Satans Eden no 134 Watering The Seed of your Mind pt 5 October 29. 2023 Brian Kocourek, Pastor

And then he said in his sermon 46 Who Is This Melchisedec 65-0221E Now, in the beginning God dwelled alone with His attributes as I spoke of this morning. That's His thoughts. There was nothing, just God alone. But He had thoughts. Just like a great architect can set down in his mind, and draw out what he thinks he's going to build, create. Now, he cannot create; he can take something that's been created and make it in a different form, 'cause God's the only One can create. But he gets in his mind what he's going to do, and that's his thoughts; that's his desires.

Now, it's a thought, and then he speaks it, and it's a word then. And a thought when it's expressed, it's a word. A thought expressed is a word. But it has to be a thought first. So it's God's attributes; then it becomes a thought, then a word.

And then he said in **10-3 Invisible Union of the Bride 65** *In St. John the 1st chapter said,* "*In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.*" And the same was made flesh and dwelled among us. Christ was the living Word. He always was the Word; He's still the Word; He always will be the Word. He was only the manifestation of the attributes of God, for He was the Son of God, and any son is the attributes of his father.

And just as you were in the genes of your father, in the body of your father when he

was a young boy... You were in him, yet he could not have fellowship with you, **because he didn't know you**. But then through the bedding grounds of a mother, you were brought forth into the earth and **become in the image of your father**; then he could fellowship with you. And **so were you sons of God and daughters of God before there even was a moon, stars, or a molecule; you were sons and daughters of God.**

Oh, my, just think of what he is telling us here. We were actually in God, if His thoughts, and thus a part of Who He is, because as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he. Ad if God is the Word and you were in Him, then you are just as much a part of God as He is. And since heavens ande earth shall pass away, but one jot or tittle shall pass away, then you are just as eternal as God is because it is His Life in you. For Hee is the Word, and you are part of tha word, then how can you pass away. He that believeth in Him shall not perish, but hath (Past Tense) eternal life.

For you are only the physical manifestation of the attributes that was in God at the beginning. For there's only one form of Eternal Life, and that was you before... You don't know nothing about it; neither did you know when you were in your earthly father. But you're manifested in His image; in the image of God you are made, and you were manifested for the glory and the fellowship of God.

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew

him not. **2** Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Philippians 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

And therefore, **as sure as your genes had to be in your father before your natural birth, your spiritual genes had to be in God, because you're an expression of the attributes of His thoughts before the foundation of the world**. That's right. No way around it. That's right.

Romans 8:19 For the earnest expectation of the creature waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

John 1:12 But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Since we know that God created man in his own image, then we must consider that as God brings forth into manifestation His thoughts and desires of His heart, so will man do the same thing.

Jeremiah 23:20 The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he has executed, and till he has performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly.

Well, this is the latter days and we are considering this.

Your mind then is likened to a garden which will grow forth fruit, whether good or bad depending on what we do with it.

In a natural garden we plant the seeds that we want to bring to harvest. We cultivate our garden so that no weeds will grow in it. It takes work, hard work, but if we sow, we shall also reap. The problem is that there is another who also wishes to sow in our minds as well. Jesus tells the parable of the two sowers who went forth sowing seeds.

The First was the Son of Man and the other one was the devil. The Son of Man sowed forth good seed which was the Word of God. But the devil sowed his own word seed which brought forth tares or weeds. Now we are likened as to the husbandmen who are responsible for this garden. We are supposed to act as good stewards of the good seed which is the Word of God.

But if we are not really interested in what kind of harvest we shall reap, then we do not cultivate the good seed. We just let whatever grows to grow. And this results in weeds taking over the garden every time, and then it is a real mess to straighten up. Why?

because weeds always outgrow the True planting of the Lord because after all they are wild.

And we know that *"many more are the children of the harlot than she which has a husband."*

Therefore, we see every deed is first committed in the heart, or mind before it is committed by the hand or mouth.

In Matthew 12:35 Jesus said, A good man out of the good treasure of the heart bringeth forth good things: and an evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth evil things.

