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Prayer for salvation

If you do not know the Lord Jesus as your Saviour and Lord, pray the following prayer in faith, and Jesus will be your Lord!

Heavenly Father, I come to You in the Name of Jesus. Your Word says, "Whosoever shall call on the Name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). Come into my heart Jesus and be Lord over my life. According to Romans 10:9-10: "That if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord', and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved."

I confess that Jesus is Lord, and I believe in my heart that God raised Him from the dead.

If you have just prayed this prayer, please write and let us know of your decision. We have a free minibook, titled The New Birth that we would like to send you to help you begin your new life in Jesus!



SERVICE TIMINGS

Sunday

Worship & the Word	10:30	am
Covenant Kids	10:30	am
Nagamese Service	2:30	pm
Prayer & Praise	5:30	pm*

Wednesday

Pastor's Bible Study	5:30	pm
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Saturday

RGenX (Radical Generation)	4:30	pm
Surge	6:00	pm

*as announced

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Your MIND-SET



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Romans 8:5 (ESV)

For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit.

Why do so many Christians struggle to live for God? Why do we often fall prey to temptation? How can we overcome our weaknesses?

Every man exists in three dimensions. He is a tripartite being: spirit, soul, and body. Paul said in **Romans 7:22, 23** **For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.**

The **inner being** is the spirit of a man. When Paul talks about his **members**, he means his body, his flesh. Man also has a mind, which the Bible often refers to as the soul.

Paul said, **I see in my members another law.** This is something of a “play on words.” He’s not referring to the Old Testament Law of Moses. He means there is in his body a sinful nature which is contrary to God’s will and ways. It is the inward man that has been born of the Spirit that receives eternal life, God’s life and nature. But the body remains unchanged by the new birth. The fleshly human nature must be subdued by the power of the Spirit.

And notice Paul said his fleshly nature is **waging war against the law of my mind.** Again, there is a “play on words” in this phrase. The law of your mind is reasoning, the thing that rules your mind.

So the outward nature is waging war. A Christian’s spirit wants to do right. However, his body has a tendency to do what is wrong. And the mind is the battlefield; it is where the victory is either won or lost.

As a Christian, you can live according to the flesh; you can allow the law of sin in your members to dominate your behavior. Or you can live according to the Spirit; you can let the law of eternal life rule over you. (The word **Spirit** in **Romans 8:5** could be translated **spirit**, with a small “s”, meaning your spirit.)

The key to walking in the spirit, allowing your born again nature to rule over your flesh, is to have the right **mind-set**. Those who set their minds on the things of the flesh are dominated by the flesh. Those who set their minds on the things of the spirit are following the new inward nature in Christ. Their conduct is guided by God’s nature and His Spirit.

Your mind-set determines your destiny. Where the mind goes, the man follows. To live victoriously over sin and the works of the devil, you must have the right mind-set.

Your mind-set is the way you think. Right thinking in a righteous man leads to right living. If Christians are born again and have God’s life and nature in their spirits, why do they sin? Because they dwell on the wrong things. They have the wrong mind-set. It isn’t a single thought that determines a man’s course in life, it is his mind set. It is the way he thinks continually.

v.6 For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. Our minds can be swayed and influenced either by the inward man or the outward man.

One results in **life and peace**, the other in **death**. “Death” in this verse doesn’t necessarily mean physical death. (If Christians died physically whenever they had a carnal thought, there’d be no Christians alive today!) No, in this context, **death** means defeat, dryness, the absence of an abundance of life.

Paul is writing about the Christian experience in **Romans 8:6**. But every born again Christian already has life, eternally. And he already has peace with God. But by setting his mind on the things of the Spirit, he will experience more life and more peace.

Isaiah 26:3 says, **You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you**. In Hebrew this verse literally says, ‘double peace.’ The right mind set means keeping your thoughts stayed on the things of God.

If we want to live a life that is pleasing to God, if we want to experience his peace, we must be spiritually-minded people. We must mind our minds. We must win the battle of the mind. We must not be careless in our thoughts.

The Bible has much to say about our minds. This is the area where sincere believers are troubled.

