

“Think On These Things”

Text: Philippians 4:8

Introduction:

1. The key to growing closer to God and maturing in our walk with him is through renewing our mind and presenting ourselves as a living sacrifice (**Romans 12:1,2**).
2. We need to replace useless and evil thoughts with thoughts of God.
3. What is there about God that we need to think about?

I. The Works Of God – Inspire Awe In Us

- A. (**Psalm 8:3-4**)
- B. When we consider the things he has done, we can't help but feel awe struck.
- C. The **creation** (**Genesis 1-2**).
- D. The **parting** of the Red Sea (**Exodus 14 [esp. verse 13]; 15:7-13**).
- E. The **feeding** of the 5000 (**Matthew 14:17-21**).
- F. The **raising** of Lazarus (**John 11**).
- G. **“I Stand In Awe”** by Mark Altrogge – *You are beautiful beyond description, too marvelous for words, too wonderful for comprehension, like nothing ever seen or heard. Who can grasp your infinite wisdom, who can fathom the depth of your love? You are beautiful beyond description, majesty enthroned above. And I stand, I stand in awe of you, Holy God to whom all praise is due, I stand in awe of you.*

II. The Ways Of God – Humble Us

- A. (**Psalm 119:15; Micah 7:18**).
- B. When we consider the character and attributes of God, we can't help but feel humbled in his presence.
- C. **Longsuffering** (**2 Peter 3:9; Matthew 18:21-22**).
- D. **Holiness** (**Habakkuk 1:12-13; Colossians 2:9; 1 Peter 2:22; Isaiah 6:1-8**).
- E. **Justice** (**Genesis 18:25; Luke 23:42-43**).

III. The Word Of God – Challenge Us

- A. (**Psalm 119:97**).
- B. When we consider the commandments of God, we can't help but feel challenged.
- C. Love your enemies (**Matthew 5:44**).
- D. **Avoid** fleshly lusts (**1 Peter 2:11**).
- E. **Control** your tongue (**James 3**).
- F. **Control** your attitude (**Ephesians 4:31**).

Conclusion:

1. I think we all would agree that we need a greater sense of God's presence.
2. By meditating on the works, ways, and word of God, we will be more aware of how great God is.