

“I Think So”

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- Num.15:30-31
- Prov.14:12
- Jer.10:23
- Is.55<sup>8</sup> For My thoughts are not your thoughts,  
Nor are your ways My ways, says the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the  
earth, So are My ways higher than your  
ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts

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If our conclusions count, then anything we think or presume will please God

- Rat worship (India)
- Murl Bass – Ac.28
- “I think...” Ph.1:16 – (sincerity is not enough):  
“The former preach Christ from selfish ambition, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my chains”

Many thought too highly of their think-so's

## Disciples argued over who is greatest

Lk.9<sup>47</sup> Jesus, perceiving the thought of their heart, took a little child and set him by Him,  
<sup>48</sup> and said to them, Whoever receives this little child in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me receives Him who sent Me. For he who is least among you all will be great.

<sup>49</sup> John then told Jesus, Master, we saw someone casting out demons in Your name, and we forbade him because he does not follow with us. <sup>50</sup> But Jesus said to him, Do not forbid him, for he who is not against us is on our side . . .

# I. Think-so Theology

# Many examples...

- Saul: 1 Sm.15, Agag and animals  
– 20:30-33
- David: 2 Sm.4:10 . . . 2 Sm.24 // 1 Chr.21  
– Gn.3 . . . Job 1-2
- Naaman: 2 K.5
- Asaph: Psalm 73
- Rich fool: Lk.12
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  - **Motive:** honest, sincere desire to please God
  - **Method:** punish, persecute Christians...
  - **Mistake:** he was fighting the Lord, 26:12-15

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II. People Prefer Their  
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“I think sincerity in worship is enough”

- Prov.14:12, there is a way that seems right...
  - Mechanical music in worship
    - “I see nothing wrong with it”
    - “I think it improves worship”
    - “We’ve had it as long as I can remember”
  - What about rat worship?
    - Jn.4:24 ... Prov.29:23 ... Eccl.7:8 ... Mt.5:3
    - Jn.16:13, “He will guide you into all truth”

“I think sincerity in plan  
of salvation is enough”

- “I think faith alone saves” ... [Ja.2]
- “I think people are saved without baptism” ...  
[Mk.16; Ac.2]
- “I think sprinkling is baptism” ... [Ro.6]

“I don’t think it matters  
which church you are part of”

- Where does truth teach this? Rv.3:14ff
- Can men build a church that equals the Lord’s
- What does truth say? Mt.16:18; Ep.1:22-23

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III. Our Think-so's  
Oppose God's Word

- 2 Jn.9, go onward . . . have not God
- Jn.8:32, and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free –
  - Truth saves
  - Error condemns
    - 2 Sm.6:....7, Uzzah
    - 1 Th.2:3
    - Ja.5:20
    - 1 Jn.4:6

- Josh.24:14, Fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth
- Ps.10:4, the wicked in his proud countenance does not seek God; God is in none of his thoughts
- Hb.4:12, word of God is a discerner of [is able to judge] the thoughts and intents of the heart

The word of God is the 'critic'  
by which all are judged