Philippians 4:8
Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

You have a choice. You can choose what to think on. Not only do you have a choice, you have a responsibility. What you dwell on, ponder on and meditate on, determines your mind-set. So you need to think about what you think about.

Many Christians don’t realize the importance of their thoughts. They wrongly assume it doesn’t matter what they think on, as long as their actions are correct. But your thoughts are important. Before sin is an action with the body, it is a thought in the mind.

It is not acceptable to think wrong thoughts. If you continue to think on sinful things it will eventually become a reality in your life. Your mind-set determines your direction. If you continually think on good things, you will walk it out.

Your attitude is a product of your mind-set. If you think fearful thoughts, if you imagine bad things happening to you, you will feel afraid. If you have angry thoughts, you will become enraged. If you think about all that is wrong in your life, you will feel discouraged.

Your thoughts matter. You cannot have a positive life with a negative mind-set. Just like a healthy body requires a healthy diet of food. A healthy mind requires a healthy diet of thoughts.

Many years ago, I was leading a meeting in Kohima, Nagaland and the Lord spoke to me and said, “Son, I am pleased with you. But I would be more pleased if you were mindful of your thoughts.” God knows what we’re thinking.

That’s why it is important for believers to feed on God’s Word, continually putting God’s thoughts into our minds.

Joshua 1:8

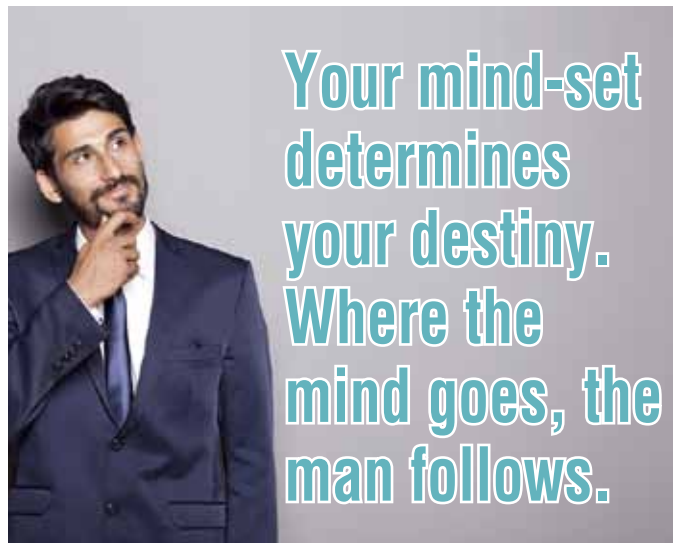
This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

All of us want to be successful in life. We want to prosper. God told Joshua at the beginning of his ministry, to purpose to meditate on the Word of God, day and night.

The Hebrew word translated, **meditate** comes from a word that describes the way a cow chews grass. If you’ve ever been around cows you’ve noticed they’re always chewing something, their mouths are always in motion. A cow chews on a mouthful of grass for a long time before swallowing it. But it will quickly regurgitate the undigested food back into its mouth, and chew some more. That’s why God said, “Do not allow this Book of the Law to depart from your mouth.

In the same way, it is not sufficient to merely know the Bible. We have to digest the truth to get it into our inward man. We need to chew some more before swallowing. The mind is the doorway to the spirit. As we meditate on the Word it fills our minds and finds its way into our hearts.

To meditate means to think upon, to ponder, to consider, keeping certain thoughts in your mind. But how does our meditation affect our success in life? Notice carefully: **but you shall**



meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. Our mind-set creates a picture in our soul that our spirit then acts upon. We visualize and then actualize. We see it inside and then do it outside.

All of us are continually thinking something. You already know how to meditate, you do it every day. The Hebrew word for **meditate** also means “to worry.” A worried man thinks about his fears. He mutters to himself. He quietly expresses his anxiety. So instead of meditating on fear, worry the Word. It’s the same process but different thoughts leading to a different outcome.

Read your Bible every day. Take time to intentionally think on the Word. It will change your life.

2 Corinthians 10:4,5 (NKJV)

For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ.

