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- Isa. 1:18 - “Come now, and let us reason together, says the LORD...”
- Jer. 10:23 - “O LORD, I know the way of man is not in himself; It is not in man who walks to direct his own steps.”

# Abraham

- Gen. 20:11 - “And Abraham said, Because *I thought*, surely the fear of God is not in this place; and they will kill me on account of my wife.”
- Thought saving his life was more important than telling the truth

# Father-in-law of Samson

- Judges 15:1-2 - “After a while, in the time of wheat harvest, it happened that Samson visited his wife with a young goat. And he said, Let me go in to my wife, into her room. But her father would not permit him to go in. 2 Her father said, **! really thought** that you thoroughly hated her; therefore I gave her to your companion. Is not her younger sister better than she? Please, take her instead.”
- “I didn’t think anyone would get hurt” is not a valid defense in court; it certainly will not stand in the Day of Judgment

# Naaman

- 2Kings 5:9-13 - “So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. 11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, **Behold, I thought**, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean?”
- Men often think that pomp and high ritual are essential to working the will of God

# The Wicked Who Judge God

- Psalm 50:16-21 - “But to the wicked God says: What right have you to declare My statutes, Or take My covenant in your mouth, 17 Seeing you hate instruction And cast My words behind you? 18 When you saw a thief, you consented with him, And have been a partaker with adulterers. 19 You give your mouth to evil, And your tongue frames deceit. 20 You sit and speak against your brother; You slander your own mother's son. 21 These things you have done, and I kept silent; **You thought** that I was altogether like you; But I will rebuke you, And set them in order before your eyes.”
- They thought God was just like them, because God did not directly interfere with their evil plans

# The Righteous Who Judge God

- Psalm 73:2-17
- Since God does not immediately execute His judgment against the wicked, the righteous often wonder: “Is God blind, asleep, or ignorant?”

# The Foolish Prosperous Farmer

- Luke 12:16-20 - “Then He spoke a parable to them, saying: The ground of a certain rich man yielded plentifully. 17 **And he thought within himself**, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no room to store my crops?' 18 So he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build greater, and there I will store all my crops and my goods. 19 'And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry.' 20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?’
- Men often think that the greatest good they can do is to provide for their financial needs and future security

# Saul Of Tarsus

- Acts 26:9-11 - “Indeed, *I myself thought* I must do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 10 This I also did in Jerusalem, and many of the saints I shut up in prison, having received authority from the chief priests; and when they were put to death, I cast my vote against them. 11 And I punished them often in every synagogue and compelled them to blaspheme; and being exceedingly enraged against them, I persecuted them even to foreign cities.”
- Zeal is not a substitute for soundness

# Right Thinking

- When one stops to really think about it, he will realize that God is right, every time
  - Psalm 119:59 - “I thought about my ways, And turned my feet to Your testimonies.”

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- When one stops to really think about it, he will realize that his own reasoning is very limited
  - Isa. 55:7-9 - “Let the wicked forsake his way, And the unrighteous man his thoughts; Let him return to the LORD, And He will have mercy on him; And to our God, For He will abundantly pardon. 8 For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways, says the LORD. 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts.”
  - 1Cor. 13:11 - “When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child; but when I became a man, I put away childish things.”

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- When one stops to really think about it, he will put restrictions on his own thinking
  - Rom. 12:3 - “For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith.”

# Right Thinking

- When one stops to really think about it, he will choose to trust God's thinking instead of his own.
  - 1Cor. 4:6 - "Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other."

# 2Timothy 3:14-17

- “But you must continue in the things which you have learned and been assured of, knowing from whom you have learned them, 15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, 17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.”