

QUESTION:

I know that God can hear our thoughts but I've been wondering if he hears all of our thoughts, and if we are held accountable for any bad thoughts?

II CORINTHIANS 10:5

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;

LAW_ CHICAGO.IL SATURDAY_ 55-0115

E-18.....Don't never let your testimony be negative; let it be positive all the time. "I am saved. I have God in my heart. I believe Him with all my heart." Do you believe in Divine healing? "With all of my heart."

Let your--your testimony always and your thoughts, everything... Never permit a negative thought to come in your mind if you can help it. **When it starts that, don't entertain it.** Well, you say, "I can't help the thoughts from coming." Well, that'll be like the farmer that said he couldn't stop--he couldn't stop the birds from flying over his place, **but he could sure stop them from roosting.**" So that's a--that's a good thing. You see? You can't help the thoughts when they come, **but don't--don't--don't entertain them;** just pass it on. "No, sir. Jesus Christ is my Saviour; all things are mine by God. And I--I'm going to keep them. I'm going to testify of them."

And God can only bless you as you confess that He has done it for you. See, He's the High Priest of our confession. Is that right? Hebrews 3. He said that He's the High Priest of our confession. **He can only do for us as we accept it, and believe it, and confess it.....**

BLIND.BARTIMAEUS_ SAN.FERNANDO.CA TUESDAY_ 55-1115

E-30 Don't think, setting there in a wheelchair, you, that you're hopeless, helpless. You're not. Don't let that negative thought ever pass through. **Don't let it anchor. You can't help it from**

going through your mind (That's right.), but don't let it stop.....

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Branham, please explain how a person knows if he is thinking his own thoughts, or if the devil is placing thoughts in his mind to make him think wrong, **especially, if you know you do not want to think them.**

Then, if it's contrary to the Word, it's the devil's thinking. If it's with the Word, it's God thinking. If it's the wrong thoughts, it's the devil. If it's good thoughts of the Word and of God, it's God's thinking.

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may be that the devil is placing thoughts in your mind about a certain thing, how may it be overcome or got rid of?

Take the very vice versa from it. If the devil makes you think that--that--that you are... If you know you're a Christian, and he tries to make you think you're not a Christian, just take the versa, say, "I am a Christian." As long as your experience matches in God's Word say, "I'm a Christian." **Anything else, the same way.**

When you answer this, please pray for me to overcome this, as I am not by myself.

God grant your overcoming, ever who you are. May your thoughts just go right back the other side and say, "I am a Christian; I am a believer. Satan, you have no hold on me."

Frankly, I'm standing right here now saying the same thing, keep from fainting right here at the pulpit. That's right. Four or five times I've almost pitched over on the pulpit. That's the truth. God knows that's right.

Question for Brother Donny: If you haven't gone through a great trial, does that mean you don't have the Holy Ghost?

II CORINTHIANS 11:23

23 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as a fool) I am more; in labours more abundant, in stripes above measure, in prisons more frequent, in deaths oft.

II CORINTHIANS 11:24

24 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one.

II CORINTHIANS 11:25

25 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day I have been in the deep;

II CORINTHIANS 11:26

26 In journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren;

II CORINTHIANS 11:27

27 In weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

II CORINTHIANS 11:28

28 Beside those things that are without, that which cometh upon me daily, the care of all the churches.

FAITH.IS.THE.SUBSTANCE_ OAKLAND.CA SATURDAY_ 47-0412

E-74 And look at Peter when he was walking by, why, he was a mortal. He was born of sinful flesh just like I or you. That's right. But the people had need **of a healer**, so they sent--God sent Peter to do that specific work. John was love. **Peter didn't have the love in his heart that John had.** John was God's agency of love. You see?

Look here, when He taken Peter, James, and John, hope, faith, and charity... Don't you see? Those gifted people, them three, the hope, faith, and charity...

Hope was in James; he was the one who set the church in order. Faith was in Peter. And charity was in John. Hope, faith, and charity, it was God's representatives on the earth.....