Paul isn’t really talking about demonic strongholds that we have to pull down out of the atmosphere. The strongholds are in our minds. He is talking about a wrong mind-set.

He refers to **strongholds, arguments** (KJV says, “imagination”) and then **thoughts**. There is a natural progression.

Thoughts that are allowed to remain in our souls form imaginations. We begin to see it in our mind’s eye. Those imaginations become fixed in us, like a fortress.

The reason Christians struggle in life, the reason many are bound with destructive habits, is they have a stronghold in their minds. But thank God, his divine power is able to pull every stronghold down!

But it all begins with a thought. If the devil can control your thoughts he can control your entire life. But you can choose to think on the things of God and live victorious over the flesh, enjoying an abundance of life and double peace.

Think about the words: **mind set**. If I set my glasses on the table, that means I placed it there. If something is “set” it doesn’t move or change. Set your mind on the things of God.

Colossians 3:2

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

Does this mean we walk around in a fog, like zombies barely in contact with the world around us? No; of course not. But we must train ourselves to think thoughts that agree with God’s Word. A renewed mind is more than a Biblically educated mind; it means thinking like God thinks.

Luke 6:18

who came to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. And those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured.

Some people who came to Jesus were troubled by evil spirits. They weren’t demon-possessed, like the madman of Gadara; they were not totally taken over by the devil. But they were oppressed and tormented.

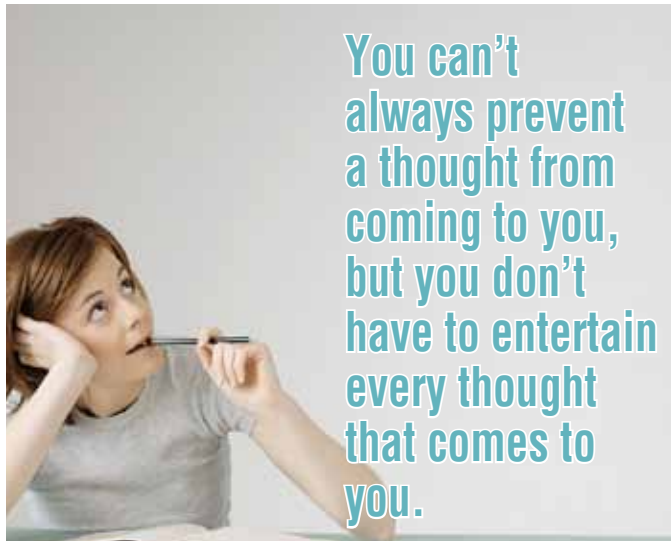
Brother Hagin once said, “Most demonic activity is in the soul.” Satan knows our mind-set is important, that’s why he works to gain access into our thought patterns.

Thoughts come to us from various sources. Not every thought is from God. Every child of God has had thoughts come to his mind that his heart resented. You can’t always prevent a thought from coming to you, but you don’t have to entertain every thought that comes to you. You can’t keep a bird from flying over your head, but you can prevent it from building a nest in your hair. You can’t

stop someone from knocking on your front door, but you don’t have to open the door to everyone who knocks.

If a wrong thought comes into your mind, arrest it, take every thought captive! Say out loud, “I refuse to think that way.” Thoughts are words in your mind. Words are thoughts that are expressed with your mouth. Replace the bad words with good words.

If you want to live according to the spirit, if you want to overcome the law of sin in your members, be careful of the books you read, the movies you watch, and the music you listen to. What you sow, you reap. If you plant sinful thoughts in your mind, you will have a harvest of wrong-doing. But if you will fill your mind with God’s thoughts, you will overflow with good things, and your inward nature will rule over your fleshly weaknesses.



