

Recognizing the Voice of God – Part 2



Holy Spirit speaks to
our minds - through
our thought life.



Thoughts come from Three Places Only

1. Self
2. Satan
3. God



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1. Self Thoughts

Romans 7:1-6 (HCSB)



Jews – Law –

Law

Jesus

Greeks – Intellect –

Intellect

Jesus

Barbarians – Emotions –

Emotions

Jesus

Thoughts come from
Three Places:

2. Satan Thoughts

James 3:13-18



¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and self-seeking in your hearts, do not boast and lie against the truth.



¹⁵ This wisdom does not descend from above, but is earthly, sensual, demonic.

¹⁶ For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there.



2. Satan Thoughts

***Bitter**

***Envy/Jealousy**



**"envy" desires to deprive
another of what he has,
"jealousy" desires to have
the same or the same sort of
thing for itself.**

Vine's Expository Dictionary of
Old Testament and New
Testament Words.



2. Satan Thoughts

*Self-Seeking

*Lying



1 Kings 22:15-23 (NIV)

¹⁵ When he arrived, the king asked him, "Micaiah, shall we go to war against Ramoth Gilead, or shall I refrain?" "Attack and be victorious," he answered, "for the LORD will give it into the king's hand."



¹⁶ The king said to him, "How many times must I make you swear to tell me nothing but the truth in the name of the LORD?"

¹⁷ Then Micaiah answered, "I saw all Israel scattered on the hills like sheep without a shepherd, and the LORD said, 'These people have no master.



Let each one go home in peace."

¹⁸ The king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, "Didn't I tell you that he never prophesies anything good about me, but only bad?" ¹⁹ Micaiah continued, "Therefore hear the word of the LORD:



I saw the LORD sitting on his throne with all the host of heaven standing around him on his right and on his left. ²⁰ And the LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab into attacking Ramoth Gilead and going to his death there?' "One suggested this, and another that.



²¹ Finally, a spirit came forward, stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.' ²² " 'By what means?' the LORD asked. " 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets,' he said. " 'You will succeed in enticing him,' said the LORD. 'Go and do it.'



²³ "So now the LORD has put
a lying spirit in the mouths of
all these prophets of yours.
The LORD has decreed
disaster for you."



To hear the voice of God,
We must surrender our
will to God.



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2. God Thoughts

James 3:13, 17-18



13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Let him show by good conduct that his works are done in the meekness of wisdom



¹⁷ But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy. ¹⁸ Now the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.



Genesis 41:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ So Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, "*It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace.*"



Philippians 4:6-7 (NKJV)

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;



⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.



Colossians 3:15 (NIV)

¹⁵ Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.



To discern God thoughts, you
need to ask yourself:

1. From where do these
thoughts originate?
2. Is it truth?
3. Does it bring peace or harm?



To discern God thoughts, you
need to ask yourself:

4. Who does it bring glory to?

5. Is there abundant peace that
drops in your heart with the
answer?

