

Introduction:

For some time, I have been interested in how Christ on did what he saw Father do:

John 5:19-21 (TPT) 19 So Jesus said, "I speak to you timeless truth. The Son is not able to do anything from himself or through my own initiative. **I only do the works that I see the Father doing**, for ***the Son does the same works as his Father***. 20 "Because the Father loves his Son so much, **he always reveals to me everything** that he is about to do. And you will all be amazed when he shows me even greater works than what you've seen so far! 21 For just like the Father has power to raise the dead, the Son will raise the dead and give life to whomever he wants.

Then in conjunction with this verse, Jesus gives a bit of insight about us and Father God:

John 20:17 (TPT) Jesus cautioned her, "Mary, don't hold on to me now, for I haven't yet ascended to God, my Father. And **he's not only my Father and God, but now he's your Father and your God!** Now **go to my brothers** and tell them what I've told you, that I am ascending to my Father—and your Father, to my God—and your God!"

We see in John 20:17 that Father God is our Father! And that other believers are brothers and sisters. So, this means that when Jesus "SEES" what Father is doing (in John 5:19) that is our Father as well. **That means that we can also "see" what Father is doing just like Jesus did.** I think that this is one of the keys for healing and doing "greater works" in Christ. That is if we can "see" what Father is doing, then we can do the Father's works, just like Jesus did. But the question is what is this "seeing" Jesus speaks of?

Types of Seeing

- 1) The seeing that Jesus speaks in of John 5:17 is not a physical seeing with the eyes, but spiritual seeing, that is given by Father.

(Note: there are two types of "seeing" that can be considered in this context. The **first** is the "**seeing**" in the spirit realm which is real, just like the physical realm. The second "**seeing**" is that of seeing in the imagination.)

- 2) The type of seeing that Jesus referred to is that of seeing in His imagination. The reason I think this is as follows:

A) **Imagination is the creative process of forming mental images or concepts**, it describes the ability to create **or accept** mental images or concepts that **resemble** reality. When Jesus saw what Father was doing, it was not done or completed yet because it required Jesus to complete it as He saw it (in His imagination).

Imagination in Hebrew

In Hebrew, there are two primary words that convey the concept of imagination:

Yatsar (יָצַר) - This word is often translated as "to form," "to fashion," or "to shape." In the context of imagination, **it refers to the creative process of forming mental images or concepts**. (Genesis 2:7, Isaiah 29:16)

Gen 2:7 NASB Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.

Isa 29:16 NASB (16) You turn things around! Shall the potter be considered as equal with the clay, That what is made would say to its maker, "He did not make me"; Or what is formed say to him who formed it, "He has no understanding"?

In Hebrew there are two words for imagination... *yatsar* and *deemyon*. The word *yatsar* is to form, fashion, and purpose. It is to squeeze into shape as a potter does with clay. The word *deemyon* means resemblance, likeness, similarity. The root of the word is *damah* which we see in Genesis 1:27 – we were created in His image and also according to His **likeness** (*damah*).

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Deemyon (דְּמִיוֹן) - This word means "likeness," "resemblance," or "similarity." In the context of imagination, **it describes the ability to create mental images or concepts that resemble reality**. (Genesis 1:26-27, Isaiah 29:16)

Gen 1:26-27 NASB (26) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." (27) God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

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Biblical Examples

Genesis 2:7 - "And the LORD God formed (yatsar) man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul."

Isaiah 29:16 - "What profiteth the graven image that the maker thereof hath graven it? or the molten image, and a teacher of lies, that the maker of his work trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? Shall the work say of him that made it, He made me not? or shall the thing framed say of him that framed it, He had no understanding?"

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Genesis 6:5 - "And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination (yatsar) of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Gen 6:5 TPT But Yahweh saw how extremely wicked humanity had become, for they imagined only evil, for all they thought about was doing evil all the time.

Theological Significance

In Hebrew thought, imagination is closely tied to creation and the image of God (Genesis 1:26-27). Humans are created in God's image, and their **imagination reflects this divine likeness**. *The biblical concept of imagination emphasizes the creative and formative power of the mind, highlighting the potential for both good and evil.*

Practical Applications

Creative Expression: Imagination is essential for artistic expression, innovation, and problem-solving.

Spiritual Formation: The biblical concept of imagination emphasizes the importance of shaping one's thoughts and desires according to God's character and purposes.

Ethical Reflection: Imagination is also critical for moral discernment, as it enables us to envision alternative scenarios and consider the consequences of our actions.

