

# **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**

**[part 2 of 4]**

### **The Word Prevails Over the Senses**

Romans 4:17-19 gives us a graphic picture of the Word prevailing over the fear and hope and sense knowledge in the mind of Abraham. God's Word was spoken through an angel to this man, and it declared: "A father of many nations have I made thee; before Him whom he believed, even God, Who giveth life to the dead, and calleth the things that are not, as though they were." And notice carefully the next sentence: "Who in hope believed against hope, to the end that he might become a father of many nations." Hope and Faith were in combat. Faith won and made Hope a reality.

You remember Hebrew 11:1, "Faith is giving substance to things we have hoped for."

Hope is always in the future; it is a dream, it is never real. Faith reaches up and grasps Hope and brings it into the realm of the present.

Romans 4:19, "And without being weakened in Faith he considered his own body now as good as dead (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb." That man had hoped for a child. Now Faith has changed the Hope into reality.

"Yet looking unto the Promise of God (spoken through an angel), he wavered not through unbelief, but waxed strong through faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform (would become a reality)."

And so Abraham's faith was reckoned to him as Righteousness. This Righteousness gave the man a standing with God, the standing of a friend with God.

## **The Word in Our Lips**

Acts 6:7 tells us that the Word of God increased as they preached and practiced what they had heard from the Master's lips. The Word began to develop and grow until it became a mighty force in the hearts of men and women. It was the prevailing Word.

In my ministry, the Word has been a living, growing force. The Word is eternal. Like God, it is ever young, it is ever new. Matthew 24:35, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." It is a part of God . . . it is what God IS.

John 14:9, Philip has asked Jesus, "Show us the Father, and it sufficeth us." Jesus said, "Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? He that hath seen me hath seen the Father."

Jesus and the Father were one. Jesus and the Word, the Logos, are one. John 12:49, Jesus said, "For I spake not from Myself; but the Father that sent Me, He hath given Me a commandment, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His commandment is Life Eternal; the things therefore which I speak, even as the Father hath said unto Me, so I speak." You can see Jesus' fearlessness in the presence of disease and of demons.

He was using the Father's Words and He knew that they could not fail. It Timothy 4:2, "Preach the Word; be urgent in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching." Jesus preached the Word and it healed the sick; it broke the power of demons over men. The Apostles preached the Word, and the sick were healed, the dead were raised, and the multitudes were recreated. To preach the Word means to preach Christ, because Christ is the Word. To preach the Gospel means to preach the Word, the good news.