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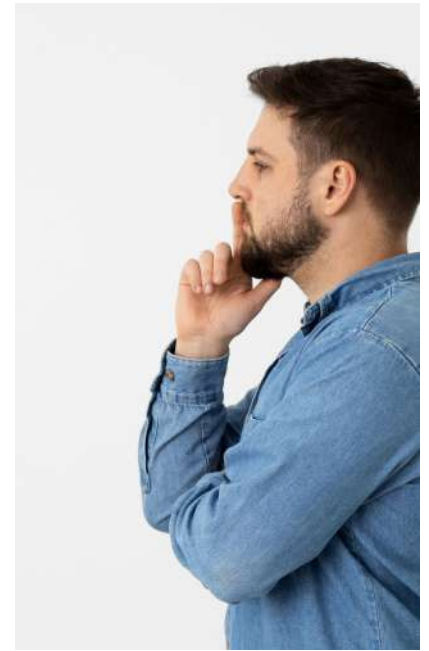
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THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND

But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his trickery, your minds will be led astray from sincere and pure devotion to Christ.
2 Corinthians 11:3 NASB

Beten - Belly

By Willy and Piedad González

Bible verses to study

Genesis 3:14
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JOB 15:35 (NASB) SAYS: *“They conceive harm and give birth to wrongdoing, and their mind prepares deception.”* Here, The Bible relates mind with belly as a very deep part of the human being and where irrational acts full of evil are conceived. But can people’s minds be manipulated to generate these types of actions? Yes, in a world full of human conditioning methods it’s possible. This is how.

Snake Belly

In Eden’s Garden, the snake was the first character that manipulated the thinking by distorting God’s truth to change Eva’s thinking and convince Adan to do what was prohibited by God. The snake curse was to drag its belly on the ground, which means that its thinking will always be related to earth/human. Then, God warns Israel to avoid eating those things that crawl on their belly because they are an abomination for Him. This means that we must reject the snake way of thinking which tries to lead us to humanism and evil.

Belly Enemies

“The words of a gossip are like dainty morsels, and they go down into the innermost parts of the body” (Proverbs 18:8 NASB). Here, words or information descend to the belly and affect the way of thinking. In this case, slanderer or gossip words circulate through social networks and other media lying, slandering, and distorting the concepts of people, religions, products, etc. In addition, fake news is everywhere, and experts say that 8 out of 10 people cannot distinguish the truth from lies. Proverbs 16:28 NASB says, *“A perverse person spreads strife, and a slanderer separates close friends.”* Gossip can divide, separate and/or cause trouble among friends, changes the perception that one has of a person with convincing words and lies, provokes fights, and switches from friendly to violent behavior.

Violence

“So when Abner returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the middle of the gate to speak with him privately, and there he struck him in the belly, so that he died on account of the blood of his brother Asahel” (2 Samuel 3:27 NASB). Violence

against the belly affects the mind (thinking). We are in the middle of the most violent era of humanity. There are millions of news related to violence per day, and newscasts repeat them 24 hours a day on different platforms, causing anguish and anxiety that become habits. In addition to verbal violence in social networks, entertainment, movies, extreme games, and the most dangerous, video games stimulate the most primitive brain making society addicted to violence.

Fear

“I heard, and my inner parts trembled; at the sound, my lips quivered. Decay enters my bones, and in my place I tremble; because I must wait quietly for the day of distress, for the people to arise who will attack us” (Habakkuk 3:16 NASB). Wars can be won by inserting fear through different techniques to affect the way of thinking of people (even brave ones) until they become frightened. Goliath intimidated Israel’s army until they almost gave up on him.

Soft Words

Control of the mind can be done in a subtle and pleasant way as the gossip’s words. For example, Stanford University’s “Laboratory of Persuasive Technology” purpose is to ensure that the world’s population spends more and more time connected to the networks and thus receive a large amount of information through the different applications. Some studies say that such exposure can make the frontal part of the brain not function properly and cause lack of reasoning and control, and activation of basic instincts to make humans manipulable and irrational. Absalom’s soft words changed the way of thinking of the people and converted them into traitors. In the desert, rabble people convinced others to worship a golden idol, and changed their manna perception into a miserable meal due to the information received.

How to Keep Our Mind Safe?

Deuteronomy 7:13 says that upon hearing the statutes of the Lord and obeying them, our belly will be blessed. So, if we listen and obey God’s word, we won’t be influenced by evil thinking, our belly will be fruitful, we won’t have sterile thoughts, and we will bear much fruit.

Kilyah - Kidney

By Marco Vinicio Castillo and Rodrigo Hernández

Bible verses to study

Deuteronomy 32:14
Psalms 7:9
Psalm 73:21
Jeremiah 12:2
Jeremiah 17:10
Lamentations 3:13

SCIENTIFICALLY AND PHILOSOPHICALLY wise, there are different concepts to define the mind. For example, the Dictionary of the Real Spanish Academy defines mind as the soul's intellectual power; the Dictionary of Americanisms defines mind as the set of activities and processes of conscious and unconscious psychics, especially of cognitive character. On the other hand, the website Definition defines mind as complex dimension or phenomenon associated with human's thought.

However, biblically wise there are several Hebrew and Greek words that can be translated as mind and each of them represents a different facet of it. When we put them together, we will get a better idea and understanding of the mind and the reason it constitutes the spoils of war in the battle between the spirit and the flesh (Romans 8:6-8 NASB).

Here, we will address two of those terms (Hebrew and Greek) which mean the same and are found in the following verses: *"Examine me, Lord, and put me to the test; refine my mind and my heart"* (Psalm 26:2 NASB). In the Strong's Dictionary, the word mind comes from the term H3629 Kilyah, which means *"kidney"* and refers to the most secret and intimate part of a person. The Dictionary Chávez defines the mind as *"conscience or feelings."* The New Testament says, *"And I will kill her children with plague, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds"* (Revelation 2:23 NASB). In Strong's Dictionary, the word mind is derived from G3510, which can be translated like *Nephros*, which literally means kidney and it is generally used in the plural and metaphorically. According to the Vine Dictionary, it refers to the will and affections.

Also, it is necessary to analyze some characteristics of the kidneys in order to know some of its main functions and thus understand why they are considered synonymous with our mind. For example, kidneys are twin organs, bean-shaped and fist-sized cufflinks, and are located approximately in the lower part of the abdomen below the rib cage –ribs– on each side of the spine. Due to its location, kidneys are among the most inaccessible organs of the body, and this is the reason why they are used, figuratively, to represent the most deep and intimate thoughts, feelings, and emotions of a person; kidneys are compare with the subconscious level of the mind



which is linked to the emotional state, desires, phobias and phobias, and responsible for storing experiences, but we do not have access to everything it keeps.

Their primary function is to filter the blood impurities. According to the National website Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases (niddk.nih.gov), healthy kidneys filter about half a cup of blood per minute; remove waste and excess fluid from the body; remove acid produced by cells in the body; and maintain a healthy balance of water, salts, and minerals in the blood. Without this balance, it is likely that the nerves, muscles, and other tissues of the body do not work normally.

The Bible says: *"...for it is the blood by reason of the life..."* (Leviticus 17:11 NASB). This means that the soul is in the blood of a person. So if physically wise, kidneys filter the blood from impurities, spiritually wise, the mind filters the impurities from the soul. For this reason, David wrote, *"I will bless the Lord who has advised me; indeed, my mind instructs me in the night"* (Psalm 16:7 NASB). The expression *"intimate thoughts"* is translated from H3629 Kilyah as kidneys. So, while we sleep our subconscious filters the impurities of the soul through the dreams and God opens the ear of men when deep sleep falls on them to deliver his soul from Sheol (Job 33:14-18).

Finally, water consumption is important for the proper functioning of the kidneys. In the Bible, the Holy Spirit is represented by water (John 7:37-39) and by the word of God (Ephesians 5:25-26). So, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit and the word of God, so our mind can purify the soul and become blameless for the Lord's coming (1 Thessalonians 5:23). Maranatha!

Leb - Heart

By Hilmar Ochoa

Bible verses to study

Hebrews 4:12
Proverbs 14:12
Jeremiah 29:11
Ephesians 6:17
Ecclesiastes 10:1,2
2 Corinthians 10:5



PROVERBS 16:9 **ESV:** *“The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.”*

The Hebrew term Leb appears in more than five hundred verses of the Old Testament, usually translated as heart. However, in some versions, it is translated as mind, as it appears in the verse that we will be using as the base text for the development of this article. According to some dictionaries such as the Strong one, it is also used figuratively to refer to feelings, will, and intellect. According to the Chávez Dictionary, it refers to the mind as the center of motivations, intentions, thoughts, and understanding. And according to the Vine Dictionary, it also refers to personality. We can say that the mind and the heart are closely linked, so it will be very difficult to differentiate them; in the same way as there is a border between the soul and the spirit that only the word of God like a penetrating sword can distinguish.

