

HOW TO BE LED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT SERIES

THE SPIRIT WORLD AND OUR THOUGHT LIFE

Last week we let off at the thought life and the inward voice. We saw how the inward voice is as an inner thought that rises from deep within us. We described how there is a difference between the thoughts that come from the outside and thoughts that arise from the inside. We closed by giving several keys by which we could differentiate the thoughts.

Now in the bible, there are at least 5 different Greek words for the word *thoughts*. Two of them are already familiar to you. They are the words *dialogismos* and *dianoia*. *Dialogismos* is a word, which speaks about the analytical part of our being. It is the part of the brain that calculates one plus one equals two; two plus two equals four. It's the logical part of us. It's the part of us that reasons. In Acts 18, that word is used on the apostle Paul how he reasoned or *dialogismos* in the synagogue. He showed from the scriptures that Jesus Christ is the Messiah. I guess he must have reasoned this way. He must have said, "Look this is what the scriptures say that the Messiah will do and will be." Then he says, "This is what Jesus did and this is what Jesus shows Himself to be. Therefore, Jesus is the Messiah." I guess that would be how he presented Jesus as the Messiah. That is the same word that is translated as *mind* and it's also a word that is translated as *thoughts*.

Then the other word *dianoia* is the main word for the imaginative part of our mind. It is the part of our mind that visualizes a picture of a black dog when someone says, "A black dog." When that person says, "A very small, hairy black dog," in your mind the image changes. The part of your mind that visualizes and conceives a picture is your *dianoia*. It's the same word translated in Luke 1:51 as *imagination*. It is the part of us that imagine. Now both *dianoia* and *dialogismos* are tied up to the

working of inner thoughts within us. When Jesus said that you are to love God with all your hearts, with all your mind and all your strength and all your soul, He used the word *dianoia* for the word *mind*.

So, the word *dianoia* is of importance in the spirit realm. So is the word *dialogismos* when we see Paul using it. *Dianoia* and *dialogismos* are tied up to the workings of God within our lives. Like Ephesians 1:17 Paul prayed that the spirit of wisdom and revelation will be given to the Ephesians Christians and that the eyes of their *dianoia* the eyes of their understanding be enlightened or flooded with light. So apparently, the Spirit of God works directly with our imagination or *dianoia* part and with the reasoning or *dialogismos* part of our mind.

Our soul consists of our emotions, our intellect and our volition the part of us that chooses. The mind is the link between the natural realm and the spirit realm. Your mind is involved with the physical realm. If you want to eat, your mind makes the decision. Your mind decides what to eat. You decide which shop to go; it is your mind that decides, not your body. So your soul is involved in the decision-making process. At the same time, your mind is also involved with the spirit realm too. Like right now, your soul is absorbing as we teach the Word of God. The Bible consists of black letters on a white background, printed on paper. As we read the Bible, the Word of God comes from a different realm and gets into our soul. The Word is Spirit and it is life. So, the Word of God is affecting our mind now. As we study the Word, the Word is affecting our thoughts too. But which part of our mind is affected? There are five Greek words for the word *thought*. Two of them are the words *dialogismos* the reasoning part and *dianoia*, which is the imagination part. These two words are sometimes translated as *thoughts* and sometimes as *mind*. But there are three other words *noema*, *ennoia* and *enthumesis* and we will consider the words *noema* and *enthumesis* today. In the next message, we will look at *ennoia*.

Noema

One of the words translated as *thought* is from the Greek word *noema*. So, the third Greek word that we are introducing to this subject is the word *noema*. In studying

the Greek very carefully, the word *noema* points to the thoughts that arise from the physical realm. The word *noema* seems to point to thoughts that are in the carnal realm. That is where II Cor. 10:5 *We destroy arguments and every proud obstacle to the knowledge of God, and take every thought (noema) captive to obey Christ.* Researching the word, *noe* and the word *noema* both refer to a negative aspect of the mind. In fact, there are 10 Greek words for mind and 5 Greek words for thought. The word *noema* here is used in a negative way. It says you bring every *noema* to be subject to the obedience of Jesus Christ.

