

Penny Thoughts vs. How God Sees Us

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We've all heard the phrase, "A penny for your thoughts?" It turns out that there's a powerful hidden meaning embedded in the word "penny" that contrasts the lowly way we sometimes think of ourselves vs. how God sees us.

Relating to the former, today, a penny is worth almost nothing. To amplify that nothingness, inflation over millennia is brought into focus when you see that the Greek word translated "penny" in the Bible is "denarius" - ten asses. Asses were worth even more back in those times. That's how they hauled things around.

Equating that to modern times, in a forward or positive inflation, that would be like ten hauling vans, that relates to how God sees us in contrast to the modern penny nothingness. When we put our trust in God and step into our unique mission in life, we're capable of magnificent things. That "forward inflation" of increased value is a function of society using their God-given gifts to improve the world. In modern terms, it's analogous to Biden's inflation and the Marxist conspirators tearing everything down, versus the American [I can] dream.

And yes, it is a function of our thinking. Do we listen to and dwell on the ever-present negative chatter?

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"You're no good; who do you think you are? You'll never amount to anything good. Look at all the bad things you've done."

But if we'll keep our thoughts positive, with faith, then there's nothing we can't do that God puts on our hearts to do. So, "A penny for your thoughts?" actually invites us to remember our true value.

President Russell M. Nelson of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints said,

"When you begin to catch even a glimpse of how your Heavenly Father sees you and what He is counting on you to do for Him, your life will never be the same." (Feb. 17, 2018)

At the same event, his wife, Wendy said,

"When you let the Lord know that you are serious about doing exactly what you came to earth to do, watch what happens. He may change things dramatically. So hang on for the ride of your life, the ride that you were born to take."

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