

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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IDENTIFICATION

[part 8 of 15]

He Suffered

....*"And He [Jesus] began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again".... Mark 8:31 NASB*

He endured all that humanity could suffer. It was Deity suffering for humanity. The eighty-eighth Psalm reads in the margin of the Cross-Reference Bible:

"He laid Him in the lowest pit, the pit of the underworld, in the dark places, in dense darkness."

7th verse, "Thy wrath lieth hard upon me." Thy wrath presseth, thou hast laid thy fury upon me. All thy breakers thou has brought upon me. Thou hast let all thy waves strike me. Thou hast let come all thy breakers upon me.

"I have called upon thee my God, day and night; and thou hearest me not." 3rd verse, "Full of trouble, weighted with evils. Thou hast brought me to Sheol, the kingdom of death. I am become a man without God." The heart cannot take it in.

The mind stands dumb in the presence of truth like this. 15th verse, "While distracted-I endure, I am brought low, I am turned backward. I have borne thy terrors so that I am distracted-helpless. The outbursts of Thy wrath, thy streams of wrath have cut me off.

"Thou hast removed from me mine acquaintances, Even lover and friend, in
the Place of Darkness."