When the Bible uses the word *noema*, it uses it in a sense as if it is something that is not dependable. It is something that should be subjected to another higher thought. Even the bible differentiates between the thought that arise from the spirit realm and the thought that arise from the carnal realm in its usage of the different Greek word. In the English, we just use the word *thoughts*. So when we are teaching on this subject, we use words like *spiritual thoughts, carnal thought, thoughts from inside, thoughts from outside*. People are wondering, "What is *inside thought, outside thought?* I thought, thought is thought and mind is mind." But in the Greek, they differentiate between these two types of thoughts. They differentiate between thoughts that are from the outside and thoughts that are from the inside. If I were to speak to you in Greek and say that I received a thought from God, that God placed a *dianoia* in my mind, you would not have to ask me whether it was a spiritual thought or a carnal thought. By my usage of the word *dianoia*, you know that is from the spirit side. But if I say yesterday, a *noema* came to me, you would know straightaway know that it was a carnal thought. I don't even have to explain myself. By the choice of words I use I could differentiate by the Greek between a thought that comes from the outside and a thought that comes from the inside. For the spirit of man is within us. And the Holy Spirit lives in us and within us. He is affecting our *dianoia* and our *dialogismos* from the inside. There are inner thoughts that arise from within us, there are outer thoughts that come to us and the bible differentiates the two. If the bible so differentiates then we must differentiate too. We must differentiate between a thought from God and a thought from the outside. We must differentiate between outer thought and inner thought. Now that we are aware that there is a difference between inner thoughts and outer thoughts, then we can differentiate them. If you are not aware of that, we won't be able to differentiate the two.

Just to give a few more scriptures on how *noema* are thoughts that are from the outside. Phil. 4:7 *And the peace of God, which passes all understanding will guard your hearts* (refers to the inner area) *and your mind (noema) in Christ Jesus*. Notice the peace of God has to guard the *noema*. And the word *noema* is sometimes translated as *mind*, some times translated as *thought*, but it refers to the part the intellectual part of our soul that is affected by the natural side. That is why the bible says the peace of God needs to guard the *noema*. Why doesn't it talk about guarding the *dianoia* and *dialogismos*? The *noema* is a part of your mind that contacts the physical realm. It needs to be guarded. The word *guarded* is a Greek word *garrison*. A fort needs to be built around the *noema* in your mind to guard against wrong thoughts that come from the physical realm.

And in Eph. 3:20 at the end of his prayer *Now to Him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think (noema)*. He is saying that God is able to do above what our *noema* can conceive. But God is only able to do in proportion not above but in proportion to what your *dianoia* can conceive. I could say God could do above your *noema*. But I cannot say God do above your *dianoia* because God's working in our lives is dependent and directly proportional to the working of *dianoia* in your life. God can only work in proportion to how much He has been able to reveal Himself in our *dianoia*. That is why in Ephesians 1:17 Paul prayed that the spirit of wisdom and revelation would open the eyes of their *dianoia*. God's working in your life is limited by His working in your *dianoia* and also your *dialogismos*. And it's always higher and above your *noema*. It doesn't mean you get rid of *noema*. But you guard it and you renew it with your *dianoia* and *dialogismos*.

We began to see how complex the mind is and the soul that God has created for us. Every thing that your *noema* conceived is only from the natural realm. Some people function only from their *noema*. They don't even move into *dialogismos*; neither do they move into *dianoia*. Their mind is only functioning from *noema*. They are living just on the natural; the bible calls them brutes. They are just functioning from the *noema*. They live to eat, they eat to live. Their whole life revolves only in the carnal realm and no more than that. Sometimes the enemy tries to affect the thought life from the angle of *dianoia* and *dialogismos* by giving you a wrong imagination and a wrong reasoning respectively. But you notice it's from the spirit realm. Other times the enemy will just target on your *noema* in the natural realm. Like for example

Simon the magician in Acts 8 saw how Peter and John laid hands and people received the baptism in the Spirit. In the past, Simon the magician probably paid a great price in terms of gold and silver to learn his magical arts that he gave up when he was born again. But now it was still lingering in him that he thought he could buy spiritual power with money. So he came to Peter in Acts 8 and said, "Give me this power and I will pay you in cash." Peter said, "Forget about it." I am paraphrasing their conversation. He said, "Repent for the thought of your heart is not right." Now when he used that word there was a special use in Acts 8:22 *Repent therefore of this wickedness of yours, and pray to the Lord that, if possible, the intent of your heart may be forgiven you.* The word *thought* here is the word *epinoia*. The word *noia* is the same word, which means to be opened.

It's just like a camera. A camera does not record data; it captures pictures on film. A computer records data that can be produced into a graphic picture. But all the recording of a computer is only based on two codes, on, off, on, off, that's all. That is why its just 1010101. So, a computer records information in codes but a camera records information in pictures. So, the *dianoia* is like the part of you that records information like photographic imagination. Some people develop their *dianoia* like a zoom camera. The *dialogismos* is the part of you that formulates data, precept upon precept, and line upon line. Some people's *dialogismos* is like the first computer that was invented. They have very few megabytes of hard drive memory and cannot keep that much information. And some people's *dialogismos* is just like the new generation computers with many gigabytes of memory. They have developed their *dialogismos* very well.

