

IMAGO DEI – The Mind of God

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Psalm 40:1-3 (NIV) – “I waited patiently for the Lord; He turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in Him”.

Proverbs 14:12 (NKJV) – “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death”.

Isaiah 55:8-9 (NIV) – “For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways”, declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts”.

Ecclesiastes 5:2 (NIV) – “Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few”.

“The distance between your head and your heart is only twelve inches, but it’s the difference between information and transformation. It’s not enough to invite Jesus into your mind. You have to open the door to your heart of hearts. No door can remain locked, not even the door to your hidden room”
– **Mark Batterson**

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Isaiah 14:24-27 (NKJV) – The Lord of hosts has sworn, saying, “Surely, as I have thought, so shall it come to pass, and as I have purposed, so it shall stand: That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and on my mountains tread him underfoot. Then his yoke shall be removed from them, and his burden removed from their shoulders”. This is the purpose that is purposed against the whole earth, and this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. For the Lord of hosts has purposed, and who will annul it? His hand is stretched out, and who will turn it back?

Psalms 8:3-6 (NKJV) – “When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have ordained, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You visit him? For You have made him a little lower than the angels, and You have crowned him with glory and honor. You have made him to have dominion over the works of Your hands; You have put all things under his feet”.

“Sorry, sickly man, a mass of mortalities, a map of miseries, a mixture or compound of dirt and sin...and yet God is mindful of him” – **John Trapp**

Hebrews 2:8b-9 (NIV) – “In putting everything under them, God left nothing that is not subject to them. Yet, at present we do not see everything subject to them. But we do see Jesus, who was made lower than the angels for a little while, now crowned with glory and honor because He suffered death, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone”.

“Sight is very frequently used in Scripture as a metaphor, an illustration, a symbol, to set forth what faith is. Faith is the eye of the soul. It is the act of looking unto Jesus” – **Charles Spurgeon**

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Psalm 139:17-18 (NLT) – “How precious are your thoughts about me, O God. They cannot be numbered! I can’t even count them; they outnumber the grains of sand! And when I wake up, you are still with me!”

Psalm 139:23-24 (NIV) – “Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting”.

“God will meet you where you are in order to take you where He wants you to go” – **Tony Evans**

Romans 12:1-3 (NIV) – “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – His good, pleasing, and perfect will. For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you”.

Philippians 4:8 (NIV) – “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things”.

“**think**” = Greek *logizomai* – “to reckon, consider, dwell”