

MEDITATIONS ON THE TRUE CHRISTIAN LIFE

...."This book of the law [the Word of God] shall not depart from [always be in] your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful [take heed] to do according to all that is written in it; for THEN you will make your way prosperous, and THEN you will have success".... Joshua 1:8 NASB

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* Romans 4:17-19 gives us a graphic picture of the Word prevailing over the fear and hope and sense knowledge in the mind of Abraham. God's Word was spoken through an angel to this man, and it declared: "A father of many nations have I made thee; before Him whom he believed, even God, Who giveth life to the dead, and calleth the things that are not, as though they were." And notice carefully the next sentence: "Who in hope believed against hope, to the end that he might become a father of many nations." Hope and Faith were in combat. Faith won and made Hope a reality.

You remember Hebrew 11:1, "Faith is giving substance to things we have hoped for."

Hope is always in the future; it is a dream, it is never real. Faith reaches up and grasps Hope and brings it into the realm of the present.

Romans 4:19, "And without being weakened in Faith he considered his own body now as good as dead (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb." That man had hoped for a child. Now Faith has changed the Hope into reality.

"Yet looking unto the Promise of God (spoken through an angel), he wavered not through unbelief, but waxed strong through faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform (would become a reality)."

And so Abraham's faith was reckoned to him as Righteousness. This Righteousness gave the man a standing with God, the standing of a friend with God.

...." what does the scripture say? And Abraham believed God, and it was

reckoned to him as righteousness".... Romans 4:3 Darby Translation