Dia means *through* and *noia* means to *see*. So *dianoia* means to see through and that is the imagination part of the mind. Here is what happened. Simon the magician has allowed his *dianoia* to be bounded. That is why in Acts 8 Peter used the word *epinoia*. The word *epi* means *upon*. Simon's seeing or *noia* was focused *upon* something. Therefore, Simon's *dianoia* or the part that sees was bound or held by something. He is only dwelling on one thing the wicked thought. Later you will see how Peter says to Simon the magician, "You are being bound by iniquity and by bitterness." So there was something working on him and his *dianoia*. Simon the magician had allowed a thought from the bad spiritual realm, from Satan's realm, to come and bind his *dianoia* so that now it has become his *epinoia* or the intent of his heart. That is why he was in bondage. He needs his *dianoia* to be freed. So, it's

important to see how the bible differentiates between thought that arise from the spirit realm and thoughts that are from the natural realm. You always have to guard thoughts that come from the natural realm.

Now the *dianoia* and the *dialogismos* we always have to renew by God's word. Now I said there are 5 Greek words and we only looked at three already, the *dianoia*, the *dialogismos*, and the *noema*. There is another special Greek word for thought. See the *noema*, the *dianoia*, the *dialogismos* and the *epinoia* are parts of the soul collectively called the intellect. These three words are what we call thoughts. Thoughts that arise in the soul, imaginative thoughts from the spirit realm, reasoning thoughts from the spirit realm, natural thoughts from the natural being. All these stand on a common ground. This platform the three of them are standing on represents the source of all thoughts that arise in the soul. There has to be a source. There has to be what I call the thinker part of the thinking.

Enthumesis

Every great river has a source. Like for example one time I was reading a small article on how several people went to the source of the Amazon River. You know how great and mighty the Amazon River is. It flows with such force through South America. The Amazon River passes through different countries. So, they went right to the source by canoe starting from the sea. But on reaching the source of the Amazon River, they found that the river began from two or three tiny little outlets. These rivulets were small and insignificant but they could develop into such a mighty torrent of a river.

Likewise, our soul has only one flickering part. It only takes a spark to get the fire going. And that is what we call the spark of the thought itself that the whole thought being is centered on. That is the Greek word *enthumesis*. It is that part that the Word of God affects. It affects the very source of the thought. Hebrews 4:12 *For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrows, and discerning the thoughts (enthumesis) and intention of the heart.* See the word *thumesis* is the word *thumma* that means the

wrath. A sub-word from that which is the same word *thum* is translated as incense. So the whole picture that the word *thum* conveys is a rising forth. When incense is burned, there is a rising forth of smoke and fragrance. And that is where there is a rising forth of the source of the thought. The Word of God touches right at that realm where the thoughts rise. That is why it talks about piercing or as in the NKJV, cutting asunder. How can you cut asunder your soul and spirit? Our soul and spirit are intricately connected. To cut away the soul is to cut away its existence itself. Our soul and spirit are so intricately connected yet the fact is that there is a connection. So, it says that the Word of God goes right into the point where spirit meets with soul at the very source and origin of all thoughts. And *enthumesis* can be pictured as just a canal or just a little pipe that comes to the source of thoughts. And all these *dianoia*, *dialogismos* and *noema* may be pictured as water coming from the pipe.

If the piping system in your house has too much blockage of soil and mud clotting it up, it will affect the purity of your tap water. It is useless for drinking or washing. Likewise, your thought life may be contaminated because there is a blockage. Some mental patients and people have that part completely cut forth or have that part blocked out. And that is why it looks like they are not thinking anymore. They seem to have lost their mind. It takes God's Word to reach into the recesses of the soul and clean them out. It's the only detergent powerful enough to clean. Nothing else can clean like God's Word. John 15:3 Jesus said, "My Word has made you clean." God needs to keep that *enthumesis* or canal clean and purified. We realize that keeping it clean is not just a once for all process. That is why Jesus said when you bear much fruit you will also be pruned that you may bear more fruit. Every branch in Me that bears fruit will be pruned that it may bear more fruit. Even though you are bearing fruit, it needs to be constantly pruned. It's just like a car that needs to be serviced from time to time so that it functions properly. If it's an old car, it needs tuning. So we realize that *enthumesis* is just the very part where there is the contact with the spirit realm and where there is the rising of the thought from the inside keeping it clean.