THINGS.THAT.ARE.TO.BE_ RIALTO.CA V-4 N-6 SUNDAY_ 65-1205

45.....I don't believe that when we get to Heaven that we will be, just everybody look just exactly alike. I don't believe that--that all will be blondes, or brunettes, or--or little, or--or all big, or--or all giants.

I believe that God is a God of variety. The world proves that. He's got big mountains and little mountains. He's got plains. He's got deserts. He's got different things, because He made it the way He wanted it. And He made the seasons; summer, winter, spring, autumn. He made the seasons. **It shows He's a God of variety. He made you in a variety.** Some men are real blusterous; and some are real dogmatic; and others are fine; others are kind. **And you just find all different kinds of people, and in His Kingdom. See?**

THINGS.THAT.ARE.TO.BE_ RIALTO.CA V-4 N-6 SUNDAY_ 65-1205

46 Look at Saint Peter, and judge him by Andrew. See? Andrew is that **prayer warrior**, just stayed on his knees all the time. And the apostle Peter was one of those **firebrands** that preached, and--and so forth. And Paul was more **scholarly-like**, more of the... like the prophet, or something, and set back.....

THE.MASTERPIECE_ JEFF.IN V-4 N-7 SUNDAY_ 64-0705

61.....And the patriarch foundation, first, was Abraham, then Isaac, then Jacob, then Joseph, the four corners.

62 And, now, Abraham was the foundation of faith. Let's say it had four foundations. The foundation of faith was Abraham. The foundation of love was Isaac. The foundation of grace was Jacob, God's grace to Jacob; anyone knows that. But in Joseph was

perfection, there is where He could set the monument; upon not the first foundation, the second foundation, the third foundation, but on the fourth foundation.

THE.MASTERPIECE_ JEFF.IN V-4 N-7 SUNDAY_ 64-0705

63 Abraham portrayed Christ, of course; so did Isaac, in love. Abraham did, in faith; Isaac did, in love; Jacob did, by His grace. Because, Jacob means "deceiver," and that's what he was, but God's grace was with him. But when it come to Joseph, there is nothing against him, just one little scratch, for the foundation must also be a masterpiece.....

II CORINTHIANS 1:5

5 For as the sufferings **of Christ** abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ.

II CORINTHIANS 1:6

6 And whether we be afflicted, **it is for your consolation and salvation**, which is effectual in the enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: or whether we be comforted, it is for your consolation and salvation.

II CORINTHIANS 1:7

7 ¶ And our hope of you is stedfast, knowing, that as **ye are partakers of the sufferings**, so shall ye be also of the consolation.

II CORINTHIANS 1:8

8 For we would not, brethren, have you ignorant of our trouble which came to us in Asia, that we were pressed out of measure, above strength, insomuch that we despaired even of life:

II CORINTHIANS 1:9

9 But we had the sentence of death in ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God which raiseth the dead:

II CORINTHIANS 1:10

10 Who delivered us from so great a death, and doth deliver: in whom we trust that he will yet deliver us;

PHILIPPIANS 3:8

8 Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,

PHILIPPIANS 3:9

9 ¶ And be found in him, not having mine own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith:

PHILIPPIANS 3:10

10 That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, **and the fellowship of his sufferings**, being made conformable unto his death;

COLOSSIANS 1:23

23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

COLOSSIANS 1:24

24 Who now rejoice **in my sufferings for you**, and fill up that which is behind of the **afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body's sake, which is the church**:

JAMES 5:10

10 Take, my brethren, the prophets, who have spoken in the name of the Lord, **for an example of suffering affliction**, and of patience.

JAMES 5:11

11 Behold, we count them happy which endure. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

I PETER 2:19

19 For this is thankworthy, if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, **suffering wrongfully.**

I PETER 2:20

20 For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently? but if, **when ye do well, and suffer for it,** ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

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Now the Lord God Almighty says, "I KNOW." There He is walking in the midst of His people. There He is, the Chief Shepherd of the flock. But does He hold back the persecution? Does He stem the tribulation? No, He does not. He simply says, "I KNOW your tribulation--I am not at all unmindful of your suffering." **What a stumbling block this is to so many people.** Like Israel they wonder if God really loves them. How can God be just and loving if He stands by and watches His people suffer?

