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"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)

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Bible Classes* 10:00 AM

AM Worship 10:45 AM

PM Worship 6:30 PM

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Bible Classes* 7:00 PM

(* Bible Classes for All Ages)

Today's Sermon:

Caleb's Mountain

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What God Thinks

By—David A. Cox

Via—Market Street Messenger— 07/10/2011

The matter of man thinking is far more important that we often realize. The wise man said, *"As a man thinketh in his heart so is he"* (Proverbs 23:7). Again *"keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life"* (Proverbs 4:23). Paul reminded the Philippians to guard their thinking and to think only on good, positive and godly things (Philippians 4:8). We need to learn and understand the power that our thoughts can have upon our relationship with God. Let us notice a few examples in scripture.

The Case of Naaman. In 2 Kings 5, we read the story of the cleansing of Naaman of his leprosy. The prophet, Elisha, told Naaman to *"go and wash in Jordan seven times"* (2 Kings 5:10). Naaman did not want to do this and was even angry at what the prophet told him. As Naaman went away in a rage he said, *"Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, stand, and call on the name of the Lord his God, and strike his hand over the place and recover the leper"* (2 Kings 5:11). Naaman was think-

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ing, but his thinking was faulty. As long as he thought this way and refused to align his thinking with God's, he would remain a leper. Let us learn that we must subject our thinking to God's thinking.

The Case of the Rich Fool. Jesus told the parable about a farmer whose ground was greatly blessed, even to the point that he had no room to store the harvest. Notice the thinking of this man who had been so blessed. *"And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry"* (Luke 12 17-19). In this parable, the thoughts of the blest man was only upon self and there was no thanksgiving to God. In the verses that follow, Jesus gives God's reaction to such faulty thinking. *"But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God"* (Luke 12:19-21). The Lord reprimands him for such thinking. We must not think that "things" will help us in any way to be pleasing to God. God is not concerned with what we have, but what kind of steward we have been with the things that we have been blessed with.

The Church at Laodicea. In Revelation 3, the angel of the church at Laodicea writes to the church and speaks of their condition of being lukewarm, neither cold or hot. However, this description did not match the thoughts of the members of the church at Laodicea. Revelation 3:17 tells what the Laodiceans thought of themselves, *"Because thou sayest, I am rich and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."* What a difference in what the Laodiceans thought and what the Lord thought. We must be sure that we are objective in our thinking and that our objectivity is based upon God's will.

These are a few examples and many more could be given, but this is enough to understand that pleasing God is not based upon what I think pleasing God is, but upon what God thinks. We must remember that God's thoughts are higher than man's thoughts and His ways are higher than our ways (Isaiah 55:8-9). We must then look to God's word and determine what is right and pleasing to Him and then walk and think in those ways as we acknowledge God as the ruler of our lives.

Humility

By—Dennis Carrow

Via-What is True? - Little Rock, AR

A young boy once came home from school really bragging to his mother about his accomplishment at school that day, to which she replied, "It looks like I need to teach you a lesson in humility." To which the young boy said; "Mom, I know everything there is to know about humility."

This humorous story illustrates how that once we think we have reached the pinnacle of humility we no longer possess it. How do we learn humility? How do we teach humility?

Humility grows out of an attitude of how we view ourselves and others. It is a critical element of faith. In the absence of humility we will never be able to enter into fellowship with God. Humility is the antecedent of pride. Therefore, it is through humility we begin to approach God (James 4:6).

Then, effectively, in this state we naturally become the kind of people God would have us to be. Humility enables us to "have the mind of Christ." The essence of humility is the condition of mind that places the desire of God and the needs of others above our own. (Philippians 2:1-11).

It is imperative that we possess this quality and we must instill it in our children. Humility begins as we acknowledge we don't know everything and we depend on God.

From The Elders:

"Alcohol & Sin"

By—Paul Smithson

Alcohol is a device Satan uses to deceitfully destroy the lives and souls of many people. In the U.S. today, over 65 million people above the age of 20 drink alcoholic beverages. Alcoholism affects one out of three American families. America spends an annual 10 billion dollars on liquor. Twenty to 50% of general hospital beds are occupied by the people whose illness is associated with alcohol abuse. Alcohol is involved in over 50% of all arrests.

The Tennessee Alcohol & Drug Association reports show that drinking is also a problem among our youth. It reports that over 50% of seventh graders and nearly 90% of high school seniors have tried alcohol. They tell us the leading single cause of death among 15-24 year olds is drunk driving and that 40 - 60% of all fatal crashes involving a young driver are alcohol related.

