did.

Stand still. Don't be excited.
If you want something of
God, ask Him; then stand still
and listen, see what He's
going to say about it.

Just open up your heart, say,
“What about it, Lord Jesus?”
Just stay there. If He doesn’t
answer the first five hours,
then wait another.

If He doesn't answer today,
then He'll answer tomorrow.
If He doesn't answer this
week, He will next week.
Stay there till He answers.

95 Hear His Voice speak
back, in your heart, and say,
“Yes, I’m the Lord that
healeth thee.”

Then it's all over. You can settle then. See? "I'm the Lord Who forgives all thy sins. Now go and sin no more."

I don't condemn you." Then you can go free. You're all right. But you want to be sure that you heard that Voice speak. Moses heard It. He was a changed man.

63-0120M — The Voice Of
God In This Last Days
86 Moses heard the Voice
of God. He was full of
theology.

He knowed all the in's and out's, but it failed. He heard the Voice of God, Moses was never the same.

87 And no man is never the same. You might hear in your ears the—the Voice speaking, but when you hear in your heart,

the Voice speaking, see, then you're hearing. You do not see with your eye. You look with your eye, you see with your heart.

You see something, say, “I just don’t see it,” you mean you don’t understand it. You do not hear with your ears, you hear with your heart.

Many times your ears hears the true Voice of God, and It falls off of you like water off of a duck's back. But when you really hear, you hear with your heart.

63-0120M — The Voice Of
God In This Last Days

89 And this is what He
promised for the last days.
He'd raise up a people from
the Gentiles, and all the
promises.

63-0120M — The Voice Of
God In This Last Days
110 So you're going to hear
the Voice of God some
time.

Maybe faintly this morning it speaks in your heart, that you should turn from the way that you're going, turn back to God.

Now, remember, they'll
record that Voice that's
speaking to your heart, in
Heaven. And someday when
Jesus does call, and all that's
in the grave, all, right and
wrong, will rise.

And then this very same Voice will whisper right back to you, “In Phoenix, Arizona, on a certain Sunday morning, when the minister held you so long, speaking on the Voice, I spoke to you;

told you women to let your
hair grow out, quit dressing
immorally; told you men to
quit that lying, smoking;

told you preachers to turn
back to the Word of God.”
See what I mean? That’s
right.

That still Voice say, “It could
be right.”

60-0518 — Adoption #2

19 But now, on forward.

Then did you notice Moses,
that great miracle performer
that brought down Israel
down through the land,

and brought them up to the promised land, but did not place their inheritance to them?

He did not give them their inheritance; he led them up to the land, but Joshua divided the land to the people. Is that right?

And Christ brought the
Church up to the place to
where their possession was
made to them, was given to
them, just the Jordan to
cross,

but the Holy Spirit is the One
Who sets the Church in
order. The Joshua of today
puts the Church in its order,
giving to each one, gifts,
places, position.

And He is the Voice of God
speaking through the inner
man that Christ has saved,
the Holy Spirit. Now do you
get that much of it? Now we're
getting over into the Book of
Ephesians.

Now, the same way, He's positionally placing the Church where they belong. Now, Joshua placed them in the natural land.

Now the Holy Spirit is placing the Church, positionally, in the land, that they, in the position that they belong in, their inheritance.

63-0714M — Why Cry?

Speak!

45 I think any man with a...or
woman, boy or girl. And I
think, in a intellectual
conception of what they think
the Word is,

and so forth, never can have
a full foundation stand until
they have met that Light
that brings that Word to a
reality.

46 I think no church in its
practice, no matter how
intellectual and fundamental it
might be, that church cannot
thrive until the Supernatural is
made known among that
people, and they see it.

Something that they can talk to, that will talk back to them, that vindicates this written Word.