This facet of the mind, although it involves an intellectual part, is more focused on the emotional and sentimental, so whether positively or negatively it will affect our decisions since it is made up of motivations, intentions, and thoughts. It seems that it is in this chamber of the mind where plans are created and configured, it is like the command center where our steps are directed. Therefore, it is of vital importance that our mind is ministered appropriately so that the thoughts that are generated there are plans of good and not evil, of well-being and not of calamity, of blessing and not of a curse. In other words, the attack on the mind constitutes a direct attack on the command center to divert thoughts towards unproductive, idle, and destructive things. If a person's motivations and intentions are affected or altered, their steps will be directed towards evil, and their decisions or choices will be erroneous. Let us remember that thoughts are closely related to the paths, depending on the thoughts, the paths will be like that. If the thoughts are good, so are our ways, but if the thoughts are bad, so will our ways: *“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord”* (Isaiah 55:8 **ESV**).

As we can notice in the previous verse, thoughts (mind) and

ways (steps) are related. For this reason, our base text, says that the mind plans its path, and if we relate this to the text that says that there are paths that seem right to man, but lead to a path of death, we can conclude that the natural mind will be wrong because it cannot discern, it will choose the paths of death and its decisions will be wrong, unless the mind of Christ is installed, so that the second part of the base verse of this article is fulfilled, which says: *“but the Lord directs his Steps.”* Our mind is a battlefield, where God sends thoughts of good —since He said that his thoughts are of well-being—. But the adversary also sends thoughts of evil, for this reason, God has given us as part of the spiritual armor, the helmet of salvation.

Consider another verse of the Scripture where the Hebrew term Leb is translated as mind: *“I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine my heart still guiding me with wisdom and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life”* (Ecclesiastes 2:3 **ESV**). Like every human being, Solomon had his successes, as well as his failures, he made good and bad decisions, and he chose good paths, but also bad paths. And all of that originated in the mind, when Solomon was guided with wisdom in his mind, his steps were led to good, but when his mind was influenced by foolishness, he was led to evil. Solomon himself wrote that, just as a dead fly spoils the entire bottle of perfume, a little foolishness to the one who is considered wise. When Solomon said that in his mind he considered how to stimulate his body with wine, he was not necessarily being guided by wisdom, since he himself wrote that wine is mocking and that anyone who gets drunk with it is not wise (Proverbs 20:1). So at that moment when he had that consideration, who was guiding his mind? Was it foolishness?

As I said before, the mind is a battlefield where wisdom faces foolishness and our mind must choose one of the two to guide us. For this reason, it is very important to minister our mind through thoughts that come from God through his word, which in turn contains divine DNA to be able to take captive to the obedience of Christ all haughty thoughts. May the Lord minister to your mind!

Lebab - Inner man

By Ramiro Sagastume

Bible verses to study

Psalm 15:2
Psalm 20:4
Psalm 3:24
Psalm 62:8
Psalm 95:8

THE MOMENT WE ACCEPT Christ into our hearts, a beautiful process of becoming a new creature begins: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation." (2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV). Although all things are new, some things have been engraved in our minds and must be removed or replaced. By accepting Christ, he gives us a receiver that is his mind: "For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ." (1 Corinthians 2:16 ESV). Among the words that mean "mind" written in the Bible is H3824 *Lebab*, which can be translated as: inner man, mind, will, heart, soul, understanding. We can see this word in the quote from Isaiah 21:4: "My heart staggers; horror has appalled me; the twilight I longed for has been turned for me into trembling."

Consequently, we will develop this concept about the "inner man," in which the attacks of the enemy have been, to take control over the mind, over the thoughts we have, that is, before knowing Christ our inner man, our thoughts were governed by humanism and the enemy, although in our opinion they were good but their end was death.

The inner man without Christ led us to idolatry

"And it shall be a tassel for you to look at and remember all the commandments of the Lord, to do them, not to follow after your own heart and your own eyes, which you are inclined to whore after." (Numbers 15:39 ESV). God had told the people of Israel to make some fringes for their garments and that when they looked at them, he would remind them that they had a God who had removed them from serving other gods.

The church is an entity that in the Bible is typified by women, that is, when talking about a woman, her attitudes or her entire environment will represent things that happen to the church, we see this in the following verse:

The inner man not ministered by the Lord can lead us to become bitter and as a consequence to not be fruitful

"And Elkanah, her husband, said to her, Hannah, why do you weep? And why do you not eat? And why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?" (1 Samuel 1:8 ESV). Here we see that the bitterness that Hannah had in her spirit and soul had even affected her body, causing her sterility. This teaches us that we must be in constant ministrations of our soul to be fruitful. We see that until Hannah poured out her bitterness on the altar of the Lord, that is until she ministered, she was able to bear fruit.



When our inner man humbles himself to seek God, he will be heard and will bring justice into our lives

"if they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray to you toward their land, which you gave to their fathers, the city that you have chosen, and the house that I have built for your name, then hear in heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their plea, and maintain their cause" (1 Kings 8:48-49 ESV). Something very important that strengthens our faith is knowing that when we pray, we do not do it as something religious as perhaps we did before, now that we have Christ in our hearts we know that He is alive, that He inclines His ear and listens to our prayers, in addition, when our inner man is in contact with our Lord, He is watching to fulfill the covenant that He has made with us, that covenant includes our generations, just as the covenant that God made with David that benefited his son Solomon and made him be the best king Israel has ever had: "And as for you, if you will walk before me, as David your father walked, with integrity of heart and uprightness, doing according to all that I have commanded you, and keeping my statutes and my rules, then I will establish your royal throne over Israel forever, as I promised David your father, saying, 'You shall not lack a man on the throne of Israel.'" (1 Kings 9:4-5 ESV). Although Solomon did not minister to his own inner man which led him to commit many things that did not please God, as we see in the passage of 1 Kings 11:4-5.

Our inner man, ministered by the Holy Spirit, has access to the King of Glory

"Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart (*Lebab*), who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully." (Psalm 24:3-4 ESV). As we let the Holy Spirit fill us with His fullness, He will make our inner man (*Lebab*) strengthen and we will achieve all the promises that God has given us.

Libbah - Feminine of heart (will)

By Ana Julia de Sagastume

Bible verses to study

1 Peter 2:15
1 John 2:17
Esther 1:8
1 Chronicles 29:17
1 Thessalonians 5:18
Hebrews 13:21

PROVERBS 15:11: *“Sheol and Abaddon lie open before the Lord; how much more the hearts of the children of man!”*. The word heart in this text is H3826 *Libbah* of Strong’s Concordance, which is the feminine word for heart, among its meanings, will. According to the RAE, will is the human capacity to freely decide what is desired and what is not.

We see through the word that God, in his goodness, gives us free will, and allows us to choose; However, he also gives us options and teaches us what is best, for example, he tells us that we can choose between life and death and explains to us the blessings of one and the problems of the other. He does not send us to choose only. God chose us to live the last days, beautiful but dangerous times, among this is the attack that the devil has plotted to permeate our minds and how he would do it, just as he did in the garden when he approached Eve and persuaded her to change the perception of what the tree of life was and changed the information that God had given: *“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate”* (Genesis 3:6). The serpent used by Satan, who was cunning, attacked her in her mind, that is what he wants to do with us, in this time in which the media is so broad, we have access to a lot of information so easily that from one phone we can have a wide variety of data, the world of entertainment aims to capture the attention of a large audience, many times we resort to watching videos, publications that capture our attention in such a way that our mind is being trapped, at times the battle for our minds is being won by the enemy of our souls.

The first function of the new world order is to settle in people’s minds, which is why it uses things like the Overton window so that we get used to seeing what God hates as normal; however, we are new creatures, from the moment we opened our hearts to our Lord Jesus Christ we were changed from darkness to light, God began to make a

change in our mind, and we have the opportunity through the Holy Spirit to renew day by day our mind. The mind is part of our soul that is easily manipulated, but God gives us the Holy Spirit so that we can be filled with Him and be victorious in this battle: *“Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ”* (1 Peter 1:13). We will not be able to fight alone, but we can do it with the help of the Holy Spirit, who gives us discernment to accept what edifies us and reject what wants to enslave us.

God’s will for our lives is our sanctification, so we must surrender our will to Him so that we are guided and kept: *“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God”* (Psalms 143:10). If we recognize him as our only God, he will listen to us and teach us how to do his will, sometimes it will be difficult for us to surrender our will, because we are used to doing what we want, to come and go, but the Lord will not ask us to do something that He knows we could not do. Let us remember that He left us great teaching by surrendering his will before going to the cross, even knowing that it would be painful, he left it written: *“saying, Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done”* (Luke 22:42). We have been blessed from the moment we arrived at the feet of our Lord Jesus Christ, because before we were easy prey, but through the knowledge of the written word and the Rhema that God gives us, we are reaching wisdom: *“Guide me along the path of your commandments, for in it I have my will”* (Psalm 119:35). If we first put our will to do and obey the commandments and statutes, then the Lord will guide us on the right path, and not only that, but he will protect us from those attacks.