In conclusion,

the Hebrew words yatsar and deemyon convey a rich understanding of imagination as a creative and formative power that reflects God's image in humanity. This concept has significant implications for our understanding of creativity, spirituality, and ethics.

NOTE: God uses this imagination process in us as we walk in Him (John 5:19)

How John 5:19 works

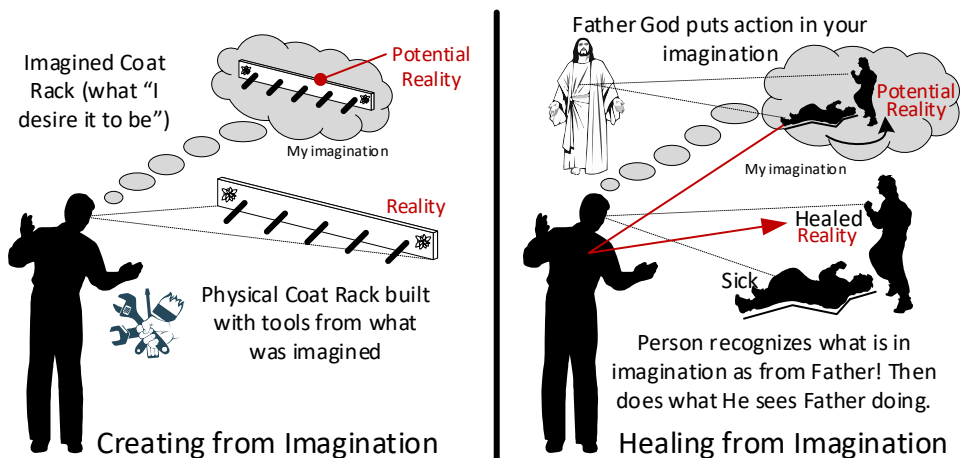
Father places his desire into our imagination, of something He wants to happen (maybe a person to heal) and wants us to work with Him to get what He wants to come to reality. It becomes reality when we see and agree and make it happen...

John 5:19 – when God gives us something in our imagination (a vision, an ascension, a "knowing") He wants us to do what the contents of the imagination are... this could be anything from "being aware, declaring, implementing (healing etc.), going, being, etc. It is up to us to flow with what Father is communicating into our imagination. **Jesus did this perfectly!** **NOTE: sometimes it is not imagination, but actually seeing and experiencing the spirit realm! WE CAN TELL THE DIFFERENCE! We can tell if what we are seeing actually exists in the spirit realm or is in our imagination waiting to be made real in the physical realm.**

Note: When Father gives you vision in your imagination, it represents everything needed for complete healing... not a "human" view. This is **Yatsar** (יצר) (the creative process of forming mental images or concepts), and **Deemyon** (דמיון) (the creation of mental images or concepts that resemble reality.) coming from Father through you. **This is the process of John 5:19,20!**

When God created man in Gen 1:26, and Gen 2:7, in His image, we received **Yatsar** (יצר) and **Deemyon** (דמיון) capability. This gives man extensive capability (actually similar to God!). Angels have this **Yatsar/Deemyon** capability as well. We see this in 1Ki 22:20-23 and in Job 1:11-12.

In the imagination process above, there are two illustrations. **The first image** (Creating from imagination in physical realm) shows man-kind's ability to "invision" or "imagine" building an object he "sees" in his imagination... a coat rack with pegs. He sees all the **Deemyon** aspects that represents true reality. The man knows what's in his imagination it is not reality, but knows it can BECOME reality. He just needs to build what he sees, and reality happens.



The imagination process

Man can tell the difference between imagination, memory, and creative logic. Although, sometimes, emotions alter what is in the imagination, it is still recognized as “imagination”.

The second image shows a process where Father God gives a descriptive vision showing a person healed. The information in the imagination contains all the **Yatsar/Deemyon** information needed from God to have the person healed. The man (through exercise, and practice) recognizes the contents of his imagination is from God. He knows it is in his imagination, not spirit realm reality. He may not understand all what he his imagination is showing, but reacts to what is seen and prays/declares on the man what is in his imagination, and what he sees now becomes reality (man is healed) ... that which is in the imagination becomes real.

In the case where Father presents you with a “reality”, it is His desire to work that through you. If you do not respond (i.e. not understand, are distracted, not obey, etc.) then the desire of the Father does not get done. Note: the view in your imagination can come as a “knowing”, a “vision”, a “peace”, etc. It can come in all the ways that God speaks and communicates.

