

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 PREVAILING WORD

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THE WORD takes the place of the unseen Christ. Meditation in the Word is a visit with Him. The Word becomes a part of one by meditation. The Word living in us gets into our blood. Acts 19:20, "So mightily grew the Word of the Lord and prevailed."

A revival in Ephesus was shaking the nation. It was not Paul's preaching; it was not his logic or philosophy; it was the Word of God. Acts 12:24, "But the Word of God grew and multiplied." It grew in the minds of the people. It gained the supremacy over them.

Faith Makes the Word Prevail

Faith comes when the Word prevails over the thinking processes. In Matthew 8:23-27, we see the Word prevailing in Jesus' lips over the laws of nature. You remember that He said, "Oh ye of little faith." "Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. And the men marvelled, saying, "What manner of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?" " The Word prevailed in Matthew 8:5-12. The Word in Jesus' lips prevailed over the disease in the Centurion's servant. In Matthew 14:13-21, the Word in Jesus' lips ruled the law of supply and demand. Five loaves and two fishes multiplied until five thousand people were fed and twelve baskets of fragments were left over.

John 1:1-3, "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made through Him; and without Him was not anything made that hath been made."

Jesus and the Word Are One

God honors the human language by calling Jesus the Word. The whole Universe was brought into being by words. A Spirit spoke in Genesis 1:14-19, "Let them be for lights in the firmament of the heaven to give light upon the earth." The Word of God, a Spirit, creates material things, proving that the spirit is greater than the material. John 1:14, "And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us." You see, we have the spoken word in the lips of Jesus; then we have the Word made flesh dwelling in our midst; then we have the spoken Word in the lips of the Apostles before the Pauline Revelation came.

1 Thessalonians 2:13, "Wherefore, we also give continual thanks to God because when you heard from me the spoken Word, you received it not as the word of man but as it is in truth, the Word of God, Who Himself works effectually in you that believe" (Moffat).

While Paul was in Thessalonica it was the spoken Word, but his Epistles are the written Word, the life-giving Word. Psalm 107:20, "He sendeth His Word and healeth them."

And that Word was manifested in the flesh, as the spoken Word through the lips of Jesus, as the spoken Word through the Apostles, and finally was put upon paper in the language of men so that we might have a permanent record of this living Word.