We are living in a time in which we must become watchmen in our homes, because we have families who, like us, are exposed to these attacks, but our children need more care, they want to teach them worldly things; for example, they want to teach them that they can choose what sex to be, deviating from God’s laws and wanting to manipulate their minds so that their will is not that of the Lord.

Madda - Intelligence

By Sergio Licardié

Bible verses to study

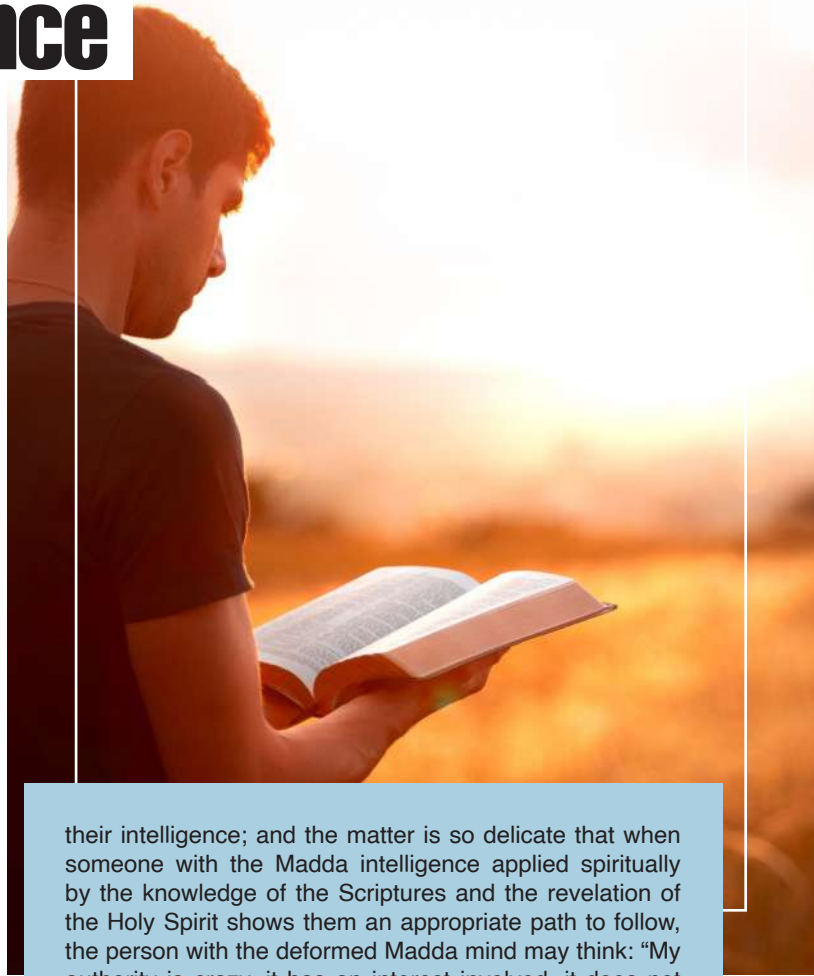
Psalms 90:12
Psalms 92:6
Psalms 119:79
Proverbs 17:27
Proverbs 28:2
Proverbs 28:22

IN THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND —territory that the enemy wants to conquer through many means—, there is yet another word in Hebrew that has impressive depth and richness. This appears mentioned in six verses of the Bible, which tells us in advance that it is a desirable entrance for human thoughts and a beachhead where the enemy can seduce and dominate a person through messages that envelop and seek to trap us to this earth. The base verse we will use is the following: *“Even in your thoughts, do not curse the king, nor in your bedroom curse the rich, for a bird of the air will carry your voice, or some winged creature tell the matter.”* (Ecclesiastes 10:20 ESV).

In this verse, the word mind corresponds to H4093 *Madda*, which the Strong’s Dictionary attributes to the meaning of intelligence or conscience. In turn, this word comes from the root H3045 *Yada* which means to know, used in a wide variety of senses: observation, care, recognition. The Chávez Dictionary translates *Madda* as know, in reference to academic knowledge. The Swanson Dictionary defines it as knowledge, that is, information with a special focus on one’s wisdom about a database. Finally, the Word Study Dictionary defines it as the ability to obtain knowledge through study or practical knowledge to administer a government. Based on the above, we can say that *Madda* is the mind, and intelligence, which can be acquired through the study, observation, or recognition of some particular subject.

For this reason, in the base verse, we understand that the enemy can place a foot in our minds, using intellectual (not spiritual) reasoning, we mock the king. In other words, when we stop using spiritual intelligence (mind), we begin to make use of earthly intelligence, which tells us that we have better characteristics than those of the authority over our heads. Although this may have nuances, for example: a physical characteristic such as body height may be greater in our case than that of one of our authorities, that does not give us the right to mock an authority. Let’s use another even more daring example: perhaps you, dear reader, speak more languages than your earthly or spiritual authorities; you may be trilingual or polyglot, but that does not enable you to mock an authority that perhaps has problems speaking English correctly or another language that you master.

That is why the mention of the base verse of this article is so important. We live in a time where people believe they are experts on all topics for the simple fact of having watched a few videos on a social network, without even studying, observing, or using recognition to obtain the *Madda* mind and differentiate what is true from what is false. This deforms the *Madda* mind of the person involved, upsetting



their intelligence; and the matter is so delicate that when someone with the *Madda* intelligence applied spiritually by the knowledge of the Scriptures and the revelation of the Holy Spirit shows them an appropriate path to follow, the person with the deformed *Madda* mind may think: “My authority is crazy, it has an interest involved, it does not understand anything, it does not understand this, it does not know about this subject” and another endless number of earthly reasons that lead the aforementioned along a path that seems to be straight, but whose end is death.

From this, it follows that when God offers King Solomon whatever he asked, his response includes the following: *“Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can govern this people of yours, which is so great?”* (2 Chronicles 1:10 ESV). The word intelligence used in this verse is *Madda*. Solomon understood that he needed that intelligence to discern, know, be able to reason and judge properly among such a large number of people. The message is very powerful: God himself reasons that Solomon asked for *Madda* instead of riches, goods, glory, the life of those who hated him or long life, and He granted it to him, confirming with the double mention (2 Chronicles 1:11-12) that this had been completely to his liking and therefore he also granted him what he did not ask for.

What can we say about Daniel and his friends —the four young Hebrews—in Babylon, whom the king himself ordered to search for *Madda* (Daniel 1:4). God gave it to them so that they could understand science, literature, wisdom (Daniel 1:17), but also spiritual topics such as visions and dreams.

In short, we need the *Madda* mind as a key piece so that we are not deceived nor the enemy takes over our mind, so that our thoughts are aligned with those of God and come only from Him.

Nephesh - Soul

By Fernando Álvarez

Bible verses to study

Proverbs 29
Genesis 4:7
John 1:29
Job 32:21
Psalm 57:1
1 Timothy 4:1

THERE ARE RULERS ACCORDING to the will of God (2 Samuel 23:3), whose fear of the name of the Lord guides them through his word, like Joseph who was established as ruler of Egypt (Genesis 45:26), a work he carried out with righteousness and wisdom before God; However, there are also evil rulers according to the desires of men and the customs of this world (Matthew 20:25-26) whose soul is full of deceit and destruction.

We are certainly talking about those who rule kingdoms or countries, but it also applies to those who rule in the church, in families or their personal lives. Proverbs chapter 23 shows a ruler whose invitation to his table contains a very great danger, which is warned by the word: *“for he is like one who is inwardly calculating. Eat and drink!”* he says to you, but his heart is not with you.” (Proverbs 23:7 ESV), he is someone who is calculating, deceitful, like someone who keeps track of everything, obviously because he will use it later.

Its objectives are to captivate the soul, mind, and thoughts of the children of God, to destroy them (2 Corinthians 11:3), typical of a soul whose nature is destructive, whose heart is full of rotteness and who uses flattery to convince the unwary (Psalms 5:9), so below we will explain a little more about flattery and food.

The flattering tongue and its purpose

According to the RAE, flattery is praise executed to win the will of someone, which is combined with falsehood because, although what is said is true and pleasant, the destructive soul intends to curse, even though with its mouth they are blessing (Psalms 62:4). Just as they did with our Lord Jesus whom they flattered and later tried to make him fall into a trap, asking him if it was lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, but the Lord knew them (Matthew 22:15-18). Such is the destructive soul whose tongue is like a deadly arrow; although with its mouth it speaks of peace, its true purpose is to lay an ambush (Jeremiah 9:8). The Lord warns and advises us through his word, so that we do not become victims of the seduction of sinners and that we turn our foot away from that path (Proverbs 1:10-19), the Lord escaped from flattery through prayer, the Bible says that the more his fame grew due to miracles and healings, the more he withdrew to pray, that is, he separated himself from the source of contamination and approached the presence of the Father who is in the

heavens (Luke 5:15-16).

