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## God is not a Man

Some "believers" can't believe God's Word because they have no faith in His identity. All of us make a big mistake when we put God on the same level as we are. Some of us do it inadvertently and some do it out of plain old ignorance. So, how do we get God back on His throne? We kicked Him off, so it's our responsibility to restore Him to His rightful position.

Numbers 23:19 God is not a man, that He should lie; has He said, and shall He not do it? Or has He spoken, and shall He not make it good.

Make a mental note of the first five words of our text: **God is not a man**. All men are liars, there is no such thing as a man who never told a lie. It is impossible for God to lie, if tomorrow God said from now on two plus two is five, we would have to change all our books or be branded as liars. So, if God cannot lie then the Bible He gave us is true, now we must choose to believe it or not! One day a person challenged me, they said you can't trust the Bible because it was written by men.

2 Peter 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

God dictated His Word, His will to men appointed to his business and they recorded what He said.

If there is any error in our Bibles, God will have to honor it.

After Jesus was baptized with the Holy Ghost He was led into the wilderness to pray. He fasted and prayed for forty days and the devil came to tempt Him. The devil tried to get Jesus to turn stones into bread, but listen to what Jesus said to him.

Luke 4:4 Jesus answered the devil saying, it is written that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word of God.

Jesus rebuffed the devil by quoting something Moses had spoken hundreds of years before. If the Bible is good enough for Jesus then it's good enough for all who will believe. The devil could not get to Jesus, He used the Word as if it was a two edged

sword. Jesus showed us how to live by faith, why do some Christians seek for a different way that does not involve God? Because they approach God as they would a man!

Jeremiah 1:12 Then the Lord said to me, you have seen: for I will hasten My Word to perform it.

The word **hasten** means God is alert and sleepless, He will not rest until He confirms His Word with signs following. God decides how He will answer our prayers and the time, His time is always due season. If you perceive God like a man you will grow weary in well doing. We must come to accept that God knows us better than we know ourselves, He therefore knows exactly what we need. God is not a man and must never be treated like one, He is God and we are His creation.

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# Almighty God

On occasion I hear unlearned men refer to God as almighty God. They have no clue what they're saying, they are simply preaching their ignorance. We need the account of Abram in the book of Genesis. God tells Abram to take his hired servants and wage war against the kings and their armies that kidnapped his nephew Lot. Abram had three hundred and eighteen servants that worked in his house. They defeated all the armies of the kings and returned with all the people and the goods. He was then met by Melchizedek.

*Genesis 14:20 Blessed be the Most High God, which has delivered your enemies into your hand. And Abram gave Him all the tithes*

is referred to the One who created natural law and the One who sustains it. **The Most High God** created the sun, the moon, the stars and He keeps them in their place. Abram and his people had a revelation of who their God was, Abram's father worshipped the moon and the stars. Abram got the revelation, why do we worship the moon and stars when we should worship the One who created them. What is the better of the two, do we worship creation or the Creator? **The Most High God** supernaturally empowered Abram to defeat several trained armies with his hired house helpers.

