

WHAT WAS I THINKING?!? By Laura L. Shaw

"The LORD knows the thoughts of man, that they are a mere breath."

Psalm 94:11, NIV

Have you ever realized how many thoughts go through your head in a day? And if the verse above is true, which it is because it is the Word of God, how many thoughts must God *hear* in that day, and how does He KNOW them ALL? This totally blows my mind! Of course, He already knew that blew my mind, because He knows my thoughts. Get the point?

I remember watching the movie *What Women Want* with Mel Gibson awhile back. After he is struck by lightning while functioning a hair dryer in the bathtub (now this is realistic ☺), he is suddenly able to hear all the thoughts of women. The scene that struck me was the one where he was walking down the busy downtown sidewalk, and there was just a jibberishly overwhelming flood of thoughts coming out of the mind of woman after woman as he was unable to process through the voices on top of each other. It dawned on me that this is just a TINY picture of God's ability...and yet, unlike Mel Gibson's character, it is not jibberish to Him. God Almighty comprehends it all. All of the millions of conversations going on in the minds of people everywhere are completely heard by Him. 1 Chronicles 28:9b says, "...for the Lord searches every heart and understands the motive behind the thoughts." Wow! He even understands the motives behind the thoughts. Again, I just cannot comprehend this!

How does He do this? I'll tell you how: He is GOD! I forget how magnificent and awesome He truly is sometimes. I know it, but I forget, you know? He knows, (of course He knows), that we are going to forget His majesty time after time, which is why He reminds us so much in Scripture.

*"I am the first and I am the last; apart from me there is no God."
Isaiah 44:6b*

*"This is what the LORD says—your Redeemer, who formed you in the womb: I am the Lord, who has made all things, who alone stretched out the heavens, who spread out the earth by myself."
Isaiah 44:24*

*"Yet for us there is but one God, the Father, from whom all things came and for whom we live; and there is but one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom all things came and through whom we live."
1 Corinthians 8:6*

Let's remember today that *HE* is God; it is *HE* who made us...let's reflect and THINK on these things, so that our thoughts may be found pleasing to Him. As we consider His

character, the awe of Him is sure to flood our minds the rest of the day. We will not be able to help ourselves. A quote from a fast food “Jack in the Box” commercial struck me awhile back. It said, *“WHOEVER SAID ‘PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS’ WAS A CHEAPSKATE!”* Too clever!!! You know, though, I hope when the Lord sees, hears and knows my thoughts, that this quote could be said of me. Let’s make our thoughts priceless instead of worthless by reflecting on the God who longs for our minds, hearts and souls to be fully focused on Him—for He surely knows!

*“He who forms the mountains, creates the wind, and reveals His thoughts to man, He who turns dawn to darkness, and treads the high places of the earth—
THE LORD ALMIGHTY IS HIS NAME!”
Amos 4:13*