

# WORD OF THE DAY



## WORD OF THE DAY (Psalm 19:14)

*"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."*

### Acceptable unto the Lord



**We all wear the mask.** Who are you? What is the essence of a person, or by what can we measure the substance of the soul? The Bible informs us in *Proverbs 23:7* that *"For as he thinketh in his heart so is he"*. Those words of wisdom indicate that our thoughts are an essential indication into who we are as a person. Since by nature, we humans are not telepathic, meaning we can't read minds; God has given us the gift of speech to communicate our thoughts through words. However because we all have a proclivity to sin, it is possible to speak words which do not match our thoughts. So in essence, everyone wears a mask, meaning people only know us through the words we speak, and not from our thoughts.

**God knows our thoughts.** Since we are able to be dishonest and speak words which don't match the reality of our thoughts, we are able to fool and deceive others. God however cannot be deceived because God doesn't only hear our words alone, but knows our thoughts. We see this in *Matthew 15:8* when Jesus noticed that the words which the people were speaking did not match their thoughts. He stated, *"This[these] people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me."* Jesus was identifying that while the words of the crowd were of praises, in their hearts, they were distant (far from him).

**Acceptable thoughts and words.** Most people focus only on making their words acceptable to others. Yet for the Christian, our focus is on making not only our words but also our thoughts acceptable to God. In our verse of the day, the Psalmist writes, *"Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer."* Please, please, please don't miss this. Notice how this truly raises the bar. Listen to this; for example, for the little child, this means that the standard is not simply don't steal that cookie from the cookie jar, but don't even entertain in your mind the thought of how that cookie may taste. For the social worker dealing with a difficult customer, this doesn't simply mean don't speak bad words to the customer, but it means don't even entertain negative thoughts about that customer in the perceived privacy of your mind. This is truly difficult; but God is our Lord and our strength, and He will empower us. Indeed our redeemer didn't only pay the price to buy back our souls from the pit of hell, but also paid the price to buy back for us pure thoughts which are holy and acceptable to God. Now let us truly meditate on that one.

-Your brother in Christ, WNL

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## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Clean words and clean thoughts are acceptable to God.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for making me with thoughts and the ability to speak words. Please allow both my words and thoughts to be acceptable to you. In Jesus name I pray, Amen.



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