Drunkenness is included among the works of the flesh which will not allow an individual to inherit the kingdom of God, (Galatians 5:21).

The use of alcohol impairs the qualities one must possess to be pleasing to God such as self-control, reason, and sound judgment (1 Peter 1:6; 4:7; Galatians 5:23). It is difficult at times to live and act properly before God when one is sober, let alone while under the

influence of alcohol.

Some ask, "If drinking is wrong then why did Jesus turn the water into wine in John 2?" Surely Jesus would not provide for some what He condemns for others. It is a fact of history that what was drunk at the table in the ancient world was not the intoxicating wine of today. Not only the Greeks, but the Hebrews and Romans alike cut their wine with 3 and 4 parts water to drink as a beverage. Wine that was not deluded was referred to as strong drink, which the Bible so clearly warns against. Every product that anyone would drink as a social drink today, such as beer, wine, or liquor, has the alcohol content to be classified as strong drink.

Some defend social drinking stating, "I can control my drinking, I don't get drunk." But the very example that drinking sets before others condemns it before God (1 Timothy 4:12).

Could anyone who defends social drinking be willing to say: 1. That they believe they could convincingly have a righteous influence on others with a drink in their hand? 2. That they would want others, especially children to follow their example? 3. That when Jesus comes in judgment they would be perfectly comfortable meeting Him with a drink in their hand?

Billions of dollars are spent to advertise the use of alcohol as fun and glamorous. To drink, we are told, is to "go for the gusto," "the high life." We are told that when you drink "it just doesn't get any better than this", that when you drink "life is good."

However, Satan never gives the true picture. "*Satan disguises himself as an angel of light*" (2 Corinthians 11:14). Never do the alcohol commercials show the guy in the gutter in his own vomit. Never do they show hungry children where some mom or dad drank up the paycheck. Never do they show the dead and mangled bodies in a pile of twisted metal where a drunk has hit a car head on. Neither do they mention God's displeasure. Sin is deceitful (Hebrews 3:12-13)

Those Serving This Week

Sunday AM

Class Prayer	Tim Henderson
Announcements	Don Coen, Jr.
Song Leader	Earl Miller
Scripture	Luke 14:25-15:10
Reader	Dan Marton
Prayer	Don Coen, Sr.
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Lord's Supper	
Bread	Bryan Legg
Fruit of the Vine	Chuck Isinghood
Serve	CJ Isinghood
Serve	Wayne Campbell
Closing Prayer	John Lemal

Please inform the one in charge of announcements if you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities.

Sunday PM

Announcements	Don Coen, Jr.
Song Leader	Dan Marton
Scripture	Luke 15:11-32
Reader	Ed Roberts
1st Prayer	Bryan Legg
Speaker	Tim Henderson
Communion	Tim Henderson
Closing Prayer	Earl Miller

Wednesday

Class Prayer	Chuck Isinghood
Announcements	Don Coen, Jr.
Song Leader	Wayne Campbell
Invitation	Dan Marton
Closing Prayer	Bryan Legg

News N Notes

Please remember these in your prayers:

Travelling:

- The Marshall Family
- The Prager Family

Sick/ Poor Health:

- Leila Brady, Nancy Morris' daughter
- Don Coen, Sr.~
- Clifford Coen~
- Zeda Goddard
- Grace Lancaster~
- Ronald & Charollette Lancaster~
- Virginia Malick, Peggy Miller's mother~
- Harold Marshall, SR, is at home under hospice care~
- Alfred and Mary Jane Myers~
- Jim Moore, Nancy Morris' nephew
- Jimmy Roberts, Ed & Marie's son
- Jim Roberts, Ed Roberts' father
- Marie Roberts
- Gabriel Taylor, 5 year old great grandson of Don Coen, Sr., dealing with cancer.
- Trudell Tennant

Our Shut-ins

Ann's Retreat:

- Josephine Clow

Brightwood Center:

- Shirley Campbell

Valley Haven:

- Ethel Mahan
- Pauline Sellers

Weirton Geriatric:

- Kitty Morgan

At Home:

- Mabel Fleming
- Zeda Goddard
- Betty Hunter
- Pauline Midcap
- Ann Rudolph

Send them a card—give them a call—let them know we are thinking about them.

If someone needs to be added to this list, please contact Tim Henderson