That is what they asked in Malachi 1:1-3,

"The burden of the Word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi.
I have loved you, saith the Lord. Yet we say, Wherein hast Thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the Lord: yet I loved Jacob,
And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness."

You see, they could not figure out God's love. **They thought that love meant no suffering. They thought that love meant a baby with parental care. But God said that His love was "elective" love.** The proof of His love is ELECTION--that no matter what happened, His love was proven truly by the fact they were chosen unto salvation (because God hath chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth). **He may commit you to death as He did Paul. He may**

commit you to suffering as He did Job. That is His prerogative. He is sovereign. But it is all with a purpose. If He did not have a purpose, then He would be the author of frustration and not of peace. His purpose is that after we have suffered awhile we would be made perfect, be established, strengthened and settled. As Job said, "He puts strength in us." (Job 23:6b) **You see He, Himself, suffered. He learned obedience by the things that He suffered.** He was actually made perfect by the things that He suffered.

Hebrews 5:8-9,

"Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered;

And being made perfect, He became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him."

In plain language, the very character of Jesus was perfected by suffering. And according to Paul He has left His church a measure of suffering that they, too, **by their faith in God while suffering for Him, would come to a place of perfection.** Why did He want this?

James 1:2-4,

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

ROMANS 8:17

17 ¶ And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we **SUFFER WITH HIM**, that we may be also glorified together.

MAKING.A.WAY_ JEFF.IN SUNDAY_ 56-0304

E-40.....When you're sick and tired of this whole life, and you love the appearing of the Lord Jesus better than you love your food at the table, or your wife, or your children, **then there's a crown laid up for you**, not a crown, a gold crown they put upon your head, **but a body free from pain of... crowned in the**

glory of God, crowned in the immortality of Jesus Christ.

That's what's laid up for you, that the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give you it that day. That's the day we look forward to. God has made a way of escape for every one of us, certainly He has.

BECAUSE THE LORD IS SUPREME AND SOVEREIGN, AND RULES ALL WHY WILL JESUS NEED TO BE CROWNED?

PSALM 110:1

1 ¶ A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

MATTHEW 22:42

42 Saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David.

MATTHEW 22:43

43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying,

MATTHEW 22:44

44 The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool?

MATTHEW 22:45

45 If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?

MATTHEW 22:46

46 And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

HEBREWS 2:9

9 But we see Jesus, who was **made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death**, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

HEBREWS 2:10

10 ¶ For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, **to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.**

HEBREWS 2:11

11 For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: **for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,**

HEBREWS 2:12

12 Saying, I will declare thy name **unto my brethren,** in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.

HEBREWS 2:13

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, **Behold I and the children which God hath given me.**

HEBREWS 2:14

14 ¶ Forasmuch then **as the children** are partakers of flesh and blood, **he also himself** likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;

THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDEGROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

310 When He went up out of the water, he said, "I saw heavens open." The prophet saw it. He saw the heavens open.
311 And here come, descending out of Heaven, a form of a Dove; and a Voice, saying, **"This is My part of the earth that I have redeemed, and from this part of the earth I will redeem the rest of it,** for He is My Word made manifest." "And the whole world, I spoke it into existence by My Word," Hebrews 11. "And Satan has held it all this time, **but I've come to redeem it. So much of it has made His body, and I'm coming to dwell in it."**

THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDE.GROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

312 John said, "I saw the holy City, the New Jerusalem descending out of Heaven, as a Bride adorned for her Husband."
And where did it settle on? Just exactly like it did on there; upon the earth.

313 Jesus was part of that earth that the Holy Ghost descended upon, (is that right?) and remained upon Him forever. It never can leave Him. It's always there. He and God are One. Always has to remain!