The invitation to eat, a strategy

These types of souls use the table and meals as a deception mechanism, since the table is considered a place of rest and restoration, it constitutes an ideal place for the destructive soul to set ambushes and trap precious souls; They do it in a cold and calculated way, attracting through flattery and falsehood, to charge later, for that reason the word recommends “putting a knife in our neck,” referring to not trusting, measuring your words and attitudes; stay alert and watch carefully everything that happens around.

God’s strategy to guard our soul

Through the Lord’s Supper, we can remain in the Lord: *“For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.”* (John 6:55-56), in other words, Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life; By participating in his table we remain on the path, in the truth and in the same way life remains in us (John 14:6) as a consequence our soul will remain covered and safe.

On the other hand, we must guard our souls from the food and drink of Babylon, which requires determination and courage, like Daniel who, after being forcibly torn from his home, refused to eat from the table of the king of Babylon, because he knew that it was the beginning of a process that had the objective of changing his identity and replacing it with another (Daniel 1:8), in this case we are probably talking about an adulterated word or doctrine and spiritual ministrations from darkness (Jude 1:12-16) which we must resist.

If this is the case and some of our readers are fed up and desperate to find true food for their souls, we recommend that they should seek the Lord Jesus with all their heart, by doing so you will surely find Him. The New Testament speaks of a woman thirsty for truth and freedom who met Him, there at the well and received forgiveness for her sins and the filling of the Holy Spirit, becoming one of the first evangelists as narrated in the Bible. The drink and food she received transformed her, she is known as the Samaritan and represents the story of all of us who have encountered the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.

Quereb - Bowels

By Hari Chacón

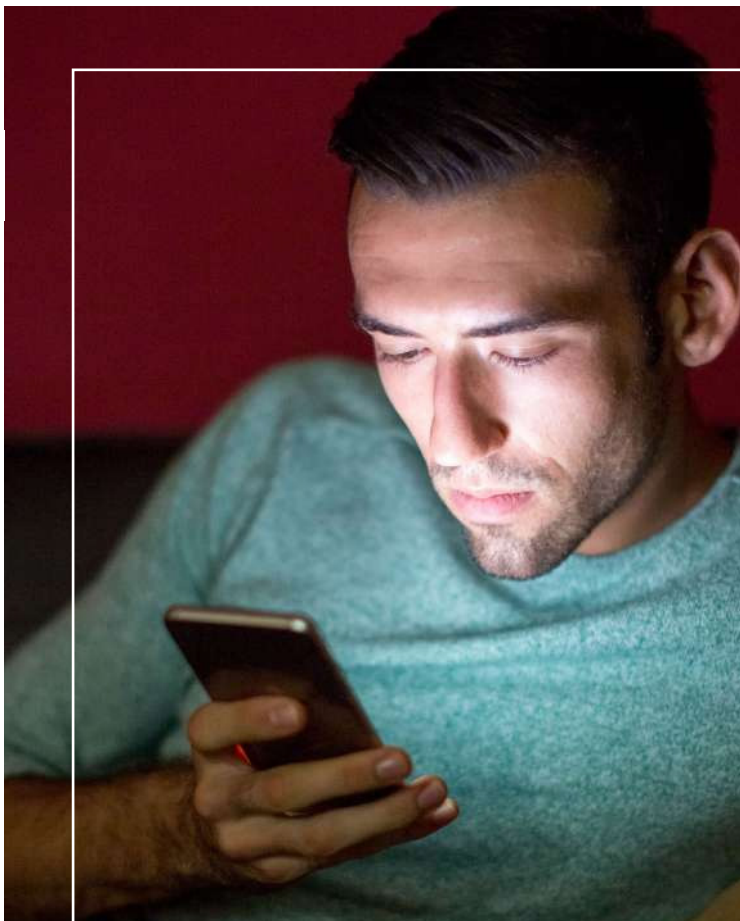
Bible verses to study

Habakkuk 2:19
Matthew 1:18
Matthew 1:23
Luke 1:31
1 Peter 1:18

ONE WAY IN WHICH THE CONDUCT and behavior of humans is shaped is through the information and trends that are distributed by the media, the internet and social networks, information that is sent directly to the soul of the person through the mind. The objective of the enemy is to bring the greatest number of humans to suffer with him the sentence of eternal death in which he has already been sentenced, which is why, for a long time now, a war has been raised wanting to captivate minds, because The word says emphatically: *“For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace”* (Romans 8:6 ESV). For this reason, Christians must wear the armor of God, which has the indispensable element for our defense, which is the helmet of salvation, which covers our mind so that we can set it in the Spirit and not in the flesh. If the enemy manages to take the mind, the conquest of the rest is easy and we see this in the concern expressed by the apostle Paul, when he writes: *“But I am afraid that your minds will be led away from your true and pure following of Christ. This could happen just as Eve was tricked by that snake with his clever lies”* (2 Corinthians 11:3 ERV).

“They plot injustice, saying, We have made a perfect plan! Surely man’s mind and heart are cunning” (Psalm 64:6 WEB). The word “mind”, from Strong’s dictionary H7130 refers to “the nearest part, the centre, bowels, heart”. Something interesting is that the Lord lets us see in His word that those bowels, inwards or inner parts are what protect the human spirit, a statement that we can support with the verse that says *“The oracle of the word of the LORD concerning Israel: Thus declares the LORD, who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth and formed the spirit of man within him”* (Zechariah 12:1 ESV) where the word “within” is the same used in the verse of the Psalms indicated above and in Habakkuk 2:19, where it shows that there is no spirit in the inwards of an idol.

Just as the Habakkuk verse has been mentioned, there are many more where the hebrew word “inwards” is related to idolatry and the Psalms verse lets us see that both the heart and the mind are key elements to conquer the human being. One of the equivalents of the Hebrew word in Greek is the word with Strong’s code G1064, which among its translations is “pregnant” and which is found only nine times in the Bible, three of them used to refer to the holy conception of the Lord Jesus Christ in the womb of Mary. To be more specific, it can be said that the battle in the mind that takes place in the guts, in the depths of the human being, has to do with who has been allowed to enter; that is, if the Lord Jesus has been



allowed to enter or if the mind has been captivated with the great diversity of idols that the world offers.

The entertainment industry has impressively managed to get people to consider doing things that were once inconceivable, such as contravening what was said in: *“You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth”* (Exodus 20:4 ESV), through programs and trends, artists and characters that come to occupy the inwards, in the place where only the Lord Jesus should be, so also the same traditions, transferred from generation to generation, make people discard the commandment said: *“You shall have no other gods before me”* (Exodus 20:3 ESV), that take root so deep inside, achieving a rejection of what is true.

Dear reader, the only way our spirit can be free from the deceptions of the enemy is to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our only and sufficient savior, which causes our sins to be forgiven, our spirit to be revived, and our name to be written in the book of life, so as not to reach the second death that would separate us from God forever. But once we have been saved, we must consider that our insides (mind) could have been affected in the battle we fight daily, so it is necessary that our cry be raised towards God, who constantly demonstrates his great love for us to free us, as demonstrated when in Micah, the Lord himself stands up to defend His people and says: *“and I will cut off your carved images and your pillars from among you, and you shall bow down no more to the work of your hands”* (Micah 5:13 ESV), giving us a precious promise of redemption from idolatry and the vain way of living that we inherited from our parents, through the blood of Christ, which rescues us from all evil and cleanses the deepest part of our being, in our mind and inner parts, where only He can access.



THE BATTLE FOR THE MIND

But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ.

2 Corinthians 11:3 ESV

Resh - Head

By Julio Lacan



Bible verses to study

Genesis 1:14
Deuteronomy 4:19
Deuteronomy 8:10-12
Isaiah 47:13
1 Chronicles 10:13-14

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3 ESV: *“But I am afraid that as the serpent deceived Eve by his cunning, your thoughts will be led astray from a sincere and pure devotion to Christ”.* In the beginning, the enemy managed to deceive human beings. Eve was led to sin since the serpent —which is Satan— posed a half-truth, in other words, a distorted truth that led her to cross the limits that God had established, making her believe that her decisions and actions were correct. In these times, the enemy is launching an attack on the human mind. He clarified that the attack is not only directed at the children of God, although it points very strongly at the church, which is the figure of Eve who was called to be the giver of life. With this we can understand that the enemy seeks within his objectives for the church to be diverted from complying with the preaching of the gospel for the salvation of people’s souls.