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Miracle Jesus did with Peter’s mother-in-law

Consider the miracle Jesus did with Peter’s mother-in-law in Mar 1:29-31:

Mar 1:29-31 NASB (29) And immediately after they came out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. (30) Now Simon's mother-in-law was lying sick with a fever; and immediately they *spoke to Jesus about her. (31) And He came to her and raised her up, taking her by the hand, and the fever left her, and she waited on them.

In this incident, what do you think Jesus saw the Father doing? Answer: Jesus saw Father take her by the hand and raise her up. Jesus saw what Father presented Him in His imagination (**Yatsar/Deemyon**) and did what He saw! ... He took her by the hand and raised her up → Miracle happened!

Thoughts about imagination:

- Imagination can be used in the creative process of forming a mental images of something that resembles reality (We can alter the contents of our imagination until what we have resembles the reality we want)
- Imagination is the ability to envision something that could exist (making a coat rack). In the imagination, several versions of the image can evolve to the final image. We can receive a picture, concept, process, or musing in our imagination from God, angels, devil, human, etc.
- When Holy Spirit or Father gives an image in our imagination, **that image will have all that is needed for the creation of the physical reality to happen.** If the content on the imagination came from God, **it will have the same Yatsar/Deemyon process in it that God used when He said “let us create Man in our image”.** In John 5:19 where Jesus "sees" what His Father is doing, that image was presented to Jesus (lets say for a healing) in His imagination. It was for Jesus then to take that fully completed image and finish what Father wanted to do, by doing what Father put in His imagination. If Jesus did not do what He saw in the image from Father, then the physical result (healing) would not happen. The image that existed in Jesus' imagination fully resembled what Father wanted to do, all that was necessary was for Jesus to do what He saw (He did nothing by Himself). When Jesus did what he saw, the image became reality.
- In 1 Kg 22, where angels were presenting what to do to entice Ahab to be killed, these angels presented what they imagined could be, then one angel presented to "put lies in his prophets" (the angel imagined what he would do, and then brought it to reality... from his imagination (resembling reality) to physical reality).
- In Job 1 where satan was given permission to take all Jobs things, each thing required imagination to physical reality to happen.
- NOTE:** We can inspire images in each other via our communications. Many times, as people are talking, we “get” things in our imagination as they speak. The same is true for things that come into our imagination from the spirit realm (i.e. from God, angels, demons, etc.).
- It is possible for God (or spirit beings) to place an image in your imagination of something He wants to do just like with Jesus. The difference is that God is able to present complete images that can become physical realm reality. We need to be careful to discern the source of these communications to our imagination.
- Imagination is different than thought.** Thoughts can produce images in the imagination, but thoughts are not an imagination image. We can confuse this if we are not aware. Thoughts and come from previous memories, current physical situations, or from spirit beings, etc.

- Feelings are not imagination, but can be included in an image in our imagination.
- **Imagination is one way we "see" what father wants to do.** Although, we can communicate with God in other ways, imagination is a very reliable and convenient way to work with Father in what He is doing.
- I have learned that whatever I am doing when I ascend with Father, Jesus, and Holy Spirit, THAT is what they are doing, and when appropriate, I can bring that into the physical realm. **Note: When we are operating ascended in the spirit realm, THAT IS NOT IMAGINATION. Imagination is not reality, it represents reality.**
- The process of doing what we "see" our Father doing, is the process of imagination. We need be able to recognize when an image in our imagination shows up, and where that that image came from, and what needs to be done (if anything) ... but, when God gives us an image in our imagination, it ALWAYS significant, and complete.
- **Note: When we have ascended and are operating in the spirit realm, God can give us things to make happen in the physical realm. This would bypass the imagination, and that is acceptable.**
- **Important:** We can recognize the difference between imagination, thoughts, visions, and the physical/spirit realms.
- We have the ability, as do angels, to view something in our imagination and make it happen. In both the spirit and physical realms. [Angels: spirit realm to physical realm, Man: physical realm to spirit realm.]
- Things in the imagination do not exist unless something is done to create what is in the imagination (into the spirit/physical realms), but they become "created" when we do them in the spirit or physical realm (make the coat rack)
- God created us with imagination just like Himself (angels have imagination) ... so we are like Him! We can create, and implement a creation just like Him (when operating with Him).
- God wants a people that will receive His desire (when He gives us something in our imagination) to implement, declare, do, replicate all He gives us. That is how the Kingdom will work... His will working via our imagination, and we putting that image from our imagination to reality. This both in physical and spirit realms NOTE: We do not have the ability (at this point), as humans, to fully create in our imagination the full detail of all that is needed to heal a person. We see what we want to happen, however, God puts into the imagined image body changes, chemical changes, etc. to complete the healing. This is the same process as in Gen 1:26 when God created man
- **A sanctified or "Golden" imagination** is one that receives Gods imagination and implements it in the physical and spirit realms
- Man can create via his imagination, and he has that capability... BUT when he gives his imagination fully over to Father, full completion is realized!
- Dreams, like imagination, can also become reality if we grab them and implement them, just like in imagination
- God first saw us, created us, in His imagination before He created us in reality (Gen1:26). He saw us, as we would be before He formed us from the ground. He designed in us the same capability.
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What is imagination?

