

Our Journey -- The Season of Formation

Romans 8:29 -- Mirror Translation

For those He foreknew -- He also predestined to be conformed to the exact image of His Son.

Continuing Our Ascent -- The Awakening

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Sermon Title -- The Kingdom Gemstone

Anchor Text -- Proverbs 23:7 – For as he thinks in his heart -- so is he.

## **Introduction**

I want to begin this morning – by asking you a couple of thought-provoking questions ... I want you to think about each one carefully before you answer ... Ready? ... Where do your thoughts actually come from? ... Do you actually create your own thoughts?

I bet most people have never honestly thought about what I just asked you ... They have simply assumed the thoughts and feeling they have throughout the day are simply theirs and come from who they are ... Their personality – perspective – beliefs – even their faith ... But what if most of what is running through your mind right now was never chosen by you? ... What if it was planted – reinforced – and simply became an automated thought – long before you had any awareness – of what you were thinking? ... For example – why is it people typically think the worst when someone says they need to talk to them ... Or someone doesn't respond to a text you sent?

Consider your thought life when it comes to your faith and beliefs ... Where do your thoughts about God – the Holy Spirit – prayer – etc. – actually come from? ... That is probably an easier question to answer – you were programmed and conditioned to see the kingdom realm as you presently do ... This is why I believe the Spirit has set us on this journey ... So that we may be

– as our foundational states – “conformed into the exact image of His Son” ... Let me drop this little gem here ... “You will never climb any higher – nor go any further – than your thinking will allow”

So, this morning I want to give you a 30,000-foot view of the kingdom gem stone of – as you think – so are you

## **What You Consistently Think About – You will Eventually Become**

### **Proverbs 23:7 KJV**

For as he thinketh in his heart -- so is he.

I want you to grasp the full weight – of what Solomon is – saying here – by inspiration of the Spirit ... He is not sharing motivational advice ... He is not offering a self-improvement strategy ... He is sharing a kingdom gem stone – a kingdom reality – that governs every human life – whether they are aware of it or not ... **What you consistently think about – will become your eventual reality** ... The dominant thoughts occupying your inner world are not incidental to who you are -- they are the very foundation of who you are.

### **Job 3:25 New Living Translation**

What I always feared has happened to me ... What I dreaded has come true.

Think about what this actually means for a moment ... Every behavior you have – every belief you hold – every perception you have of God – yourself – or the world around you ... It all flows directly from what is happening in your thought life ... Your thought life is not the byproduct of your life ... Your life is the byproduct of your thought life ... Did you catch that – as there is a significant difference ... Most people have it understanding completely backwards ... They spend their energy trying to change their circumstances – their behaviors – their relationships ... While the root issue – is sitting underneath all of it – and goes completely untouched ... Because the mind or the thinking process was never addressed – you never see any significant change.

This is why Proverbs 23:7 is the precious gem – the golden key – to this entire journey ... Because you cannot awaken to a Kingdom truth – if your mind has already decided it is impossible ... You can't receive anything from the Spirit – if you don't believe ... You cannot receive a new identity – while your mind is fully committed to living out of the old one ... And you cannot experience the fullness of union with Christ – while your mind is convinced you are fundamentally separated from Him ... Your thought life always precedes your reality – without exception.

## **Thoughts Without Belief Will Never Produces Transformation**

### **Mark 9:23 -- Mirror Translation**

Jesus said to him -- If you can believe -- all things are possible to him who believes.

Here is where it gets truly personal ... Because there is a significant difference between knowing something in your head – and believing it in your heart ... Most believers are full of head knowledge / data ... They can quote the scriptures – recite their doctrinal beliefs – and clearly articulate theology ... And what is crazy is – they live as if none of it – is actually true ... Because knowledge never dropped from their head into their heart ... It stayed as static intellectual data – and simple agreement with data will never produce transformation.

Belief is something far different ... Belief – is thought that has become alive and emotionally charged on the inside ... It is the moment you stop knowing something – and start knowing that you know ... It carries an emotional reality – a conviction ... A settled internal certainty that what God has declared – is actually true ... I mean right now – not eventually – not when the circumstances align – but right now ... This kind of internal certainty begins to reorientate your entire inner man's belief system ... This is why Jesus could declare things before they were ever visible ... Why He could speak to storms – raise the dead – and walk on water ... He wasn't straining to believe ... He was simply living from the natural outflow of an inner life that was completely aligned with kingdom reality.

The question worth asking yourself this morning is this ... How much of what you believe – about God – about yourself – about what is actually possible on this journey – has genuinely dropped from your head – into your heart? ... Because what lives in the head produces conversation ... What lives in the heart produces transformation ... And the formation journey you are on requires the latter.

## **You Must See It - - Before You See It**

### **Hebrews 11:1 -- Passion Translation**

Faith is the reality of what we hope for -- it is the proof of what we cannot yet see.

This is where the golden key turns ... Because once your thought – aligns with a genuine heart-felt belief – something else is required ... You must consistently hold the image of what God has declared about you – before it becomes visible in the natural ... You must see it – in your mind's eye – before you can see it in the natural ... You must declare it before it manifests ... You must orient your inner being toward it – as though it is already so – because in the kingdom – it already has.

Now let me be clear – I'm not talking about positive thinking – faking it until you make it stuff ... This is not what the world calls the law of attraction dressed in religious language ... This is the operating reality of every person in Scripture who walked in kingdom manifestation ... Abraham saw a nation before a single child was born ... David saw himself as king long before he sat on a throne ... Mary received and carried a reality in her body that the natural world had no category for ... And Jesus – the fullest expression of this principle – consistently operated from the finished work ... He saw the healed before they were healed ... He declared the dead raised before they rose ... He spoke from a kingdom reality that was invisible to everyone around Him – and watched it manifest in the natural again and again.

That is not a first century phenomenon ... That is the pattern of an inner life – fully aligned with kingdom truth ... This is what a kainos being truly is – and it is available to every person on this journey ... But it requires something most people have never been taught to do ... It requires you to take deliberate ownership of what your mind is consistently oriented toward ... Because your inner vision – what you consistently see and declare on the inside – is either producing kingdom reality or reinforcing the limitations of the natural ... There is no neutral ground ... You are always becoming what you are consistently thinking – seeing – and declaring on the inside.

### **Takeaway**

Let me leave you with a few honest questions to chew on this week:

What is actually occupying your mind on a consistent basis?

When was the last time you stopped and examined what you were actually thinking?

When was the last time you caught a thought and asked yourself – why did I just think that?

Most of us move through our entire day without ever stopping to look at what is happening in our own mind ... And if we are not paying attention to what we are thinking in our everyday life – we are certainly not paying attention to what we are thinking in our spiritual life.

Here is the simple challenge for this week ... Begin to notice – not fix – not analyze – just notice ... Pay attention to what is occupying your mind throughout the day ... And when something clearly presents itself – just ask the simple question - - “Why did I think that?” ... That one question – asked consistently – is the beginning of taking ownership of the most powerful force in your life ... Your own thought life.