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 WONDERFUL NAME OF JESUS

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His Three-Fold Greatness

Some men are born to a great name as a czar or a king; others make their name great by achievements or have a great name conferred upon them. Jesus is great because He inherited a great Name; His Name is great because of achievements; He is great because a great Name was conferred upon Him.

He inherited a greater Name than any angelic being, and as a Son, He is heir of all things, and through Him the ages have been brought into being. He is the effulgence, the very outshining of the Father.

His Name comes to Him as an Inheritance; and what it must have been to have Inherited this Name from His great Father-God!

In Philippians 2:9, 10 we find: "Wherefore also God highly exalted Him and gave unto Him the Name which is above every Name that at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow of the beings in heaven and the beings on earth, and the beings under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God, the Father."

If it tells us in Hebrews that He Inherited a greater Name than the angels, here it declares that God gave unto Him the Name which is above every name.

The inference is that there was a Name known in heaven, unknown elsewhere, and this Name was kept to be conferred upon someone who should merit it: and Jesus, as we know Him, the Eternal Son as He is known in the bosom

of the Father was given this Name, and at this Name every knee shall bow in the three worlds, Heaven, Earth, and Hell, and every tongue shall confess that He is Lord of the three worlds to the glory of God, the Father.

This Is the Man

It is this Being Who has given us the right to use His Name. In Ephesians 1:17 we find a prayer by Paul, a most unusual prayer. He prays that the Father will open the eyes of our understanding that we may know something of the riches of the Father's inheritance in us, and then, that our eyes may be opened that we may see what is the exceeding greatness of His power on our behalf who believe.

He declares it is according to the working of the strength of God's might which was wrought in the dead body of Jesus when He raised Him from among the dead; and when He raised Him and made Him to sit at His right hand in the heavenlies, far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion; and every name that is named not only in this age but in that which is to come; and He gave Him to be Head over all things for the benefit of His Church, which is His Body, the fullness of Him that filleth all things in all.

He not only Inherited a more excellent Name than any other being in the universe, God not only Gave Him a Name before which every being in the three worlds shall bow and confess His Lordship, but here, God has Given to Him a Name which is above every name, and He has seated Him in the highest place in the universe, and has made Him Head over all things.