Imagination is the creative process of forming or receiving mental images or concepts, it describes the ability to create or accept mental images or concepts that resemble reality.

God has given us as part of being human the power of imagination. We can use our imagination to create images in both the physical and spiritual realms.

Physical Realm: I can use my imagination to "to picture mentally" something I want to make. For example, if I want to make a coat rack to hang on my wall, I "picture" the 3-foot-long board with 5 holes in it for the wooden pegs to be glued into holes to hang things on. I can see or "to picture mentally" the decorative figures I will paint on the board to give it artistic beauty, etc. Then, after I am convinced, it is what I want (I've imagined several different ways to make this rack, but I've settled in my mind what I want to make.), I start to "make" my coat rack. NOTE: this picture only existed in my mind, and not physically. When I start to measure and cut the board for the coat rack, what I imagined starts to become real. When I complete the coat rack from how I had imagined it, it is "real". NOTE: I am fully aware all of the time that what I am seeing in my imagination (my ability to picture something I want to make) it is not "real". Our minds have the ability to distinguish between imagination and something "real physically".

Spiritual Ascended Realm: Just as in the physical, I can use my imagination to "to picture mentally" making something, or seeing something in the spirit realm. Remember, we are created to operate in both the physical and spirit realms. So, I can use my imagination, for example, to "to picture mentally" building a room next to God's throne to live in, or I can use my imagination "to picture mentally" worshiping before God's throne (possibly thinking of Rev 4:1-11). I can also use my imagination to "picture mentally" angels in my room... all of these are "imaginings in my mind". **They are not real**, just like the imagined coat rack was not real. HOWEVER: there are times when we actually to see and experience things in the spirit realm that are NOT MY IMAGINATION. I

submit that you can tell the difference between real and imagination in the spirit realm just like in the physical realm. Sometimes when I am operating in the spirit realm, I have to check myself to be sure of what I see (imagination or real). Point: Our minds have the ability to distinguish between imagination and something “real spiritually”. This will take some practice, but as you experience things in the spirit realm, distinguishing the difference between imagination and real spirit activity becomes very normal.

Having said this, we need to know that it is possible to prophecy out of your own imagination (this not real, because imagination is in your mind only, and not real):

Pro 18:11 The wealth of the rich *is* his strong city, and like a wall, it is high in his imagination^{H4906}. LEB

Eze 13:2 "Son of man, prophesy to the prophets of Israel who are prophesying, and you must say to *those who are* prophets out of their own imagination^{H3820??}, 'Hear the word of Yahweh!' LEB

Eze 13:17 "And you, son of man, place your face toward the daughters of your people who prophesy from their imagination^{H3820??}, and prophesy against them! LEB

In these scriptures these people spoke what they saw in their imaginations as real from the spirit. They either knowingly did this or they did not distinguish between their imagination and spirit reality. Of course, it is possible that evil spirits can give false information that is not part of the imagination:

1Ki 22:21-23 NET (21) Then a spirit stepped forward and stood before the LORD. He said, 'I will deceive him.' (22) The LORD asked him, 'How?' He replied, 'I will go out and be a lying spirit in the mouths of all his prophets.' The LORD said, 'Deceive and overpower him. Go out and do as you have proposed.' (23) So now, look, the LORD has placed a lying spirit in the mouths of all these prophets of yours, but the LORD has decreed disaster for you."

I am an advocate of using the imagination when learning to sense and operate in the spirit realm. For instance, if I'm trying to learn how to see into the spirit realm, it is acceptable to imagine yourself doing things in the spirit realm and have Holy Spirit move you into the actual (not imagined) activity in the spirit. It is good to do to start out with imagination, because when you are taken into spirit realm awareness (say from imagination) you can immediately tell the difference (i.e. not imagination). This "imagination approach" helps to be sure you are experiencing and not imagining.

Many people are very concerned about using our Imagination in the spirit realm, because of walking into error. Although, this is a possibility, I believe that this imagination approach is VERY useful, if done as follows:

- Using imagination to enter the spirit realm in the company of more mature believers
- Being willing to submit your experiences (imagination vs real) to others as you grow... Be accountable
- Be willing to check your experiences with scripture. Again, your friends can help you in this regard as you grow
 - Note: We never struggle with imagination when we get a dream or a vision. However, we can let our imagination go farther than what was intended in the vision or dream. It is possible to be aware of what your imagination is doing if you practice.

