

Two Mindsets

LAST WEEK

- Anxiety – Depression

I. Two Mindsets

A. Cultural Mindsets

Mindsets that are formed through the philosophies of the world
Mindsets determined by cultural direction
These mindsets change with the times

B. Divine Mindsets (Divine = From or like God)

Mindsets formed by God’s way of thinking
Mindsets formed by God’s Word
These mindsets do not change because His Word doesn’t Change

- II. **Isaiah 55:7-9 (KJV)** – ⁷*Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith the LORD. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thought*

A. Context: To whom is this passage directed?

1. The Wicked – The Unrighteous – whose thoughts are not like God’s thoughts
2. The Call is for the unrighteous to repent and return to the Lord by changing his thoughts (Mindset)

- B. This passage never declares that we cannot have the thoughts of God but rather that we should change our thoughts as to align them with His way of thinking.**

Isaiah 54:13-14 (KJV) – ¹³*And all thy children shall be taught of the LORD; and great shall be the peace of thy children.* ¹⁴*In righteousness shalt thou be established: thou shalt be far from oppression; for thou shalt not fear: and from terror; for it shall not come near thee*

1. Teaching/instruction given to children = peace
2. When you are established in righteousness = far from oppression = thou shalt not fear – it shall not come near you.
3. This is speaking of choosing and establishing your mindset!
A spiritual/ divine/ God like/ Mindset
4. The right mindset drives out
FEAR/TORMENT/ANXIETY/DEPRESSION

III. Scriptures to Consider

- A. 1 Corinthians 2:16 (KJV)** – *For who hath known the mind of the LORD, that he may instruct him? but we have the mind of Christ*
- B. Ephesians 4:17-23 (KJV)** – ¹⁷*This I say therefore, and testify in the LORD, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind,* ¹⁸*Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart:* ¹⁹*Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.* ²⁰*But ye have not so learned Christ;* ²¹*If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus:* ²²*That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts;* ²³*And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;*

NLT Instead, let the Spirit renew your thoughts and attitudes.

- C. **Romans 12:2 (KJV)** – *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.*
- D. These passages are written to Christians/people who are already saved!
1. Saved people need to have their minds renewed
 2. Mind renewal =
 - a. Is more than just renewing our mind to holiness living
 - b. It is renewing our mind to our covenant promises and blessings
 - c. It is washing the negative mindset out and replacing it with the positive mindset that is available to every believer.

IV. Old Mindset / New Mindset Comparison

Old Mindset	New Mindset
This World	The Kingdom of God
Unrighteous <i>Sin Conscious</i>	Righteous <i>Righteous Conscious</i>
I am Weak Sickness	I am Strong Healing
Failure	Success
Defeat	Overcomer
Fear	Peace
Hopelessness	Hope

Covenant People always function by a different mindset

Psalm 20:7 (KJV) – *Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.*

Psalm 34:10 (KJV) – *The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing*

Psalm 34:19 (KJV) – *Many are the afflictions of the righteous: but the LORD delivereth him out of them all*

Psalm 37:9 (KJV) – *For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the LORD, they shall inherit the earth.*

Habakkuk 3:17-19 (NIV) – ¹⁷*Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸**yet I** will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior. ¹⁹*The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights**

NOTE: Covenant People develop a different mindset when trouble comes!

Colossians 3:2 (KJV) – *Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth*