

As we grow spiritually, we come to appreciate the superiority of Jehovah's way of thinking. These two articles explain how we can avoid being molded by the world's thoughts and instead align our thinking with Jehovah's.

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(Psalm 119:97) How I do love your law! I ponder over it all day long.

(1 Timothy 4:15) Ponder over these things; be absorbed in them, so that your advancement may be plainly seen by all people.

Paragraph 7

(Mark 7:21-23) For from inside, out of the heart of men, come injurious reasonings: sexual immorality, thefts, murders, 22 acts of adultery, greed, acts of wickedness, deceit, brazen conduct, an envious eye, blasphemy, haughtiness, and unreasonableness. 23 All these wicked things come from within and defile a man."

(James 2:17) So, too, faith by itself, without works, is dead.

(Leviticus 12:8) But if she cannot afford a sheep, she must then take two turtledoves or two young

pigeons, one for a burnt offering and one for a sin offering, and the priest will make atonement for her, and she will be clean."

(Luke 2:24) And they offered a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of Jehovah: "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

(Luke 2:7) And she gave birth to her son, the firstborn, and she wrapped him in strips of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the lodging place.

Paragraph 8

(Hebrews 13:5) Let your way of life be free of the love of money, while you are content with the present things. For he has said: "I will never leave you, and I will never abandon you."

Paragraph 9

(Mark 9:42) But whoever stumbles one of these little ones who have faith, it would be better for him if a millstone that is turned by a donkey were put around his neck and he were pitched into the sea.

(John 14:9) Jesus said to him: "Even after I have been with you men for such a long time, Philip, have you not come to know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father also. How is it you say, 'Show us the Father'?"

Paragraph 10

(1 Timothy 2:9, 10) Likewise, the women should adorn themselves in appropriate dress, with modesty and soundness of mind, not with styles of hair braiding and gold or pearls or very expensive clothing, 10 but in the way that is proper for women professing devotion to God, namely, through good works.

Paragraph 11

(Isaiah 61:8) For I, Jehovah, love justice; I hate robbery and unrighteousness. I will faithfully give them their wages, And I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

(Psalm 97:10) O you who love Jehovah, hate what is bad. He is guarding the lives of his loyal ones; He rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

Paragraph 12

(Romans 12:9) Let your love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is wicked; cling to what is good.

[Footnotes]

- (James 5:14, 15) 14 Is there anyone sick among you? Let him call the elders of the congregation to him, and let them pray over him, applying oil to him in the name of Jehovah. 15 And the prayer of faith will make the sick one well, and Jehovah will raise him up. Also, if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

Paragraph 13

(Proverbs 22:3) The shrewd one sees the danger and conceals himself, But the inexperienced keep right on going and suffer the consequences.

Paragraph 14

(Genesis 39:8, 9) But he refused and said to his master's wife: "Here my master does not know what is with me in the house, and he has entrusted everything he has into my care. 9 There is no one greater in this house than I am, and he has not withheld from me anything at all except you, because you are his wife. So how could I commit this great badness and actually sin against God?"

Paragraph 15

(Exodus 20:4, 5) "You must not make for yourself a carved image or a form like anything that is in the heavens above or on the earth below or in the waters under the earth. 5 You must not bow down to them nor be enticed to serve them, for I, Jehovah your God, am a God who requires exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation of those who hate me,

(Daniel 3:4-6) The herald loudly proclaimed: "You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and language groups, 5 that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, zither, triangular harp, stringed instrument, bagpipe, and all the other musical instruments, you must fall down and worship the image of gold that King Neb·u·chad·nez'zar has set up. 6 Whoever does not fall down and worship will immediately be thrown into the burning fiery furnace."

(Daniel 3:12) But there are certain Jews whom you appointed to administer the province of Babylon: Sha'drach, Me'shach, and A·bed'ne-go. These men have paid no regard to you, O king. They are not serving your gods, and they refuse to worship the image of gold that you have set up."

(Daniel 3:16-18) Sha'drach, Me'shach, and A·bed'ne-go answered the king: "O Neb·u·chad·nez'zar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 If it must be, our God whom we serve is able to rescue us from the burning fiery furnace, O king, and to rescue us from your hand. 18 But even if he does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold that you have set up."

Paragraph 16

(Acts 15:28, 29) For the holy spirit and we ourselves have favored adding no further burden to you except these necessary things: 29 to keep abstaining from things sacrificed to idols, from blood, from what is strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you carefully keep yourselves from these things, you will prosper. Good health to you!"

Paragraph 17

(Matthew 16:21-23) From that time forward, Jesus began explaining to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed, and on the third day be raised up. 22 At this Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying: "Be kind to yourself, Lord; you will not have this happen to you at all." 23 But turning his back, he said to Peter: "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me, because you think, not God's thoughts, but those of men."

Paragraph 18

(Matthew 6:33) "Keep on, then, seeking first the Kingdom and his righteousness, and all these other things will be added to you.

(Matthew 28:19, 20) Go, therefore, and make disciples of people of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the holy spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all the things I have commanded you. And look! I am with you all the days until the conclusion of the system of things."

(James 4:8) Draw close to God, and he will draw close to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you indecisive ones.

Paragraph 21

(Psalm 37:11) But the meek will possess the earth, And they will find exquisite delight in the abundance of peace.

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