314 **And so John saw the holy City, the New Jerusalem, descending like a comet, or a--a dove,** coming down out of Heaven and settling upon a redeemed, entire earth, (to do what?) **to claim every attribute that He made the earth for.** Every man that was represented in the Eternity, and every woman, is redeemed then. She has been scoured and burned by Fire.

315 Jesus, in His fiery temptations in the wilderness, for forty days. After that, notice, it was ready for His ministry then.

THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDE.GROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

316 **Think of it, the Holy Ghost descending upon earth, Jesus, and that holy Blood!** Now watch, and I hope I don't go too deep for you, see. The holy Blood that was created by God; the Blood, the Life, the creation of God. **"Jesus was the beginning of the creation of God."** Oh! You see it? God, made in creation. He was Spirit.....

THE.FUTURE.HOME.OF.THE.HEAVENLY.BRIDE.GROOM.AND.THE.EARTHLY.BRIDE_ JEFF.IN V-3 N-5 SUNDAY_ 64-0802

401 City with the Throne in top. Revelation 21:23, "And they need no light, for the Lamb and the Lord God is the Light thereof." See? **The Lord God is that Pillar of Fire** that followed the children of Israel through the wilderness. And He is ascended up on the Throne, in that perfect Kingdom's... when time... "the Kingdom that Jesus is to surrender to the Father, that God might be all, and in all." **Jesus sets upon His Throne here, as our Joseph.** And the King is that Light that will be on top of Mount

Zion, and **His holy Light will flood the entire City.**
Hallelujah!

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.2_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823E

1046-237 **On top of Mount Zion will set the Lamb.** And the city will need no light, for the Lamb is the Light thereof. **And above the Lamb will be the Father, which is the Logos, God, the great Light, the eternal Light that'll shine just above the throne.** And Jesus will not be on His Father's throne, He'll be on His throne. And the Father will hover over the Son, which the Father and Son will be One. "And while they are yet speaking, I'll answer. Before they can think, I'm thinking for them." That's right.

And Jesus will commit a perfect, perfect age to a--the perfect living God, that He has redeemed and give over to the Father. Is that right? Will turn to God the Father which is Spirit, not a man, Spirit. All nature of goodness gathered together, that's God.....

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.2_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823E

1046-239 **And then God became material in a Man called Jesus Christ which was His Son.** This Son gave His Life that He might bring other sons, that God might become tangible, working in all in all. "In that day you'll know that I'm in the Father, the Father in Me, I in you and you in Me.".....

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.2_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823E

1047-244 **And there Jesus will set on the throne.** And out from under the throne will flow the river of Life, trickling down these four walls into little chasms, and into little branches, and come form up a river, and down through by the city. It'll go right down through the streets like that, and on each side stands the trees of Life that'll bear--or change their fruit every--every thirty days. Oh, what a city.

And remember, God, the Creator, that created the heavens and earth, is in glory right now preparing that city. Abraham looked for it. He left his home; he separated everything that was dear to him and looking for... Why? He was a prophet. **And being a prophet, he was connected with the Spirit and part of the Spirit.** And Something told him within him, "There is a city," and he started looking for it. Said, "I'm a pilgrim, a stranger. I'm looking for a city whose Builder and Maker is God." He knowed that city was somewhere. Oh, my. **And I believe that right on the grounds where he looked for it, right there in Palestine, there's where it'll raise up, for it's on Mount Zion. There's where she'll be.**

Look where she'll stretch out into the--into the sea, from sea to sea. Think of that fifteen hundred mile city setting out there on the mountains of the Lord. Oh, that'd be wonderful.

QUESTIONS.AND.ANSWERS.2_ JEFF.IN COD SUNDAY_ 64-0823E

1048-247 And the lion and the lamb shall lay down together. The lion will eat straw like the bullock. And the bear will be gentle, and the wolf will be tame. What a time it will be. Nothing shall hurt or destroy; everything will be in peace and love. There'll be no more old age; there'll be no more sickness, no more dying....