



Sunday 24 March 2013

GO DEEPER WITH GOD
6. YOUR MIND, THE BATTLEFIELD



OVERVIEW

- Scriptures
 - Matthew 13:18-23
 - Romans 12:1-2
 - 2Corinthians 10:3-6
 - James 1:19-25

MATTHEW 13:18-23

“Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹ When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. ²⁰ The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹ yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. ²² And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. ²³ And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”

ROMANS 12:1-2

Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. ² And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

2CORINTHIANS 10:3-6

For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,
4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely
powerful for the destruction of fortresses. 5 We are destroying
speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of
God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,
6 and we are ready to punish all disobedience, whenever your obedience
is complete.

(KJV) For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: 4 (For
the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to
the pulling down of strong holds;) 5 Casting down imaginations, and every
high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing
into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; 6 And having in a
readiness to revenge all disobedience, when your obedience is fulfilled.

JAMES 1:19-25

This you know, my beloved brethren. But everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; ²⁰ for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God. ²¹ Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. ²² But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. ²³ For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; ²⁴ for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. ²⁵ But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does.

SO FAR...

1. There is more for us in Him!
Do not settle for less
2. His Kingdom is our purpose
3. Going deeper with God: the
battlefield is your **mind**

THE BATTLEFIELD

- So what's stopping you?
 - Body? Spirit?
 - Mind!
 - 2Corinthians 10
 - speculations, lofty things, thoughts
 - raised up against the knowledge of God
 - Romans 12
 - transformation requires renewing of mind

THE BATTLEFIELD

- What's needed?
 - His Word
 - preached
 - received
 - meditated upon
 - Our request
 - Our choice
- It costs to go deeper with God...