And again in **Matthew 15:19** Jesus said, For **out of the heart proceed evil thoughts**, *murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies*

And also in **Mark 7:21** Jesus said, For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders,...

The Bible tells us, "As a man thinks in his heart, so is he."

Therefore we are the product of our thoughts just as any fruit is the product of the seed that was planted in the ground. That is why we are told to cast down any thought that would exalt itself against the Word of God.

2 Corinthians 10:5 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;

Notice we are told to bring every thought into obedience to the Word of God.

In Matthew 12:33 Jesus said, Either make the tree good, and his fruit good; or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by his fruit.

And again in Luke 3:8-9 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, That God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. 9 And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire.

You claim to be a believer in the End-Time Vindicated Message of God, and yet where are the fruits that show it? Someone asked me last week can we know who is serpent seed and who is not? I said by their fruits you shall know them. It is not our business tyo pronounce judgment, but it is also our business not to be deceived. So just leave their outcome up to God but also doesn't allow them to deceive you.

If we are righteous it is because we think righteous thoughts. If you have your source from God then you will not be able to help but to think God thoughts. Remember the

parable of the two sowers. They both sowed seed, but the Seed from the Son of Man was called he good seed. And we see that a good plant will only produce a good fruit.

Now I believe that *everything you are, even your Character* comes forth from the garden of thought that is in your heart, making you what you really are. Brother Branham told us that when we are born again, we receive everything that we will ever have need of to bring forth the image of God in us.

In Fact John tells us in **1 John 3:2** we are already Sons of God, but that at this point we just don't look like it, and therefore we may not know it.

Therefore, today, I want to show you how the garden of your mind affects everything about you, not only does it affect your character, and the molding of your character, but it will even affect the circumstances that you enter into daily, which circumstances are used by God in the shaping of your character into its final product that God has predestined for you.

Therefore, every trial you endure, every test that God puts you through, comes about as a result of the Seed thoughts that lay within your heart.

In 1 Peter 4:12 we read, Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: _ But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory (His doxa, his

values, his opinion, his judgments, his mind) *shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy.*

14 If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified.
15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer, or as a thief, or as an evildoer, or as a busybody in other men's matters.

In other words, if you suffer because of stupid things you have done, don't be surprised either. But, regardless if you are tested, and you suffer, whether as a Christian, or for your own shortcomings, **all things still are working to shape and mold your character.**

And that is the glorious thing about being His son or daughter. *He will not leave you nor forsake you*. And *all things are working <u>together</u> for your good*, and in all testing's whether you deserve it or not, you are getting it to shape your character to be like his.)

The apostle Peter told us in verse 16 Yet if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God on this behalf. 17 For the time is come that judgment must begin at the house of God: and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God? 18 And if the righteous scarcely be saved, where shall the ungodly and the sinner appear? 19 Wherefore let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

Here we see that it should not surprise us when we face our trials, because these trials are made for the purpose of testing us.

In fact we see in **1 Peter 1:7** that not only are we ordained to these tests, but we are also ordained to pass them. **Wuest Translation** *In which last season you are to be constantly rejoicing with a joy that expresses itself in a triumphant exuberance, although for a little while at the present time if perchance there is a need for it, you have been made sorrowful in the midst of many different kinds of testings in order that the approval of your faith, which faith was examined by testing for the purpose of being approved, that your approval being much more precious than the approval of gold which perishes, even though that gold be approved by fire-testing, may be discovered after scrutiny to result in <i>Praise, Honor and Glory at the time of the Revelation of Jesus Christ;*

Therefore, we can say that every trial that you go through and every time you are put to a test by God and you cannot see beyond the circumstance which surround your life, just remember that these are all a result of the seeds of **your** thinking and they have spawned forth from *the garden of your own mind*. Remember, what Paul told us in the book of

Romans 8:28-31 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose. **29** For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren. **30** Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also

glorified. **31** What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

And so if everything about us is already predestined from God, then the very thoughts we think, He knew before the foundations of the World, and He knows not only what you have thought, but what thoughts you will think too. Then we can see the relationship of these thoughts that we have and how they influence our growth into the image of His Son.