The attack on the mind constitutes a process in which the enemy seeks to seduce people in their perception, intellect, disposition, and way of thinking, through the establishment of ideas that will later become acceptable; By achieving this step, destruction, corruption, loss of direction, going astray and vices come as a consequence, thereby distancing man from the presence of God. In the Bible, there are several words whose meaning is mind, each of them gives us the perspective of the different battles that we may face, which is why it is important to know them and be prepared not to ignore the machinations of the enemy.

In this topic we will take the following text as a basis: *“I, Nebuchadnezzar, was at ease in my house and prospering in my palace. I saw a dream that made me afraid. As I lay in bed the fancies and the visions of my head alarmed me”* (Daniel 4:4-5 ESV). The word mind comes from the Hebrew word Re’sh, according to Strong’s Concordance it can be translated as: head, chief or principle and according to the Vine Dictionary it can refer to an abstract part of the human being that is the recipient of blessings or curses (Genesis 49:26).

The book of Daniel chapter 4 shows us that Nebuchadnezzar had a dream where he saw the things that were to come. These visions that were in his mind disturbed him and he needed

interpretation, so he called different groups of people to give him the answer he was looking for. For this he sent for magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans and soothsayers, but they could not give the interpretation; after these groups came Daniel —servant of God— who had previously had the opportunity to interpret a dream for the king, having made it clear that there are messages from God that not even wise men, astrologers, magicians or fortune tellers can reveal, but Our God reveals mysteries to make known what will happen in the last days (Daniel 2:27-30).

It is our turn to live the final stretch of the church on earth, the events in the different scenarios such as the church, Israel, cosmos, world, Babylon and family, mark the final time for us. As a church we must be attentive to each of them and understand them under the revelation that comes from God. When we see what happened in the book of Daniel we can realize that, to interpret the king’s dream, the wise men were approached, whom one of the biblical versions translates as diviner priests; we as children of God must ensure that true priests of God teach us the truth and interpret the things that happen according to the Spirit of God, in this way we will not allow our minds to be deceived with false doctrines.

Another group that seeks to interpret times in the world’s way are astrologers. They study the position and movement of the stars, through whose interpretation it is intended to know the destiny of people and predict terrestrial events. The Bible indeed teaches us that the lights in the heavens are for giving signs, but it is forceful in telling us that we should not use astrology as a means to interpret the times (Jeremiah 10:1-2; Leviticus 20:6), for us the Children of God times are marked where we can see the fulfillment of the promises of the Bible, just as it happened with the birth of our Lord and Savior: *“When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy”* (Matthew 2:10).

The apostle Paul raised a prayer for the church in Romans 12:1-2, to which we must join in this time, it consists of each one of us being a living offering to God, not living according to the criteria of the present time but to have a different thought so that our life changes and with it we come to know the will of God.

Ruwach - Breath, intention

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Bible verses to study

Mark 6:52
Luke 24:45
Romans 12:2
Ephesians 4:17-24
Hebrews 8:10
Hebrews 10:16

1 CHRONICLES 28:12 ESV: *“and the plan of all that he had in mind [Ruach H7307] for the courts of the house of the LORD, all the surrounding chambers, the treasuries of the house of God, and the treasuries for dedicated gifts”* The word Ruach, according to Vine Dictionary is translated as: breath, breath, air, wind, breeze, spirit, courage, temperament, spirit, speak, breath of the mouth. It is often used to talk about the mind (intention), disposition or temperament of some person.

When God formed man, He put His divine breath into him, so that he would be a living being (Genesis 2:7) and as we well know, everything that God creates is good (1 Timothy 4:4), then the question arises: How can a being created to do good turn to evil? In Genesis 6, we can see how incursions of fallen beings hired by the devil are manifested, whose purpose was to contaminate men, before which the Lord sent a judgment and put a limit on man's years, because he allowed himself to be filled with evil, and every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only to always do evil (Genesis 6:5-7), the above allows us to see a way in which the enemy can harm us, contaminating our mind, intentions and designs of our minds, but when we give our mind to the Lord, we can become useful instruments in His hands and of great blessing.

Let's look at a biblical example, the apostle Peter was a man whose character was tenacious and impulsive in his reactions; We see him drawing a sword to defend the Lord in Gethsemane, but we can see that temperament being molded by the Holy Spirit when he was able to quickly answer that Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God, when he walked on the water or when he answered the members of the Sanhedrin that it was necessary to obey God before men. But in his process, we see how he tried to persuade the Lord not to go up to the cross and the Lord discerned that it was Satan who was using his mind, that is why He rebuked not Peter but Satan, but He left us a teaching of how vulnerable we can be if we do not give our minds to the Lord and if we do not prepare ourselves properly to endure temptations, that is why we see Peter denying the Lord three times, with an oath and a curse. The key then is to fill ourselves with the Holy Spirit and give our mind to the Lord.

We are in the final times of the church, the Bible calls it the beginning of sorrows (Matthew 24:6-8), given this, the enemy of our souls is increasing his schemes to destroy humanity and especially the church. One of its most effective weapons is to attack the mind, especially through entertainment, electronic devices, and social networks. The Lord Jesus taught his disciples that the greatest commandment is to love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and mind (Matthew 22:37), implying that the mind is the door to our entire being. The



enemy knows that by damaging the mind the person is unable to do what pleases God, because the mind set on the flesh is death and is the enemy of God, because it is not subject to the law of God, because it cannot even do it, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace (Romans 8:6-7).

Below are two examples, where we can see that because of the attack on the mind many were affected, as is currently happening:

- Esau's parents full of bitterness and displeasure, due to Esau's disobedience in joining in marriage with women from Canaan (Genesis 26:35).

- The discouragement in Israel due to the harsh burdens that Pharaoh had imposed on them, because of this they did not listen to Moses when he had the order to take them out of Egypt (Exodus 6:9).

Even when rebellion comes among the Lord's people as a result of adversities, it is necessary that we be of the group that God is setting aside and preparing through genuine ministers, who, on behalf of God, transmit to us that *Ruach* (Numbers 11:25 ESV), through the word of God, because Ruach also means speaking or breath from the mouth, like the one the Lord used when He created the heavens and the earth (Psalms 33:6). When they were building Moses' tabernacle, we see that God filled Bezaleel with the Ruach of Elohim with wisdom and intelligence, to be able to design and work the utensils of the tabernacle (Exodus 35:30-35), but he and Aholiab were also filled with the ability to teach others (Exodus 35:34 ERV). Let us seek the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be able to edify the church.

In this stage of defining the church that will be raptured, it is necessary that we present our bodies as a living sacrifice to the Lord and renew our minds (Romans 12:1-2), we cannot miss the opportunity to be visited and filled by the Holy Spirit, waiting for the grace that will be poured out (1 Peter 1:13).



Rayown - Mental conception

By Jorge Contreras

Bible verses to study

Matthew 14:25-27
Mark 6:49-50
Luke 24:36-38
Daniel 2:29-30
Jeremiah 42:11
1 John 4:18

STUDYING REGARDING THE battle for the government of the mind, we see in the Bible that there are many words that are translated as mind, one of them is H7476 *Rayon*, which is translated by Strong Dictionary as mental conception.

Conception is the moment in which something that did not have life is brought to life. The classic example is the moment in which the man's sperm fertilizes the woman's egg. She has not yet given birth but has already conceived, as observed in Genesis 21:2: *"And Sarah conceived and gave birth..."* From this perspective, the word *Rayón* describes the beginning of life of a thought that has been implanted using as sperm an external idea or event and nesting them in our mind, so that it develops and grows, until they are given birth. As this thought matures, it causes such obvious internal and external changes in the person, that everyone will become aware of the effects of the *"mental pregnancy"* process that the person is experiencing.

To better explain, let's see this verse: *"Then the king's color changed, and his thoughts (Rayón) alarmed him; his limbs gave way, and his knees knocked together"* (Daniel 5:6 ESV). In the context, King Belshazzar of Babylon held a pagan festival in which he used the sacred vessels of the temple, then the fingers of a human hand appeared out of nowhere and wrote on the wall, Belshazzar saw the hand that wrote. At that moment he did not know the meaning of the writing, he had no idea that it was a sentence against him, however, his mind conceived an idea of fear for the future consequences of this sign that had not yet been given to him to understand. His soothsayers could not interpret the writing and in verse ten it is described that the queen said to him: *"let not your thoughts (Rayón) be troubled"* which shows that the conception of Belshazzar's mind did not fear the hand that appeared, but his ignorance of the effect of what was written, but there was someone who could interpret: Daniel. So, the king created a mental conception of fear because of ignorance of the meaning of what was written, and this produced fear and subsequent physical responses.

Another example of mental conceptions that bring negative consequences is the moment in which Mephibosheth was

damaged in his feet (2 Samuel 4:4). It was a common practice in the times of kings that, when one of them was defeated and died, his enemies killed all his descendants so that there would be no heir to the throne. Since the news reached Jezreel that King Saul and his son Jonathan, father of Mephibosheth, had died, the conception developed in the nurse's mind that Mephibosheth's life was in danger and for that reason she fled in her haste. The boy fell and became crippled. Was the sword already on Mephibosheth? No, however, the mental conception of his nurse cost him irreparable damage.