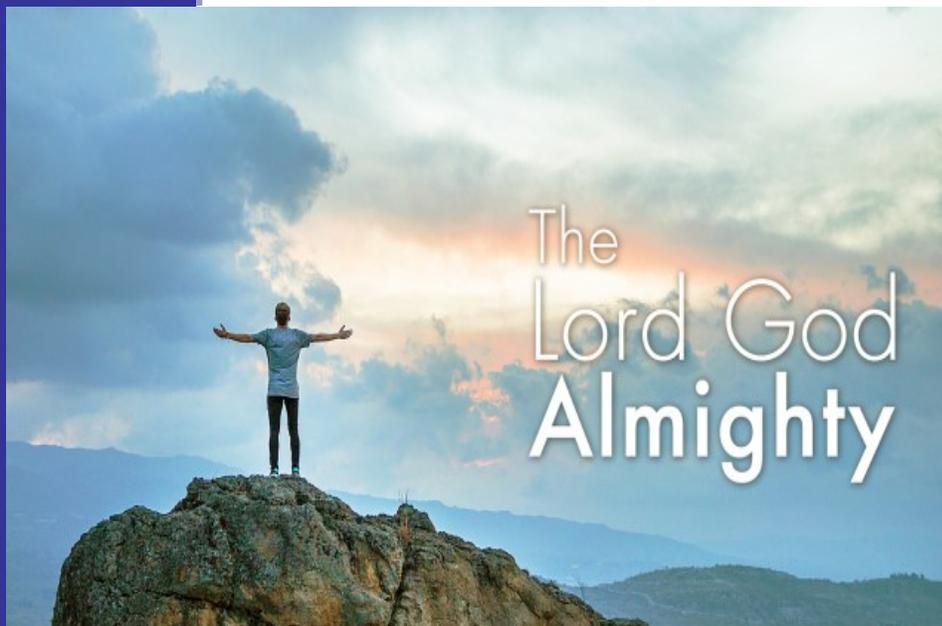
Now, Abram is ninety nine years old and he and Sarah have no baby, no heir. He has given up on having a baby with Sarah

that the God of natural laws could perform such a miracle. According to natural law a healthy young man could know his young healthy wife and she would conceive. Abram knew there was a problem and he did not know how to deal with it.

*Genesis 17:1 When Abram was ninety nine years old the Lord appeared to him and said, I am the almighty God; walk before Me and be sincere and upright.*

Now, the **Most High God** introduces Himself to Abram as the **Almighty God**. In the Hebrew language **Almighty God** means the God who can override natural law. So, Abram gets a revelation, it makes no difference how old I am or the deadness of Sarah's womb, God can override any natural condition. So, Abram becomes fully persuaded and he lies with his wife and she conceives a son they name Isaac. Abram is now called Abraham the father of many nations, the Jewish people begin with father Abraham.

After the end of the old covenant and the beginning of the new, those who live by the faith of Abraham become one people with those Jews who accept Jesus as Messiah. So, the church of Jesus Christ had a supernatural beginning, we were never abandoned back to the natural. In Bible days many men worshipped many gods but none had any power to do anything. Our God is not a man nor was He created of men, He is **Almighty God**.



Melchizedek was the priest of the Lord, He called the Lord the **Most High God**. In the Hebrew language the **Most High God**

because she had female organ issues. But God tells him that he and Sarah will have a baby, but Abram was not yet fully persuaded

# Whatcha Think?

Millions of thoughts pass through our minds annually, some are good, some are not and some make no sense at all. If we don't have a sound mind our thoughts can become detrimental to our well being.

Proverbs 23:7 For as a man thinketh in his heart so is he.

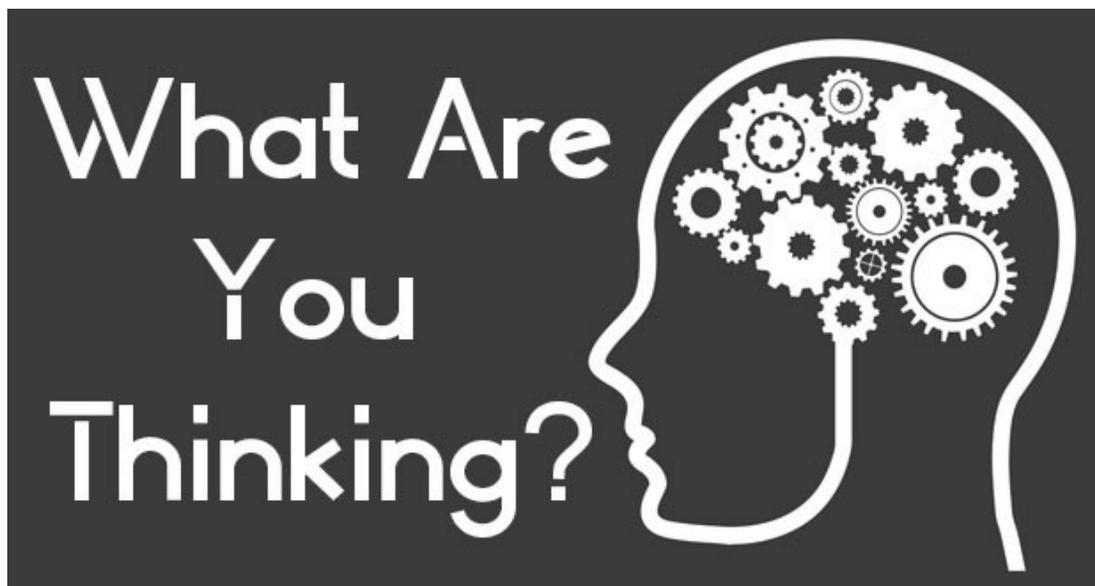
So, where do our thoughts come from? It's either God or the devil. God's thoughts will always bring