Our minds are always in a constant flux of change. When we were children we had certain thoughts that filled our minds. Then through life experiences we begin to further develop our thoughts.

And as we receive each and every new experience, our minds begin to examine the circumstances in our lives with a more mature understanding.

Paul said in **1 Corinthians 13:11** "When I was a child, I spoke as a child, because I understood as a child understands, because I thought as a child thinks, but now that I have become a man, I put away from my mind childish thinking."

And so we see that our mind is in a constant growth pattern, in which our garden or thoughts are constantly being upgraded so to speak, or renewed by what life experiences we go through on our journey of becoming.

Paul tells us in **Romans 5:3-5** And not only so, but **we glory in tribulations** also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience; **4** And patience, experience; and experience,

hope: **5** And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

Notice he says we "should glory in our tribulations, or testings".

Now the word testing is translated from a Greek word which means *those things that seem to bring forth pressure upon us*. We always think of these trials as coming from an outward source, but we are told by Paul that we should glory in these things, because he went on to say, *"knowing that tribulation works within you patience; and patience;*

"experience" which is character, and character brings forth an earnest expectation, and having an earnest expectation makes us to be not ashamed, because we know that the Love of God is shed abroad in our hearts or understanding by the Holy Ghost which God has given to us by the receiving of His Word.

Therefore we can see how God uses circumstances to bring forth His Character and Grace in us, and we need to understand that since our character development is dependent upon receiving every outside stimuli that will produce in our thinking, *the thoughts of God*, thus we can see the dependence upon these stimuli in order to bring us into fulfillment toward the ultimate goal of receiving the very mind of God.

Therefore, our reactions that we show toward these circumstances is an outward indication as to where we stand in our development toward the end-product of our being.

How we handle each circumstance will depend upon what stage we are in, in our progression toward our ultimate character. Then what appears to be a test at one stage in our progression, will not appear to be so at a further stage in our character development.

Circumstances are just like taking a test in school. What would appear to be a very difficult thing for us in the first year of schooling, would not even appear to be a test after twelve years of schooling. The further on in our progressive state that we move toward the image of the Son of God that we are conforming to, the further developed will be our response mechanism that we harbor in our mind set or seed garden of our thinking.

Don't ever forget that Jesus who came forth in the image of the Father the bible tells us, *"he learned obedience by the things that he suffered."* Therefore every circumstance that we face in life is ordained to come forth because it is there to bring forth growth within our own mind or thoughts into the very mind of Christ.

Circumstances grow out of thought our thoughts. And we are only buffeted by those circumstances so long as we perceive them to be an outside influence upon our lives.

But when we come to the place where we realize that circumstances that come forth in our lives are a direct result of our own mental state, we will begin to appreciate their use and purpose in our growth toward the finished product that God has destined for each one of us. You see, as Sons of God we have both a status and a state. Our status is that we are children of God, but our state is where we are at in our growth into the image of the first born son.

Anyone who has for any length of time, been a practicing Christian, and who has practiced self control and self purification or sanctification, will have noticed that the alteration in their circumstances have been in a direct ratio to the alteration in their mental state.

When a man purposely and earnestly makes an effort to remedy their personal character defects, and makes a swift and marked progress toward bettering themselves in those areas of weakness, they pass swiftly through a succession of unpredictable changes.

Therefore, <u>the soul attracts that which it secretly desires</u>, and also that which it fears the <u>most</u>. It not only reaches the heights of it's desired aspirations, but it also falls to the level of it's un-chastened desires, and circumstances are the means by which the soul receives what it longs for.

Therefore, <u>every thought seed that is sown, or that we allow to fall into the fertile soil of</u> <u>our minds, to take root there, will produce it's own, after it's own likeness or nature.</u>

Sooner or later each thought seed we have sown in our hearts will have to take blossom and become manifested in our lives as an action or deed. And each action or deed will bear it's own fruit in terms of opportunity or circumstances. As the Scripture tells us, good thoughts will bear good fruit and bad thoughts will bear bad fruit. That is why we must come to the place where we begin to monitor and control what we think and believe. Let us pray