This process of mental conceptions to cause consequences is used by the current world to keep human beings in general in fear and anxiety. It can even be observed in the field of entertainment when creating horror films, in which the fear of unreal but probable beings or events (epidemics, zombies, sharks, etc.) is implanted in the mind so that fear takes over the observer. Likewise, we see that anxiety is created by allowing sperm to be implanted in our minds that lead us to delusions of grandeur, as the serpent did with Eve by making her conceive the idea of becoming like God (Genesis 3:5). Once the idea was conceived in her head, she acted based on that mental conception.

Returning to the word *Rayón*, it is only used six times in the Bible and all of them in the book of Daniel, this is because it is a word of Aramaic origin, not Hebrew; The interesting and impressive thing is that it derives from the primitive root H7462 *Ra'ah* which translates as: to care for, feed, shepherd, govern, be a teacher. Its importance lies in the fact that we must know who we will allow to shepherd and take care of our thoughts. It is very important that we know from whom we are receiving food, doctrine, and government, since that person will be the one who positively or negatively influences the conception of our mind. The Lord asked Adam: Who taught you? And it turns out that his teacher had been the snake.

Within the church we can observe the mental conceptions of fear or peace that the study of the book of Revelation provokes: if we have Christ as Lord and Teacher, we will stand up and lift our heads (Luke 21:28), if our teacher is some accuser, we will feel fear and will not want to know anything about eschatological events. The Lord tells us: Do not fear, I Am. Maranatha!

Sekviy - Observation

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Bible verses to study

Isaiah 5:20
Job 31:1
Romans 8:28
Isaiah 47:13
1 Corinthians 2:16

JOB 38:36 ESV: *“Who has put wisdom in the inward parts or given understanding to the mind?”* A part of the mind is linked to observation, in this passage the word mind is translated from H7907 *Sekví* as: observant, mind, heart and spirit; its root is H7906 *Secú* according to the BDB Dictionary, it is translated as: the watchtower tower. It is also the name of a city, and the Hitchcock Dictionary translates it as: defense, branch, watchtower. This shows that, to influence the mind, the enemy can use what we observe, using tools such as the Overton window, to change the way of thinking through the media and social networks, so that the bad is seen as good. That is why we must strengthen the defenses in our mind with the word of God and be careful what we look at; we must observe as watchmen, to alert and discern what represents a danger. Let's see some examples:

Observe what is in the heart, where the wheat is threshed

“Then he himself went to Ramah and came to the great well that is in Secu. And he asked, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, “they are at Naioth in Ramah” (1 Samuel 19:22 ESV). In *Secú*, which is the root of *Sekví*, it was a place where wheat was threshed. To observe what is in our mind, a test is often necessary, that is why the people of Israel were taken to the desert, since it was necessary for them to know what was in their mind and heart (Deuteronomy 8:2 ESV), This is painful but necessary and we know that wheat is not threshed forever (Isaiah 28:28).

Observe the Lord and do not envy

“But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, “Hosanna to the Son of David!” they were indignant” (Matthew 21:15 ESV). When observing the blessings of others, many can give way to envy and jealousy, this can cause us to stumble. Just as it happened to Asaph who was envious of the wicked, seeing that they were prosperous (Psalm 73:3), but it is until he entered the sanctuary of God that he understood and paid attention to the end that the wicked will have (Psalm 73:17). That is why we must constantly seek the Lord and by being in his presence we will be able to observe what truly matters.

Observe the danger of idolatry

“Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols” (Acts 17:16 ESV). Idolatry is everything that takes God's first place in our hearts and minds, it can be admiration for a character, a figure of entertainment or sport, a spouse, a child, a minister, a ministry, even a privilege. With the *Sekví* mind, we can observe and discern if there is any vestige of idolatry that has lodged in our mind and thus be able to flee from it (1 Corinthians 10:14).

Observe the danger of sorcery

“And he has caused his son to pass through fire, and observed clouds, and used enchantment, and dealt with a familiar spirit and wizards; he has multiplied to do evil in the eyes of YHWH to provoke to anger” (2 Kings 21:6 LSV). There are movies and programs related to witchcraft that have become very famous, so they try to make the mind see it as something normal. There are Christians who claim not to practice it, but consult the horoscope, looking for a prognosis, use the Bible as an amulet, because they believe that by leaving it open in the room, they will be protected. We understand by faith that God defends and protects us (Psalm 34:7).

Observe the danger of leprosy

“Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do” (Deuteronomy 24:8 ASV). The enemy wants us to stop observing what can affect our relationship with God. Leprosy attacks the nerve endings, and the affected person loses sensitivity; In the spiritual environment, sin makes people insensitive to the presence of the Lord and just as it happened to Samson, God can move away from us without us realizing it (Judges 16:20). It is necessary that, upon identifying it, we present ourselves to the priest and do everything he tells us (ministering), so that we may obtain mercy (Proverbs 28:13).

Intelligence to discern

The word intelligence in Job 38:36 comes from the Hebrew root H995 *Biyn* and is translated as: to separate mentally (or distinguish), understand: attend, consider, be cunning, diligently, direct, discern, eloquent, feel, inform, instruct, have intelligence, know, look well to, mark, perceive, be prudent. his intelligence acts as a filter and gives us the ability to observe, but also to mentally separate the good from the bad through discernment, it also shows us the importance of being instructed and taught in the word of God. Let us approach God confidently, knowing that He gives wisdom to all, generously and without reproach (James 1:5).



Dianoia - Understanding

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Bible verses to study

Luke 1:77
1 Corinthians 15:21
Hebrew 8:2
Colossians 1:21
Hebrew 8:10
1 Peter 1:13

IN THIS STUDY WE WILL LEARN how understanding has an important role in the life of the believer, based on Matthew 22:37 ESV: *“And he said to him, You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind”*. The Lord Jesus Christ was teaching the crowds in Jerusalem, He preached in a different way than what they were used to hearing, the people who followed Him were amazed at His teachings (Matthew 22:33), admiring each message and the revelation He gave. One way or another He answered the questions they had, explaining, or modifying the Pharisaical belief that was held at the time. The Lord ministered to those who listened to Him, explaining to them that the greatest commandment consists of loving God above all things and that this love must contain three levels, that is, loving the Lord with our body, soul, and human spirit.

To love the Lord, it is necessary to do so comprehensively, fully and with all our strength. In the base verse we see that the adjective “everything” is used, which means a totality, leaving nothing out. According to Strong’s Dictionary the word everything comes from G3650 *Holos* which translates as: complete in extent, quantity, time, or degree and means whole, with the latter we can say that the Lord wants us to love Him entirely. Within those three areas we are going to focus on the one that says: “with all your mind.” The word mind, according to the Strong’s Dictionary, comes from G1271 *Dianoia*, which translates as: deep thought, understanding, mind and thought, that is, its translation involves deep thinking, where there is an attitude or intention of an exercise through the reflection of knowledge, to reach understanding, according to Vine Dictionary. Understanding has a meaning in that involves comparing, judging, inducing, and deducing about what is already known, which is why it is at a higher level than knowledge. Knowledge itself can be memorized and learned, but without reaching the level of understanding. Understanding is the ability to perceive, to have a clear idea of what is said, done or what happens or, failing that, to discover the deep meaning of something.

When the Lord Jesus Christ defines that all our understanding must be filled with the love of God, he refers to the fact that in our lives there must not be the following that was written by Paul: *“They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them,*

due to their hardness of heart.” (Ephesians 4:18 ESV). The Lord invites us not to walk like the Gentiles –pagans– who use the vanity of their mind with useless thoughts and foolish ideas (Ephesians 4:17) where the darkened, dark or full of darkness understanding operates, these people in their body, soul and spirit, what they have is: ignorance, hardness of heart, bitterness and bad understanding.

In Ephesians 1:18-19 Paul explains that we must have a full mind. He mentions three points in which our understanding will be enlightened: knowledge of the hope to which we were called, the inheritance of the riches of His glory, and the exceeding greatness of His power. Expanding on this, hope is in our manifestation of salvation, since by going through the restoration process we will become like Him (Luke 1:77), this is a true gift of being freed from the price of our transgressions by love and being restored by His mercy, speaks to us of the deep love, benevolence, and magnificence of God (1 John 3:2).

The second point mentioned is the inheritance of the riches of his glory, it shows us that we will have access to that blessing throughout eternity (Ephesians 1:3). An example of this is our adoption as children of God (Ephesians 1:5), it is an undeserved inheritance, which God decided to give us: *“and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him”* (Romans 8:17 ESV). In this verse what is described by Paul is fulfilled, regarding the inheritance of the riches of His glory, but this gift (inheritance) must be understood with the *Diánoia* that comes from God and be grateful with our subjection, love and continuous search for our Lord to please Him.