There are a lot of people's *enthumesis* is filthy and blocked. Sometimes, it could be a frog that crept into your pipe and get stuck. You turn on your tap there is no water. All the other houses have water but not yours. A big fat frog is stuck somewhere there in the pipe. So, that is the part where the thought arises from and it works

with the Word of God. So, *enthumesis* speaks about the very source. And we realize that if we want to receive thoughts from God we must keep that pipeline open. There is no way you can get around it. You have to get Hebrews 4:12 working. Notice that the sword, which is the Word of God, is not applied here like Ephesians 6, which is applied to the enemy. Hebrews 4:12 is applied within us. It cuts asunder of spirit and soul; it separates what is spirit and what is soul. And it is able to discern every thoughts and intents of the heart. The word, *Word* here in Hebrews 4:12 is the word *logos*. See the *logos* of God cleanses your inner being. The *logos* of God cleanses the part of your soul that connects to the spirit realm.

That is important. If you live somewhere in the Amazon jungle and you have a phone and a generator, these equipments would be your only communication with the outside world. It's important to you for the line to be maintained. So, you would maintain that line. You would not let anything affect that line. Now there is a line of communication between our soul and the spirit and the spirit of course is connected to the Holy Spirit who is connected to Jesus and the Father. But the *enthumesis* or the source of the thoughts is being cleansed every time you do your devotion; every time you read the Word of God; every time you meditate on God's Word, you are giving your *enthumesis* a scrubbing.

Think about how you would look and smell if you didn't bathe for one week. Think about how you would look if you do not bathe for one year. But some people never bathe spiritually for years. If one day an angel appears to you and the angel had to do this (close his nose I believe) when he talk to you, "God says to pass you this message, excuse me I have to go off quickly, thank you," you know that you stink in the spiritual ream. Why because there is so much pollution inside you. You know the bible talks about the cleansing of the inner person, a renewal, a cleansing and do not be defiled, don't let any thing block the spirit realm. Whenever you read God's Word and meditate on God's Word, you are actually giving yourself spiritual food. You are also giving yourself a spiritual bath to cleanse your connection your *enthumesis* between your soul and your spirit so that the channel can remain clear for inner thoughts to arise. That's how you could differentiate thoughts that arise from the inside.

Dianoia and Dialogismos

Now there are thoughts that arise from the outside that affects your *noema* directly. Your *noema* contacts the outward realm. As you progress spiritually, you could differentiate between the inner thoughts and the outer thoughts. The inner thoughts that arise can affect either either your *dianoia* or *dialogismos* at the same time or they would affect one of them at a time. For example, when the apostle Peter had a vision, he was in contact with the spirit realm. In the book of Acts 10 after he saw the vision of the animals coming down from God, three times it happened. And the voice told him, "Peter rise kill and eat." It is an allegorical vision, a parable vision that needs interpretation. But the fact is that in Acts 10 in verse 17 *Now while Peter was inwardly perplexed as to what the vision which he had seen might mean, behold, the men that were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon's house, stood before the gate.* So Peter was wondering. See the vision or the Word of God that he received in vision form affected his *dianoia* but did not affect his *dialogismos*. So, your inner thoughts flow through the *enthumesis* and it can affect either one department of your soul the *dianoia* or the *dialogismos* or it can affect both. Sometimes you receive a thought in *dianoia* form and it's just a picture. And you don't understand what it meant. It needs *dialogismos* to get its meaning. When *dialogismos* gets it that's when an understanding comes to you. Otherwise, all you receive is a thought.

One day this preacher was talking to me after one ministry session on "Moving in the Spirit". This preacher came to me and said, "Do you know I received some of those instructions too and those words of knowledge? And this is how they came to me but I don't understand all of it so I don't give all of it." And he told me how one time when he was praying for a lady, as he prayed there was this picture of a child came. But he doesn't know what it means. See God is giving a thought inside but there was no *dialogismos*, there was no interpretation. So he said, "Are you praying for a child?" The lady said no. Do you have any children? No. Problem now, what does this mean? But it's something from God. Subsequently he found out that the lady was praying for another child that belongs to a close member of her family and it has taken a lot of her prayer life. And he was actually having a word from the Lord for her in that area. It was picked up by the *dianoia* but not picked up by the *dialogismos*. Sometimes, we can have that kind of situation.

Lets say we worship God for one or two hours you probably pick up something in *dianoia*. But some times, you don't pay attention to that. See sometimes you worship you pick up something like sometimes as I worship I pick up an angel of God standing in a certain place, I picked up the Lord's light coming down in a certain place. Some people may say, "It's just your imagination." That's the problem: did your imagination come your *dianoia* or from your *noema*?

