

# 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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\* There is no passage that describes the Father's and Jesus' love attitude toward us more beautifully than Psalm 23:1 "Jehovah is my shepherd, I shall not want." This is perfect satisfaction.

This is finding the ultimate of living, "I shall not want."

It is beyond our understanding. It is in the realm of the spirit.

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures."

This is where the luscious clover and tender grasses carpet the ground.

There is no effort required here to get enough.

He not only causes me to go into the green pastures, but He leads me beside the waters of gentle stillness.

Water and food are the requisites that sustain life.

He maketh me to lie down and rest in safety and quietness in the pastures of plenty. Near me is a babbling brook. Its living waters answer the cry of my heart.

I have water, I have food. I have protection. I have shelter. I have His care. This is my Father.

When I am frightened and filled with fear, my whole being is convulsed with agony, "He restoreth my soul." He keeps me quiet.

He makes me normal again.

He brushes away my fears and anxieties and He holds me to His breast and breathes into me His own courage and faith. My heart laughs at my enemies.

For He guideth me down the paths of grace, into the realm of Righteousness, where I stand in His presence as though sin had never been, where I romp and play in the throne room of

grace with never a thought of fear or dread.

My Father is the one who is on the throne.

He may be the judge of the world. He may be God to the sinner, but He is my own Father.

He loves me and cares for me.

*.... "The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Even though I walk through **the valley of the shadow of death**, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows. Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever".... Psalms 23:1-6 NASB*