Speaking of the surpassing greatness of His power refers to the resurrection, which first worked in Christ Jesus and is a promise to us, which is a foundation of our faith (Philippians 3:10-11). The enemy will try to fill our minds with darkness, but the filling of the Holy Spirit will give us *Diánoia* –understanding–, which will help us resist the attacks of the devil and go after the mind of Christ. The word of God is a lamp that illuminates our path and frees us from darkness, therefore, the power of God illuminates every man and illuminates any darkness (John 1:9). Allow Christ to take full control of your life, so that the love for God is integral to your being, today is the day of your opportunity and your visitation (Luke 1:78). Maranatha!

Noema - Perception

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Bible verses to study

Genesis 3:1-6
2 Corinthians 11:29
Psalm 119:53
Galatians 1:6
Galatians 3:1
Philippians 3:18-19

2 CORINTHIANS 11:3 ESV: *“But I am afraid lest somehow, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds may be led astray from the sincerity and the purity of devotion to Christ.”* Paul feared, because those false teachers in Corinth sought to corrupt the good work in the gospel that this apostle of Christ had done in converting the Corinthians to Christ. Paul is referring to the historical case that Moses recorded in Genesis 3:1-24. Modernists deny the reality of that story because they deny all forms of the supernatural. For them, this story is mythology, representing the presence of evil in the world, but the apostle Paul treated it as true.

Satan deceived Eve

Deceived comes from the Greek G1818 (Strong) *exapataō*, which translates as to seduce wholly, beguile, deceive. It is understood much better, because the Bible explains to us that it was not Adam who was deceived but Eve: *“and Adam was not deceived, but the woman was deceived and became a transgressor”* (1 Timothy 2:14 ESV). For Adam the Bible uses the word G538 *apataō* which is translated as to cheat, delude, deceive. This implies that Eve was completely deceived in her mind (perception). Deceiving is the main work of the enemy (Revelation 12: 9; John 8:44), it operates through his word, his institutions and every person who serves him. The false teachers in Corinth lent themselves to his service, partly persuading the brothers, misleading their thoughts so that their sincere fidelity to Christ was not total. As the wife should not have partial or divided fidelity towards her husband, neither should the Christian have it towards Christ, but rather have a simple (singular) mind towards Him.

Satan uses his cunning to achieve his ends. Many brothers in Christ apparently ignore the machinations he employs (2 Corinthians 2:11) and allow themselves to be deceived (Romans 16:18). Therefore, it is necessary for those more experienced in the word to warn the brothers less experienced in it. The unique mind and devotion of the faithful wife is what gives simple fidelity to the husband.

Definition of perception

In 2 Corinthians 11:3, we see how it is mentioned that like Eve, minds are deviated, but the word “minds” in Greek has different meanings, one of them being G3540 *Noema* from the Strong’s Dictionary, which is translated as: perception, purpose, intellect, disposition, device, mind, thought. We understand perception as the way our brain interprets the sensations it receives through the senses, to form an impression. One of the stages of perception tells us that the larger a stimulus is (color, movements, intensity, etc.) it can be perceived with greater capacity.

Today’s media desperately seeks to understand how people perceive external stimuli, they look for a way to know their needs and priorities, from there we see the progress in



technology and how automatically when opening the screen of a social network we come across messages related to our thoughts or conversations.

In Genesis 3:1-6 we see how the cunning serpent engages in a conversation with Eve, where it is clearly seen how Eve perceives that she has been deceived by God, since the serpent tells her: *“you will not die”* (Genesis 3:4) and earlier in chapter 2, God had told her that she would die, this perception of deception is reinforced when Eve sees the tree and finds it attractive: *“So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise...”* (Genesis 3:6 ESV). Assuming she came to this conclusion: how can something so nice kill me? Her perception was corrupted and led her to make a bad decision which was to take the fruit, eat it and give it to her husband (Proverbs 6:18). This is how currently our senses are exposed to so many stimuli, where it is difficult for us to know what is good and pleasing before God. The only one who knows our thoughts is the Lord (Job 21:27; Psalm 139:2) and only by being filled with the Holy Spirit from Him can we cast away all bad perception and discern what is being corrupted in our thoughts: *“And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:7 ESV).

This was the case with the 12 spies who went to spy out the land, but 10 brought a bad report and only Joshua and Caleb were convinced that God was with them to possess the land (Numbers 13:1-33), they were bearers of hope and encouragement for the people, it can be noted that a group had a different perception of the same situation. As we mentioned, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit so that our perception or internal senses can do the will of God and thus keep our mind from thoughts contrary to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ: *“For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ”* (2 Corinthians 10:4-5 ESV). Maranatha!

Nous - Intellect

By Pablo Arana

Bible verses to study

Romans 12:2
1 Corinthians 1:10
1 Corinthians 14:15
Ephesians 4:23
Philippians 4:7

LUKE 24:45 ESV: “Then he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures”. We must recognize that in these end times the enemy knows that, to deceive and install evil on earth, he must first conquer minds, that is, the mind is the key that will open the door so that both the world and some Christians can be deceived. Perhaps they inadvertently end up falling and being led by error and lies, with which this world is flooded. So, one of the most important and strongest battles in recent times is the one that is taking place in our minds, since the enemy knows that this is how from the beginning he made humanity fall, when he deceived Eve with his cunning. and turned away his mind (2 Corinthians 11:3). That is why it is so important that we recognize how the enemy will attack our mind to install error in it, and that we learn to fight and guard our mind so that we are led only by the truth, which is our Lord Jesus Christ.

One of the ways in which the battle for the mind develops is in the intellect, which we find in the Bible with the Greek G3563 *Noús* according to the Vine Dictionary: “denotes the seat of reflective consciousness, comprising the faculties of perception, understanding, feeling, judgment and determination”. We can then interpret that intellect is the ability we have to understand and know the things that happen around us. Some definitions in secular dictionaries say that intellect allows us to form a certain idea of reality. This is extremely interesting because it means that, through our intellect, our perception of reality can be defined or altered; what our intellect feeds on or obtains information from can affect our definition of what is true and what is not.

For this reason, the enemy will fight to contaminate our intellect and alter the perception even of what is good and what is bad, we see it for example in Romans 7:23 where the apostle Paul says that there is a war that makes the law of the members of his body against the law of his mind (intellect) whose purpose is to make him a prisoner of the law of sin that is in his members; In the context of this verse

Paul explains: “For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin. For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate” (Romans 7:14-15 ESV). It means that this attack on his intellect (mind) leads him to do what he hates, it lies in the struggle between the spiritual and the carnal, between what comes from God and what is earthly. We can precisely see this in the world in these times, where the intellect is appealed to with purely earthly and humanistic foundations that try to explain the world around us without considering God at all, which will only lead to calling good evil and call evil good in the eyes of God. Nowadays, science is used at the convenience of the world and the enemy, so that humans can learn and know reality in their own way, far from God, and thus fulfill their objective of conquering the mind. We can exemplify this with so many so-called “intellectuals” today who claim that a man can be a woman, that there is nothing wrong with murdering a baby in the womb, and so many other examples of perversities that have become normalized in today’s world. under the argument of science and intellectuality.

To heal and protect our mind and intellect, we must long for and seek the wisdom that comes from God. We can constantly seek it, for example by participating in the Holy Supper (Proverbs 9:5), in addition to this we must submit our intellect to the Lord (Romans 7 :25) In this verse Paul says that with his mind (intellect) he serves the law of God, where that word “serve” can be translated: service, serve, slavery. How then can we submit our intellect to God by serving? When we serve God, we are feeding our intellect with the spiritual so that we can combat the carnal and the sin that seeks to contaminate our mind. Finally, taking the base verse (Luke 24:45) as a reference, we see that the Lord opens the disciples’ minds, that is, their intellect, after reminding them of the words that He had spoken to them. It means that by His word, having it constantly present in our minds, meditating on it and listening to it, we will be freed in our intellect so that we will not be deceived, but rather we can be enabled to know the truth, and it will make us free.

Phren - Emotions

By Vilma Cruz and Carol de Acevedo

Bible verses to study

Romans 8:6-8
1 Corinthians 2:16
Matthew 22:37
Romans 11:34
Romans 12:2
Isaiah 26:3

THE RAPTURE OF THE CHURCH of Christ is soon to happen, prior to that we will have battles in the mind and emotions. In the Scriptures we see how God urges us to be mature and guard ourselves in mind and heart: *“Brethren, be not children in mind: yet in malice be ye babes, but in mind be men”* (1 Corinthians 14:20 ASV). The word “mind” comes from Greek G5424 Phren (Strong) that translates as: the midriff (as a partition of the body), that is, (figuratively and by implication of sympathy) the feelings (or sensitive nature; by extension [also in the plural] the mind or cognitive faculties): understanding.

