

## How precious are Thy Thoughts

*copy verse from A.V.*

-- Psalm 139:17.

A man's heart is apt to be with the things which are precious to him. The soldier on the battlefield thinks constantly of his loved ones at home. The people at home have the picture of the distant member of the family displayed conspicuously. ~~in the~~ The miser thinks of his gold, and the man of ambition dreams of the success of his enterprises.

When we are free from the work that we have to do, our minds turn quickly to the thoughts that we particularly enjoy. What are the thoughts which are most precious to us? Do we find our greatest joy in trying to think the thoughts of God after Him? ~~Do we find that the Bible gives us the joy in the~~ Does the Bible grip us with the realization that it is a love letter to us from the One who loved us so much that He gave His only-begotten Son to die that whosoever believeth on Him might not perish, but have eternal life? Surely no thoughts could be more precious to us than those of our great Redeemer.

Does it thrill us to read the Word of God and to absorb our minds in its ideas? If it does not, perhaps we should stop and wonder whether we ~~really~~ <sup>truly</sup> belong to the family of God -- whether ~~from the~~ we have been born again from the heart and have been brought into His family by the wonderful action of His Holy Spirit. If we really belong to His family His thoughts are very precious to us. Let us pray Him that He will give us great joy in thinking the wonderful thoughts which He has given us in His Word, and in meditating upon His being.