

TAKING THOUGHTS CAPTIVE

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**“Casting down reasonings, and every high thing lifting
Itself up against the knowledge of God, and
Bringing every thought into captivity to the
Obedience of Christ;” 2 Corinthians 10:5 (Worrell NT)**

There is probably no other scripture more important in the Bible than this one for this day in which we live. Satan is attacking society and the Church at an unprecedented level on all fronts and America is not ready for this spiritual war.

We just returned from ministering in Richardson, Texas, and I saw something I had never witnessed in America before (though I’ve known it was now occurring)—a witch from Asaba, Nigeria, transformed before my eyes in a shop! One minute she was beautiful and the next she was hideous looking.

We have not ministered in the Dallas area of Texas for some years now and I was amazed at how this part of Richardson has been taken over by Muslims, Nigerians and Mexicans; Americans cannot get jobs yet all these people from other countries are coming here and working—what a change! However, my thoughts turned to those here from Nigeria such as black witches, red witches, wizards, magicians, Obanjes, etc. Do you think that a witch stops flying in the night and attacking people just because she moves to America? No! She is now attacking Americans and these Christians are not ready for the level of attack they are witnessing.

One of the greatest weapons in the hands of the devil is our *thoughts*. He attacks us in both the body and soulful realm simultaneously and he always attacks you in the mind because he knows that if he can control your mind then he can control your whole body and take you captive!

“And that they may recover themselves out of the Snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at His will.” 2 Timothy 2:26

Most Christians are clueless when it comes to these attacks of the mind—they don’t realize from where the attack originates so they don’t resist it, though they often overcome suggestions such as suicide that the enemy sends their way from time to time. Many Christians—because

they've been taught that the devil cannot oppress or possess a Christian—actually aid the enemy in his attacks by assisting him, e.g., by reading or watching pornography. It's been documented (though I cannot confirm the accuracy) that 60-65% of Christian men are into pornography. Well, if you are then you are aiding the devil in his attack upon your soul.

One former powerful member of the Dark Kingdom once told me in Nigeria that the most important verse of scripture for Christians to obey was Ephesians 4:27—“Neither give place to the devil.” I wrote about this in *Mysterious Secrets of the Dark Kingdom*. The devil's kingdom is a military kingdom and they want to take the land—your land—and they will if you don't stop them. They view your Temple of the Holy Ghost as their “land” and they will try to establish a beachfront in that land so that they can bring the whole army into your body to possess and control you. If you give them any foothold in your thought life like through pornography through the spirit of lust, then that spirit will bring other spirits into your body to occupy it.

David was beloved of the Lord for many reasons. He loved the Lord and worshiped Him and he was quick to repent of sin—he didn't try to make excuses for his sin like King Saul when he was confronted by the prophet Nathan with his sin concerning Bathsheba and Uriah. But David wrote

something else in the Psalms that he practiced: “I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes...” (Psalm 101:3).

The great Apostle Paul knew the importance of our thought life; he wrote in Philippians 4:8—“Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”

In my book *Revelations from God, Volume 1*, I wrote that of all the thousands of visions and revelations I’ve received from the Lord, I’ve received more concerning the importance of our words and thoughts than anything else save the false church system. The Angel of the Lord once told William Branham that our thoughts resound louder in Heaven than do our words! That’s a somber thought.

Even if you are giving no place to the devil in your thought life via sin Satan is still going to attack you. So if thoughts and suggestions of the mind are Satan’s chief apex of attack what do you do about it? The answer is quite simple but you must be disciplined and you must know the Word—that’s why we emphasize the importance of reading and meditating in the Word each day. Paul wrote in our main Scripture for this study that you must “cast down” those “*imagination or reasonings*” that come from the devil. You cast them down

because they are trying to exalt themselves “against the knowledge of God,” the Bible.

I like to think of these thought attacks as being like a computer virus that seeks to attach itself to your computer and attack it. Your antiviral software does what? It either deletes the virus or else it quarantines—holds it captive—so that it doesn’t do any harm. You must likewise obey the Scriptures and bring “into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.” You do this with the Word! That’s why if you’re around me very much you’ll hear me say, “What does the Word say?”

The doctor says you have cancer but what does the Word say?

The banker says you’re broke and there’s no money in your checkbook but what does the Word say?

The landlord says he’s going to evict you from the house the end of the month but what does the Word say?

Take these thoughts captive; exercise your kingly anointing and speak the Word over these attacks of the devil. Learn to control your thought life with the Word of God and you will find that your life will line up with the Word of God because you are in covenant with Him and He Himself said: “The Scriptures cannot be broken.” Praise the Lord!

