

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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* What makes man unique in God's creation is not that he possesses a soul but that he has a spirit which, joined to the soul, constitutes the man. Such union marks out man as extraordinary in the universe. Man's soul is not related directly to God; according to the Bible, it is his spirit that relates itself to God. God is Spirit; all who worship Him, therefore, must worship in Spirit. It alone can commune with God. Only spirit can worship Spirit. In view of this fact, let us remember that God has ordained He will deal with man through his spirit alone and that by man's spirit His counsels are to be realized. If such be the case, how necessary for the spirit of man to continue in constant and living union with God, without for a moment being affected into disobeying divine laws by following the feelings, desires, and ideals of the outward soul. Whenever a person's inner man heeds the dictates of the outer man, they lose "pure" contact with God.

....*"Blessed are the pure in heart [spirit], for they shall see [both know and understand] God".... Matthew 5:8 NASB*

"ascendency" - governing or controlling influence; domination;

....*"But I say, walk by the spirit [from the position of the spirit being in a position of predominance {ascendency} over the soul and body - thus, influenced directly by the Holy Spirit], and you will not carry out the desire of the flesh [senses]. For the flesh sets its desire against the spirit [inner man], and the spirit [inner man] against the flesh [senses]; for these are in opposition to one another, so that you may not do the things that you please".... Galatians 5:16-17 NASB*