We do not have to sit idly by and let thoughts control our lives, the world does and that's why it is in the condition it is. The devil is lord of the air waves, he is the prince of the power of the air. He uses the television to plant thoughts in unsuspecting viewers, television is his classroom. If a man is not grounded in the Word he will fall for the tactics of the devil. We oftentimes engage in battles that we don't need to participate in, we are not wise in this matter. If you find yourself casting

gate and find out who the Lord is specifically talking to.

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way and the unrighteous man his thoughts...

If you are wicked and you practice unrighteousness you will not hear God's thoughts. The wicked and the unrighteous are consumed with habitual sin, there is no room in their thoughts for God. In fact, they are prone to cast down His



peace, the devil's thoughts are accompanied with fear and confusion. The important thing is we have a choice of what thoughts we will accept and what ones we can reject. The Bible calls this the **renewing** of the mind, the process where we filter out all the non-productive thoughts and give the Word exclusive place in our hearts. We will eventually act on whatever thoughts we harbor in our thought life.

2 Corinthians 10:5 We pull down every proud obstacle that is raised against the knowledge of God; we take every thought captive and make it obey Christ.

down the same thought over and over, you should consider the source. Stop giving yourself to the same lie over and over, change the channel.

Isaiah 55:8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts saith the Lord, neither are your ways My ways.

A lot of Christians have read this verse and concluded that God thinks on a completely different level than they do. Because they erred in understanding this verse they do not have the intimacy with God that He wants with them. For the sake of clarity we must investi-

thoughts as vain imaginations! God's thoughts do not just float around in the atmosphere waiting to bump into a recipient. God is eager to share His thoughts with whosoever will accept them.

Jeremiah 29:11 I know the thoughts I think toward you saith the Lord, thoughts of peace and not evil, to give you an expected end.

God is offering us His mind so we can think like He does and so we can live in agreement with Him.

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## Wash Your Mind out with This

No man can order his life to the thoughts of God but he must first come to the Lord first hand. God, just like men, is known by His Word. If you want to know someone just listen to them for awhile.

*Psalm 89:34 My covenant I will not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.*

If God said it, you can bet your life on what He said, He is not like men who lie, even unintentionally. Under the Levitical law God proclaimed that any man who committed a sin worthy of death would be hung on a tree. As the man or men hang on the tree, God would curse them with the curse the nation of Israel had coming for their rebellion.

*Galatians 3:13 Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangs on a tree.*

When Jesus was nailed to the cross His Father came and spoke the curse over Him. He would not break His covenant nor alter the

word of His lips, not even for His own Son. God loves me and no man has convinced me of that, I heard God think it and that's all I needed. God loves me, He is committed to keeping me saved. If I get into error nothing changes, He still loves me and sends me His Word to get me back on track. I know what God thinks of me and it gives me great peace.