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सच्ची आराधना



यहून्ना 4:23,24

परन्तु वह समय आता है, वरन् अब भी है जिसमें सच्चे भक्त पिता की आराधना आत्मा और सच्चाई से करेंगे, क्योंकि पिता अपने लिए ऐसे आराधकों को ढूँढता है। परमेश्वर आत्मा है, और अवश्य है कि उसकी आराधना करने वाले आत्मा और सच्चाई से आराधना करें।

अगर इस संसार में सच्चे मन से आराधना करने वाले लोग हैं तो इसका मतलब है कि झूठे मन से प्रार्थना करने वाले नकली आराधक और नकली आराधना भी इस दुनिया में हैं। परमेश्वर चाहता है कि हमारी प्रार्थना सच्ची हो। परमेश्वर सच्चे आराधकों की खोज में है क्योंकि सच्चे आराधक ही परमेश्वर की खोज में रहते हैं।

हम हमारे प्राण या दिमाग के द्वारा परमेश्वर से बातचीत नहीं कर सकते हैं, क्योंकि परमेश्वर आत्मा है। सच्ची आराधना भावना से बढ़कर होती है, यह सच में गहरी होगी। यह सच में हृदय से निकलने वाली प्रार्थना होती है। यशायाह 29:13 वचन यहूदी लोगों के विषय में कहता है, “ ये लोग जो मुँह से मेरा आदर करते हुए

समीप आते हैं परन्तु अपना मन मुझ से दूर रखते हैं। इसका मतलब है कि आप सही बात बोल सकते हैं और सही काम भी कर सकते हैं, और फिर भी सच में परमेश्वर की आराधना न करें, ऐसा मुमकिन है।

सच्ची आराधना केवल आत्मिक ही नहीं, अपितु सच्चाई से भरी हुई भी होती है; यह परमेश्वर के वचन पर आधारित होती है। सच में तो, परमेश्वर की आराधना हमें इस तरह से करनी चाहिए कोई दूसरा उपाय नहीं है। कई बार लोग ऐसा बोलते हैं, मैं अपने तरीके से परमेश्वर की आराधना करूँगा।” लेकिन यह हमारा काम नहीं है, परमेश्वर को बताना कि हम उसकी आराधना कैसे करना चाहते हैं। यह परमेश्वर के मन की बात है कि वह हम से कैसे आराधना करवाना चाहता है। आराधना प्रार्थना है, सबसे ऊँचे दर्जे की प्रार्थना। अगर हम प्रभावशाली तरीके से प्रार्थना करना सीख जाते हैं, तो हम प्रभावशाली तरीके से आराधना करना भी सीख जाते हैं। हमारी प्रार्थना वचन पर आधारित होनी चाहिए, परंपरा पर आधारित नहीं। बहुत से मसीह लोग चर्च में ऐसे गीत गाते हैं जिनमें प्रभु का

वचन बिल्कुल भी नहीं होता है। बहुत से गीतों में “ मैं कैसा महसूस करता हूँ, ” ऐसा होता है, इसके बजाए कि परमेश्वर क्या कहता है। कुछ जगह पर तो ऐसा होता है कि मसीह गीत लिखने वाले लोग थोड़ा सा बदलाव लाकर संसार के गीतों जैसे ही लिखते और गाते हैं।

मैं अमेरिका के एक चर्च में था, जहां पर चर्च में आराधना करने वाले समूह के लोगों ने ‘बीटल’ की धुन वाले गीत को थोड़ा सा मसीह रूप देकर “कम टूगेदर”, गीत गा दिया। इसमें किसी भी तरह का अभिषेक नहीं था, इससे मुझे कोई आशीष नहीं मिली। कुछ लोग यीशु के लिए रोमांस वाले गीत गाते हैं। लेकिन, यीशु किसी का रोमांस करने वाला प्रेमी नहीं है। कुछ गीत केवल अच्छी धुन और संगीत वाले गीत हैं जिनका मतलब कुछ भी नहीं होता है।

कुलुसियों 3:16 मसीह के वचन को अपने हृदय में अधिकाई से बसने दो, और सिद्ध ज्ञान सहित एक दूसरे को सिखाओ और चिताओ, और अपने अपने मन में अनुग्रह के साथ परमेश्वर के लिए स्तुतिगान और आत्मिक गीत गाओ। गीत गाए जाने से पहले हमें वचन चाहिए। मैंने इस बात को नोट किया है कि जिस चर्च में वचन से भरे गीत नहीं गाए जाते हैं, वहां पर प्रचार में भी वचन नहीं होता है। किसी भी गीत को केवल इसकी धुन या अच्छे संगीत के कारण ही मत चुनो। कुछ मसीह गीत ऐसे होते हैं जो आपके घर में या कार में गाने के लिए तो अच्छे हो सकते हैं, लेकिन ज़रूरी नहीं है कि यह सच में ही आराधना हो। पवित्र मनोरंजन और आराधना में अंतर समझ लीजिए।