When we began to pay attention to some of these things that God is speaking then you will realize what it is. It's just like Moses' burning bush. He saw the burning bush and he says I wonder whether it's the sunlight's reflection. He rubs his eyes and it is still burning. He went near to see why it burns. He did not just say it's a phenomenon of nature. After all, it can be explained away and he could have continued on with his flock of sheep. He could have continued ignoring it for another year and the bush would still be burning. He had a telephone call and he didn't lift up the receiver. God is calling, God is signaling. Think about God He waits for our response. He is so polite. He doesn't intrude upon you. He doesn't enter your house unwelcome. He wants to be welcomed. He wants us to say, "Welcome Lord." Then He makes Himself at home. You don't welcome Him He doesn't intrude into your life. If you make a business decision or a major decision in your family or in your private life and you don't ask the Lord to come in and help you there He won't. He wants to be welcomed in. He is a gentleman. So the burning bush can keep on burning unless Moses responds. As he drew near to watch it, God said, "Moses, Moses," his sarong would nearly have fallen off, if he were wearing one. His hair would turn a different style. How would you like if you were near a bush and as you are observing the bush how it's lighted like a Christmas tree, suddenly the bush talks to you. How would you like a bush talking back to you? God never spoke until Moses responded.

You have been receiving things in your private life. You are saying, "God did not lead me by the Spirit." Are you sure? Or is your *enthumesis* too polluted, too rusty on your piping system? God is speaking but we are ignoring. I am not saying that we could move straight into it very sharply. But everyone who has even been born again will have communication from the spirit realm. Perhaps in your devotion life, your private life you have a picture coming to you. You have some sort of things. Sometimes in my private life as I worship God my *dianoia* perceives that He is standing before me. I would get up as if He is a real person, kneel down before

Him, and worship Him. He loves that. When I do that His presence increases and grows stronger. Think about what we missed.

Sometimes the communication comes through the *dialogismos*. In Acts 18 Paul was seeking to reach to the spirits and the hearts of the people through the *dialogismos*. But it's the *dialogismos* that can also be affected from the spirit realm. In verse 4 *And he argued in the synagogue every Sabbath, and persuaded Jews and Greeks.* You see through the *dialogismos* area he is applying the Word. And the Word was reaching out to their *dialogismos* and is opening them to the spirit realm. And if they respond, they will receive more from God. Line upon line, precepts upon precepts the thoughts of God are being revealed. Acts 18:19 *And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there; but he himself went into the synagogue and argue with the Jews.* What was he doing? He was dealing with from the *dialogismos* area. He was giving an understanding to the people from that realm. It was God's Word that was received from the *dialogismos*. Paul was a carrier of God's Word. We realize in chapter 19:8 *And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly; arguing and pleading about the kingdom of God.* Again, he was reasoning; he was declaring *dialogismos* to them of the things of God. So, sometimes God's Word can come to you through thoughts. You have what I classify as revelational thought where you could be wrestling with a problem for months. And suddenly this thought came to you that connect "A" to "C" and you saw how to connect that thing. You saw that "A" equal to "B" and "B" equal to "C" but you cannot see how "A" equal to "C". You couldn't make that connection. But when the revelational thought comes to your mind, straight away you got it. It's a revelation.

For example, I was reading the book "I Believe in Visions" by Kenneth Hagin. God was speaking to him about how you don't pray to God to cast out demons. You have to take authority and cast out demons yourself. As I was reading that, a revelational thought came to me. It was not a *dianoia*; I didn't see any picture but a thought of understanding dropped into me, into my *dialogismos* that, that's the same way for healing. In the New Testament, you don't beg God to come down to heal. You have the authority as a believer. And that one thought took me nearly a year to research. But it completely revolutionized my ministry of healing the sick. It's important for us to see how sometimes God's thoughts can rise. It can affect both the *dianoia* and *dialogismos* or it can affect just one area. And you can always differentiate it from *noema* that is the normal external thought. So now, you know

how your *enthumesis* has to be affected in your *dianoia* and in your *dialogismos* and your *noema*. So let the Word cleanse your *enthumesis*. Some of you may need a thorough scrubbing. I mean you may need to get away for one whole day meditate on the Word for about 8 hours and get it really shining clean. When you go to a restaurant how would you like it if you see the chef took an old and dirty wok and just fry your fish over it and gave it to you. You wouldn't eat it. It's dirty. So in the same way some of us are serving ourselves with dirty plates, dirty pipes, dirty cups, we need to get that scrubbed clean. Just one thorough scrubbing and then later you maintain it. If you bought an old car, what you do is to give it a good thorough overhaul then the rest of the time you maintain it. Some of us may need overhauling. You say is there a spiritual department for overhauling. Yes, during our Friday overnight vigils is where we overhaul you.