## Do all bad, evil and mean thoughts come from Satan?

Not all evil thoughts (Ge 6:5) originate from Satan. Men have evil thoughts of their own and choose willingly to sin (Is 59:7).

Demons attempt to instigate evil (1 Ti 4:1) and produce harm (Mk 5:1–5). Satan is unable to read men's minds; but, he is able to whisper into their ears (Mt 4:1-11).

Jesus rebuked Satan with the word of God (vv. 4, 7, 10). Christians can prepare themselves by putting on the full armor of God to stand against the devil (Eph 6:11–17). Men should repent (Ac 8:22) and bring all thoughts into captivity to the obedience of Christ (2 Co 10:5). Men's' thoughts are futile (Ro 1:21). They should be examined (Ps 139:23) in light of God's word (He 4:12).

Men do not think like God (Is 55:8, 9). Only those who are born again (Jn 3:7) have the mind of Christ (Ps. 139:17).