The mind is part of the soul, it is where the intellect, memory, knowledge are located and where thoughts and emotions are housed. We see that from the beginning of creation the enemy has tried to play with people’s minds and emotions, such as when the serpent deceived Eve with lies, making her believe that there would be no negative consequences for disobeying God’s commandment, but rather the contrary to what would bring her the benefit of becoming like Him (Genesis 3:4-6). The schemes of darkness remain the same, but now they have been intensified through humanism, which seeks to break the pattern of God in our emotions. In the Bible we find several examples of negative emotions that led to immature behavior, which we must consider to avoid making the same mistake.

For example, Saul, who became envious and jealous of David, forgetting that he himself was the king of Israel anointed and instituted by God, in 1 Samuel 18:7-11 there is the song of those women who danced and said: *“Saul has struck down his thousands, and David his ten thousands”*. This joyful song of those women who sang and danced for David’s victory unleashed anger, envy, and jealousy in Saul, leading him to want to kill David, voluntarily ignoring that he was a servant of God, even though Saul witnessed when David defeated Goliath. in the name of Jehovah. Unfortunately, today we are told that being jealous is good, natural and even healthy, but the Bible on the contrary makes us see that this is not the case: *“But if you have bitter jealousy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast and be false to the truth. This is not the wisdom that comes down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic”* (James 3:14-16 ESV). If we have suffered from negative emotions such as jealousy or envy, let us go to our Father the Lord, talk to Him in prayer, let us explain what we feel and recognize what is happening, so God himself will help us to be able to cope with it, remembering that many times envy or jealousy is insecurity that generates fear and where there is fear there is death, that is why the Bible says: *“There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love”* (1 John 4:18 ESV).

Another example is Achan, who allowed himself harmful



emotions, he had greed, he had a vehement desire for material things that he did not have: *“And Achan answered Joshua, Truly I have sinned against the LORD God of Israel, and this is what I did: when I saw among the spoil a beautiful cloak from Shinar, and 200 shekels of silver, and a bar of gold weighing 50 shekels, then I coveted them and took them. And see, they are hidden in the earth inside my tent, with the silver underneath. So Joshua sent messengers, and they ran to the tent; and behold, it was hidden in his tent with the silver underneath”* (Joshua 7:20-22 ESV). Because of this Achan, his family, animals and possessions were destroyed. Sometimes greed can try to deceive our hearts, since today’s society and consumerism invites us and urges us to have more and more out of vainglory, pushing us to go into debt just to have what everyone has, like “the latest cell phone” or “the latest car”; There is nothing wrong with having these things, the problem is when we do it out of greed and competition. May God help us not to harbor such emotions in our hearts, but to give all our care to Him (Matthew 10:31).

Of the simple young man lacking understanding the Bible tells us: *“and I have seen among the simple, I have perceived among the youths, a young man lacking sense, passing along the street near her corner, taking the road to her house in the twilight, in the evening, at the time of night and darkness. And behold, the woman meets him, dressed as a prostitute, wily of heart. She is loud and wayward; her feet do not stay at home”* (Proverbs 7:7-11 ESV). This young man lacked wisdom and gave himself over to fornication. He was not careful not to fall into the bonds of that spiritual entity, which invites passions and carnality. To escape from that bond, the wisdom of God is necessary, which invites us to flee from fornication: *“Flee from sexual immorality. Every other sin a person commits is outside the body, but the sexually immoral person sins against his own body”* (1 Corinthians 6:18 ESV). There are many more emotions that the world will try to plant in the heart, but let us remember that, if we take refuge under the wings of the Lord, the destroying plague will not harm us (Psalm 91:4). Let us seek the Lord with all our hearts and ask for his prompt help. Hosanna!

Phronema - Intention or purpose

By Diego Figueroa

Bible verses to study

Ezekiel 2:9
Romans 12:2
Isaiah 11:2
Proverbs 23:26
Proverbs 21:2
John 2:25

IN THIS EDITION WE HAVE STUDIED about the characteristics of the mind, between positive things and its manipulation through media and spiritual means. We now continue with the Greek word G5427 *Phronēma* which translates as: mental inclination or purpose. Thayer's Dictionary translates this word as: *what one has in the mind, the thoughts and purposes*. In other words, it is the inclination or the purpose of the mind: *"For to set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace"* (Romans 8:6 ESV). *"If your thinking is controlled by your sinful self, there is spiritual death. But if your thinking is controlled by the Spirit, there is life and peace"* (Romans 8:6 ERV).

In today's world we have countless digital influences around us, just do a search on the Internet and we find that there are around 200 social interaction platforms (social networks), which are the ones on the list of the most used. As of the current year (2023), the world has 5.2 billion Internet users, this is 65% of the world population. Of this total, 60% use social networks, which is equivalent to approximately 3.2 billion people.

With this relevant information, it is very easy to understand the reason for media manipulation in the minds of human beings; Since these applications seek nothing more than to manipulate and control the human mentality through computational algorithms that give the user what they want to see, at the time they want to see it. There is a theory of what is called "scrolling" that was used to create the "use mode" of social networks through the example of "slot machines" in casinos, which are machines of which you pull the handle to win prizes with random numbers, this is what people do when they move their finger on the screen at the bottom to reload the page.

This functionality is infinite, updated, and compiled information never stops being displayed every millisecond and thus, the applications learn what the user spends the most time observing to deliver text, video and images that attract them, all of this modulated by an algorithm. Then, we understand the intention and purpose of that perverse mind: to control and manipulate the human mind to fabricate thought and turn it into animal, earthly and diabolical reasoning (see James 3:15), completely alien to the thought of God, which is the mind that the church has, the thought-

mind of Christ that is spiritual (1 Corinthians 2:16). *"For the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God, for it does not submit to God's law; indeed, it cannot. Those who are in the flesh cannot please God"* (Romans 8:7-8 ESV). The title of this magazine is "the battle for the mind" and our thoughts are then the battlefield to conquer our interior.

The best example to understand how to overcome this battlefield is our Lord Jesus Christ. Thousands of years ago, after leaving the temple and arriving at the Mount of Olives, the disciples approached him and said: But He responded and said to them, *"Do you not see all these things? Truly I say to you, not one stone here will be left upon another, which will not be torn down. And as He was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately, saying, Tell us, when will these things happen, and what will be the sign of Your coming, and of the end of the age? And Jesus answered and said to them, See to it that no one misleads you. For many will come in My name, saying, I am the Christ, and they will mislead many people"* (Matthew 24:2-5 NASB).

Our Lord was already giving us a clue of what would happen in the future, that is, our present. He understood that the intention of the earthly mind, which conflicts with the spiritual mind, would be rooted in deception. Deception translates to mislead, lead astray, seduce; That is to say, the earthly mind only seeks as its final purpose to convert the thinking of all human beings to a single way of thinking: *"And then many will fall away and betray one another and hate one another"* (Matthew 24:10 ESV), *"During that time many believers will lose their faith. They will turn against each other and hate each other"* (Matthew 24:10 ERV).

Nowadays there is talk of beings from other planets that have arrived on Earth and technological projects such as the "Blue Beam" that creates holograms in the sky in any shape and size to deceive, being that another door to manipulate earthly minds so they may they believe that what they see is our Lord who has arrived. They are beginning to implement all of this for the arrival of the antichrist and his world government. But to those of us who are part of God's government and believe that the Spirit of the Lord governs our lives, we know that every day the sun of justice sustains us, and our purpose is to love and obey Him: *"But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall"* (Malachi 4:2 ESV)



The Battle For The Mind

JESUS CHRIST'S CHURCH MUST work together for the true revival of the end. Jeremiah 31:13 NASB reminds us: *"Then the virgin will rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old together; for I will turn their mourning into joy and comfort them and give them joy for their sorrow."* If this is done correctly, God will help us. Wars have evolved and information has become part of them; now Information is called "Fifth Generation War," and the winners are those who have the most updated information technology. Information is being used abundantly and children and youths are the most vulnerable to it. Daniel 7:19 says that the fourth beast was different from all the previous ones. The word different means to alter and/or to change, this means that Information has the power to change and whoever has information technology can change anything at his/her convenience.

Continuously, we must be filled with the Holy Spirit to avoid stumbling in today's world and to avoid being influenced by evil ideas that attack everybody's mind, but if we stumble, God will lift us up. 1 Peter 1:13 says: *"Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, set your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ."*

"Overton's Window" tries to manipulate the mind of the entire world. Currently, we live in a world with strange ideas never faced before. Christ's church has understood that the brain is a coordinator of the body and a link with the mind which is located in our soul which could be easily manipulated. For example, "Agenda Setting" says that the true reality cannot be fully addressed in the media, but rather, they select certain topics by their relevance and trend to develop an informative agenda. Media selects and imposes the topics of public opinion to make decisions, but they don't include all facts.

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