

Imaginations

Psalms 2:1: Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

"Why indeed?", we may ask, seeing that God is the author of the unique ability to imagine. Without imagination we could never conceive of the events described in the Bible or, for that matter, the agonies of the cross, the power of His resurrection, the glories of heaven, or the terrors of hell. We must depend upon the power of imagination to formulate faith in all of the vital doctrines of scripture.

A Christian songwriter captured the human incapacity to comprehend the unseen world:

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by your side
What my eyes would see
When your face is before me
I can only imagine

Knowing the importance of this attribute, the devil does his best to invade this faculty and infect our thoughts with vain imaginations. His evil inventions lead men into many destructive snares. Consider the evidence:

Genesis 6:5: 1And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Genesis 11:6: And the LORD said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do.

Ezekiel 8:12 : Then s a i d he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the ancients of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in the chambers of his imagery? or they say, The LORD seeth us not

Luk e 1:51: He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

I Corinthians 10:5: 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;

The serpent filled our primal parents with the foolish notion that they could be as gods. Vainly puffed up in the vanity of their nascent minds, they "refused to hear my words" and "walked" after the imagination of their heart" and in so doing found themselves cast out of paradise. In 1971 ,the devil inspired John Lennon to pen this paeon to universalism:

Imagine there's no heaven
It's easy if you try
No hell below us
Above us, only sky
Imagine there's no countries
It isn't hard to do
Nothing to kill or die for
And no religion, too

We must assiduously petition God to sanctify our imaginations, lest they become corrupted with such worldly notions and "lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness." 2 Peter 3:17.

Have a blessed day,
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