

The Christian Center
Pastor Paul's Newsletter 6-22-25
God Gave Us an Imagination to See the Future

The dictionary definition of imagination is: the act or power of forming a mental image of something not present to the senses or never before wholly perceived in reality.

God made man in His Own image and likeness. The way God operates and functions is similar to the way man operates and functions. Let's check this out with the Bible.

Genesis 1:26 KJV And God said, Let Us make man in Our image, after Our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

You see in this verse that man is made like God with an imagination. God wanted man to not be stuck in the past and the present; He wanted them to be able to see their future through their imaginations and dreams. Now the devil found out about man's imagination, so he started using man's imagination to get them to fulfill his evil desires. In these next Scripture verses, we can see how the imagination operates.

Genesis 6:5-8 KJV And 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. [6] And it repented the LORD that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved Him at His heart. [7] And the LORD said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the earth; both man, and beast, and the creeping thing, and the fowls of the air; for it repenteth Me that I have made them. [8] But Noah found grace in the eyes of the LORD.

We can see that God destroyed the whole human race (except Noah and his family), because the devil was ruling all of mankind through their imaginations. After the flood, man started multiplying again, but they messed up once more; and God had to confound their language.

Genesis 11:3-9 KJV And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them throughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar. [4] And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto Heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. [5] And the LORD came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. [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. [7] Go to, let Us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. [8] So the LORD scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city. [9] Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the LORD did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the LORD scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

God brings to pass what He wants to bring to pass through man's imagination. God talks to people and shows them what He wants to happen in their lives, and the devil does the same thing. Both God and the devil use man's imagination to get man to accomplish their plan.

Let us look at some Scriptures how Abraham saw the future through his own imagination.

Hebrews 11:8-10 KJV By faith Abraham, when he was called to go out into a place which he should after receive for an inheritance, obeyed; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. [9] By faith he sojourned in the land of promise, as in a strange country, dwelling in tabernacles with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: [10] For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose Builder and Maker is God.

Abraham used his imagination to find something he could not see in the natural. He saw through his imagination the words that God spoke to him! This is exciting!!
Let's look at this through other translations.

Hebrews 11:8-10 AMPC [Urged on] by faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed and went forth to a place which he was destined to receive as an inheritance; and he went, although he did not know or trouble his mind about where he was to go. [9] [Prompted] by faith he dwelt as a temporary resident in the land which was designated in the promise [of God, though he was like a stranger] in a strange country, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, fellow heirs with him of the same promise. [10] For he was [waiting expectantly and confidently] looking forward to the city which has fixed and firm foundations, whose Architect and Builder is God.

Hebrews 11:8-10 NCV

It was by faith Abraham obeyed God's call to go to another place God promised to give him. He left his own country, not knowing where he was to go. [9] It was by faith that he lived like a foreigner in the country God promised to give him. He lived in tents with Isaac and Jacob, who had received that same promise from God. [10] Abraham was waiting for the city that has real foundations-the city planned and built by God.

The imagination of a person is God giving them the ability to see into the future. However, this doesn't guarantee that they will see God's best come to pass in their lives. The imagination is like a movie projector; whatever film you put into it is what it will show you. When we put God's words into our imaginations that pertain to us, we will see our future; and we know it will come to pass in our lives. It's just a matter of time. When God told Abraham about his future, he was able to see what God saw was going to happen.

Love you,
Pastor Paul

This Week's Daily Bible Readings
Monday John 16

Tuesday John 17

Wednesday John 18

Thursday John 19

Friday John 20

Saturday John 21

Sunday Acts 1

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** If you need prayer, call our Prayer Line 580-704-0505

** The Christian Center app-

-<https://subsplash.com/thechristiancenter/app>

** You can text to give through the TCC app.

** Relationship Class 10am-noon Saturday in Fellowship Hall

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Daily

*Early Morning Prayer: Sanctuary M-F 6:15-7:15am

*Women's Dance Aerobics: M-F 10-11am in Gym

*Noonday Bible Study: M-F 12:15 in Sanctuary or 91.1fm or live stream on TCC app

Weekly

** Sunday Services: 9:45am classes; 10:45am Main Service

** Monday Night Care Group: Under balcony 7pm

** Wednesday Night Prayer: 6pm in NW Classroom

** Wednesday Night: Adult & Youth Services 7pm

** MobilePrayer: Fri 2-3:30p Hobby Lobby parking lot

** Friday Night Prayer: 7pm under balcony

Monthly

*** Men's Fellowship: 1st Sat. 9am at Golden Corral

*** Crosses at the Corner: 1st Sat. 11am-1pm corner of Sheridan/Cache Rd.

*** Women's Fellowship: 3rd Sat. 9am Golden Corral

*** Relationship Class: 4th Sat. 10am-12 Fellowship Hall