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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JESUS HAS GIVEN US THE "POWER OF ATTORNEY

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* As we take our privileges, and rights, in the new Covenant and pray in Jesus' Name, it passes out of our hands into the hands of Jesus; He then assumes the responsibility of that prayer, and we know that He said, "Father, I thank Thee that Thou Nearest Me, and I know that Thou hearest Me always." In other words, we know that the Father always hears Jesus, and when we pray in Jesus' Name, it is as though Jesus Himself were doing the praying, He takes our place.

Prayer a Business Proposition. This places prayer not only on legal grounds, but makes it a business proposition. When we pray, we take Jesus' place here to carry out His will, and He takes our place before the Father.

He said that it should not only cover our prayer life but it also can be used in our combat against the unseen forces that surround us. "And these signs shall accompany them that believe," or literally 'the believing ones', Every child of God is a believing one, "In My Name they shall cast out demons; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover."

Here, He is revealing His part in the Great Commission. In that great document, He says, "All authority has been given unto Me in heaven and on earth. "I am sending you out to make disciples of all nations. "Lo, I am with you always."

He is with us in the Power and Authority of His Name. What does the Name mean to the Father, to the Church, and to Satan?

To the Father, it must mean more than our hearts or minds will ever grasp,

but we can suggest a little of the wealth that the Father has stored in that Name. First, He inherited a more excellent Name than any of the angels as the First Begotten Son.

Second, God gave to Him a Name above every name that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow in the three worlds. Third, by His conquest over sin, Satan, disease, death, hell, and the grave He acquired a Name that is above all names.

When Jesus gave us the legal right to use this Name, the Father knew all that that Name would imply when breathed in prayer by oppressed souls, and it is His joy to recognize that Name.

So the possibilities enfolded in that Name are beyond our understanding, and when He says to the Church, "Whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in My Name," He is giving us a signed check on the resources of heaven and asking us to fill it in.

It would pay the Church to begin an exhaustive study of the resources of Jesus in order to get a measurement of the wealth that Name holds for her today.

...."[For I {Paul} always pray to] the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, that He may grant you a spirit of wisdom and revelation [of insight into mysteries and secrets] in the [deep and intimate] knowledge of Him, By having the eyes of your heart flooded with light, so that you can know and understand the hope to which He has called you, and how rich is His glorious inheritance in the saints [His set-apart ones], And [so that you can know and understand] what is the immeasurable and unlimited and surpassing greatness of His power in and for us who believe, as demonstrated in the working of His mighty strength, which He exerted in Christ when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His [own] right hand in the heavenly [places], Far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and every name that is named [above every title that can be conferred, not only in this age and in this world, but also in the age and the world which are to come. And He has put all things under His feet and has appointed Him the universal and supreme Head of the church [a headship exercised throughout the church], [Ps. 8:6.] Which is His body, the fullness of Him Who fills all in all [for in that body lives the full measure of Him Who makes everything complete, and Who fills everything everywhere with Himself]".... Ephesians 1:17-23 The Amplified Translation

...."Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, [and] being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus EVERY KNEE WILL BOW, of those who are in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and that every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father"..... Philippians 2:5-11 NASB