Note:

We have carnal thoughts and righteous thoughts and we have to learn to differentiate between the two. So, it is with imaginations. We have the ability to create carnal imaginations (vain imaginations) and righteous imaginations. We must learn to differentiate between the two... and not 'buy in' to the carnal ones. Examples of vain imaginations include: imaginary fears, self-exalting thoughts, improbable or impossible scenarios, and nagging doubts. Some consequences of vain imaginations include: torment, lack of peace, and reducing God's power.

Verses on imagination in TPT

Romans 1:21 "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened"

II Cor 10:5-7 "Casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ"

Act 17:29 "Since our lineage can be traced back to God, how could we even think that the divine image could be compared to something made of gold, silver, or stone, sculpted by man's artwork and clever imagination?"

Eph 1:18 I pray that the light of God will illuminate the eyes of your imagination, flooding you with light, until you experience the full revelation of the hope of his calling—that is, the wealth of God's glorious inheritances that he finds in us, his holy ones!

Eph 3:20 *Never doubt* God's mighty power to work in you and accomplish all this. He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! He will outdo them all, for his miraculous power constantly energizes you.

2Pe 1:20 You must understand this at the outset: Interpretation of scriptural prophecy *requires the Holy Spirit*, for it does not originate from someone's own imagination.

Psa 41:7 They are wicked whisperers who imagine the worst for me, repeating their rumors, saying,

Psa 107:1 Let everyone give all their praise and thanks to the Lord! Here's why—he's better than anyone could ever imagine. Yes, he's always loving and kind, and his faithful love never ends.

Pro 18:11 The rich, in their conceit, imagine that their wealth is enough to protect them. It becomes their confidence in a day of trouble.

Luk 8:18 So pay careful attention to your hearts as you hear my teaching, for to those who have open hearts, even more revelation will be given to them until it overflows. And for those who do not listen with open hearts, what little light they imagine to have will be taken away."

Luk 11:5 Then Jesus gave this illustration: "Imagine what would happen if you were to go to one of your friends in the middle of the night and pound on his door and shout, 'Please! Do you have some food you can spare?"

Rom 11:12 So if all the world is being greatly enriched through their failure, and through their fall great spiritual wealth is given to the non-Jewish people, imagine how much more will Israel's awakening bring to us all!

1Co 2:9 This is why the Scriptures say: Things never discovered or heard of before, things beyond our ability to imagine—these are the many things God has in store for all his lovers.

2Co 10:10 For I can imagine some of you saying, "His letters are authoritative and stern, but when he's with us he's not that impressive and he's a poor speaker."

Imagination

1. logismos (G3053), "a reasoning, a thought" (akin to logizomai, "to count, reckon"), is translated "thoughts" in Rom 2:15, suggestive of evil intent, not of mere reasonings; "imaginings" in 2Co 10:5 (RV, marg., "reasonings," in each place). The word suggests the contemplation of actions as a result of the verdict of conscience. *See THOUGHT.*
2. dialogismos (G1261), dia, and No. 1, is rendered "imaginings" in Rom 1:21, carrying with it the idea of evil purposes, RV, "reasonings"; it is most frequently translated thoughts. *See DISPUTE.*
3. dianoia (G1271), strictly, "a thinking over," denotes "the faculty of thinking"; then, "of knowing"; hence, "the understanding," and in general, "the mind," and so, "the faculty of moral reflection"; it is rendered "imagination" in Luk 1:51, "the imagination of their heart" signifying their thoughts and ideas. *See MIND, UNDERSTANDING.*

Angels us imagination

1Ki 22:20-23 NASB (20) "The LORD said, 'Who will entice Ahab to go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead?' And one said this while another said that. (21) "Then a spirit came forward and stood before the LORD and said, 'I will entice him.' (22) "The LORD said to him, 'How?' And he said, 'I will go out and be a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all his prophets.' Then He said, 'You are to entice him and also prevail. Go and do so.' (23) "Now therefore, behold, the LORD has put a deceiving spirit in the mouth of all these your prophets; and the LORD has proclaimed disaster against you."

Job 1:11-12 NASB (11) "But put forth Your hand now and touch all that he has; he will surely curse You to Your face." (12) Then the LORD said to Satan, "Behold, all that he has is in your power, only do not put forth your hand on him." So Satan departed from the presence of the LORD.