

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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THE INTEGRITY OF THE WORD

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THE WORD is God speaking to you. "Thus saith Jehovah" is repeated over two thousand times from Exodus to Deuteronomy. God and His Word are one. The Word is always now. Jesus is the Word. Jesus is the Living Word. Hebrews 4:12, "The Logos of God is a living thing, active and more cutting than any sword with double edge penetrating to the very division of soul and spirit, joint and marrow-scrutinizing the very thoughts and conceptions of the heart" (Moffat).

And now, notice carefully the next verse: "And no created thing is hidden from Him; all things lie open, exposed before the eyes of Him with Whom we have to reckon." The Word is called the Logos. Jesus is the Logos, and the Logos is a living thing-not in the book, not on the written page, but in the lips of the believer. There is no created thing hidden from Him, this living Word. The Word searches us out, finds us. This paragraph should be studied carefully.

The Word Is Our Contact with God

The Word is our contact with God the Father. It is His contact with us. John 16:7-10 (American Standard Version) reads, "He convicts us of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment."

We Are Convicted by the Word

This conviction can come from no other source than the Word. It is a threefold conviction. First, He convicts of our union with Satan: "Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged," that the natural man is judged in Satan, is a child of Satan.

John 8:44, 45 with 1 John 3:10. Note these Scriptures carefully. Second, He convicts of Righteousness, showing that although we are children of the Devil. Righteousness is available and belongs to us. And third, He convicts of sin because we believe not on Him. There is only one sin for which the sinner will be judged; that is the rejection of Jesus Christ.

We Are Recreated by the Word

James 1:18, "Of His own will He brought us forth by the Word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of His creatures."

Read John 3:3-8. 1 Peter 1:23, "Having been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the Word of God, Who liveth" (American Standard Version).

The Word imparts to us Eternal Life. Were it not for the Word, we would not know that there was a Redemption or a Substitution or a New Creation.

2 Corinthians 5:17, 18, "Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new, but all things are of God, Who reconciled us to Himself."