फिलिप्पियों 3:3 कहता है “ हम परमेश्वर की आत्मा के द्वारा आराधना करते हैं। परमेश्वर की आराधना हम परमेश्वर के लिए नहीं करते, बल्कि परमेश्वर के साथ करते हैं। सच्ची आराधना जो परमेश्वर और हमारे हृदयों को तृप्त कर देती है, ऐसी आराधना के लिए पवित्रआत्मा की आवश्यकता पड़ती है। इसका मतलब है कि सच्ची आराधना करने के लिए पवित्रआत्मा की अगुवाई चाहिए। हमें लचीला होना चाहिए, हमें इच्छुक होना चाहिए, सर्विस चलने के निर्दाम से कभी कभी हटकर भी कार्य होना चाहिए। तैयारी करना और

योजना बनाना कोई बुरी बात नहीं है। परमेश्वर का आत्मा पहले से ही सही गीत चुनने में आपकी सहायता करेगा। लेकिन मीटिंग के समय हमें पवित्रआत्मा को उसका कार्य करने देना चाहिए। कुछ बातों का पहले से ही नक्शा नहीं बनाया जा सकता है। परमेश्वर के प्रति मन में गहरे सम्मान और आदर के बिना कोई भी मनुष्य परमेश्वर की उपस्थिति को अनुभव नहीं कर सकता है। यदि आप परमेश्वर की गहरी बातों और आलौकिक सच्चाइयों को जानना चाहते हैं तो आपके मन में परमेश्वर के लिए आदर सम्मान का होना बहुत आवश्यक है। आज कल के आधुनिक चर्च में परमेश्वर के प्रति आदर सम्मान की बहुत कमी है। कई बार स्तुति आराधन बहुत ही हल्की फुल्की होती है। हर जगह एक जल्से या जुलूस के जैसा माहौल होता है। लेकिन अगर हम कलिसियाओं में परमेश्वर की महिमा को प्रकट होते हुए देखना चाहते हैं, तो ज़रूरी है कि हम परमेश्वर का और अधिक सम्मान व आदर करें। मंडली में हर कोई पवित्रआत्मा के प्रति संवेदनशील होना चाहिए, केवल स्तुति आराधना की टीम ही नहीं, बल्कि सारे लोग। अशरिंग करने वाले लोगों को सावधान रहना चाहिए कि कोई पवित्रआत्मा के अभिषेक में दरखल न दे। अगर सर्विस चल रही हो और सब लोग पवित्रआत्मा के सम्मान में शांत होकर प्रभु से सुन रहे हों, ऐसे समय में यदि कोई शोर करता हुआ आता है, तो इससे सारी सर्विस बर्बाद हो जाती है। यदि कोई आदमी देरी से आता है, तो उसे इतना तो ज्ञान होना चाहिए कि वह चुपचाप से और धीरे से अंदर जाकर अपने लिए जगह खोज ले और आराम से बैठ जाए। मोबाइल फोन की घंटी बजने से, बच्चे के रोने की आवाज़ से पवित्रआत्मा के काम में बाधा पड़ सकती है।

परमेश्वर हमें एक ऊँचे स्तर पर ले जाना चाहता है। इसका मतलब यह है कि हमें अलग ढंग से काम करना पड़ेगा। परमेश्वर सच्ची आराधना की खोज कर रहा है, और जब उसे वह मिल जाती है तो वह अपनी महिमा दिखाता है और अपनी आत्मा को प्रकट करता है। जब ऐसा होता है उस समय हृदय छू लिए जाएंगे, जीवन बदल जाएंगे, और मसीह का कलिसिया महानतम महिमा में ऊपर उठ जाएगा।

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