

Divine Thinking

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Jesus Christ is perfect theology, he's perfect theology. It is theologically immoral to allow anything, any revelation, about God that contradicts what you see in the person of Jesus to allow that to trump your concept of what God is like. The clearest manifestation of the nature of the Father seen in the person of Jesus. He made it very clear [he] said, "If you've seen me you've seen the Father". How did he handle sin? How did he handle sinners? How did he handle disease? How many storms did he bless? How many storms did he bless? How many times were there life-threatening storms that he would face? In the middle of the scene he'd say, "Well just go over to that city, destroy them and it'll teach them to pray and they'll become more like me"...

We got concepts of the nature of God that are based on disappointment, not based on a revelation. See, your questions about God, the questions that every one of us have, none of them have the authority to cancel a revelation what God has shown us about his nature in the person of Jesus. I am eternally responsible for, I'm responsible to represent Christ – re-present Christ. To represent him as he is. What God made it possible for the Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead to live inside of me it made powerlessness inexcusable and unacceptable. Powerlessness is inexcusable and unacceptable.

The Spirit raised Jesus from the dead is in me and is in you and he wants out. I like to put it this way: He's not in us as a lake, he's in us as a river and rivers flow from [somewhere]. It's the most amazing thing to me to see the nature of God, how it becomes your nature as a believer. At some point were actually you have to believe in our own conversion. At some point, because we keep praying for stuff we already got, we keep praying for things that we already have, and we wonder why we get bored in prayers. Because we labour over things that we already possess. And the Lord is releasing a spirit of wisdom and revelation of his people where we actually rise to who he says we are.

See, I can't afford to have a thought in my head about me that's not in his head about me. It's important that we learn to ponder things that the Holy Spirit can say "Amen" to. Your mind is a very valuable thing. Jesus himself died to protect that mind of yours. It was so important to him – the mind. But the mind is only useful when it becomes under the influence of the spirit man. He wants to teach us how to think. He wants to teach us divine perspective. The Lord is into building something, a revival culture that creates the atmosphere where anything can happen, at any time. And, our effort is not to get people into the building it's to get the Kingdom out onto the streets. And the passion of the Lord is releasing in this hour is raising up a group. Most of us train...

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You know, we've got good things that we've learned. We're in a culture that has very many positive things too, but do you understand we've learned so many things that we got to unlearn. The Lord's just trying to tear off the layers of things that we thought about, they're just simply not true. They're not true at all. And the Lord is after that because he's after your mind. He's after your mind because your mind becomes the canvas that he paints on. It becomes the very thing that receives that impression, that impression of what God is saying or what God is doing. Something happens in a renewed mind. A renewed mind is like one of the most valuable things.

I believe we're in the beginning stages of a reformation and I believe one of the absolute most essential ingredients of this move of God that will shape the course of history and affect entire nations of the world. This move of God, as one of its main priorities in core values is the renewing of the mind. And the renewing of the mind is not simply being able to quote a verse to address a specific problem. It is not that. It is a renewed mind that comes from a divine encounter. Any revelation from scripture that does not take me to the person of Jesus in divine encounter will only make me more religious it will only equip me to

¹ – www.youtube.com/watch?v=vbipMIHI_hI

argue with people who disagree. And what has to happen is that you and I, as we learn from the Scriptures and we see what God is saying, it is vital to us to say, that it's not good enough for me to have the concept in the theory. I must have the experience.

I must be a person that can deliver the goods. It's not good enough that I can just say, "Go to such-and-such a church. You can get a miracle there." That's not good enough any more. It's not good enough any more that we can say, "Go to Reading or go to Dallas or go wherever". That's not good enough any more. It's got to be that you and I learn how to take this gospel that has no limit in its power, no limit in the reach of God's compassion and love for people, to take it right into the gut of our cities. Right into the core of our cities, because Jesus is interested in changing culture not just getting bodies in chairs. It doesn't do us any good just to get people in the building.

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Many Christians feed themselves on what God hasn't done. And whenever I do that, whenever I've done that throughout my life, when I dwell on what hasn't happened, I create the atmosphere for the spirit of offense to arise and to thrive. When I dwell on what hasn't happened, I legitimize unbelief. I live with a sense of justification for not believing God. And that thing's got to die. That stuff's got to die in us. That stuff's got to die in us

I appreciate accountability that's in the Body of Christ, the emphasis to walk in purity and holiness and all of it. I believe in all of that and I like that kind of lifestyle. But I'm disappointed that so much of our systems of accountability keep us from sin and not to take us into our destiny. How about paying attention to the prophetic word over each other's life and to make sure we're still burning. As was testified earlier, are you still burning? Are you still burning carrying that sense of coming into the destiny that God has given us? He's given us a destiny, not of self-promotion, not of personal fame or glory, but a place of significance in the purposes of God on the Earth to bring about transformation. Not just of individual lives, but of cities and entire Nations. God's called us to this. This is our assignment. This is our life and that assignment rests on everybody in this room. You've been gifted and called to bring it about, to be a reformer.

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