

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

[part 4 of 8]

The Mighty Victor

When this cry reached the dark regions, Jesus rose and hurled back the hosts of darkness, and met Satan in awful combat as described in Hebrews 2:14: "In order that through death, He might paralyze him that held the dominion of death, that is, the devil." (Rotherham)

In other words, after Jesus had put off from Himself the demon forces and the awful burden of guilt, sin, and sickness that He carried with Him down there, He grappled with Satan, conquered him, and left him paralyzed, whipped and defeated.

The words that Jesus spoke are fulfilled in Luke 11 :21-22: "When a strong man fully armed guardeth his own court, his goods are in peace: but when a stronger man than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him his whole armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils."

So when Christ rose from the dead, He not only had the keys of death and of hell but He had the very armor in which Satan trusted.

He has defeated the devil: He has defeated all hell, and He stands before the three worlds, heaven, earth, and hell, as the undisputed victor over man's ancient destroyer.

He conquered Satan before his own cohorts, his own servants in the dark regions of the damned, and there He stood in that dread place, the absolute victor

and Master.

Is it any wonder, that fresh from such tremendous victories, He should say to the disciples, "All authority has been given unto Me in heaven and in earth"?

He stands as the Master and the Ruler of the Universe. His Name now is above every name, and at His Name we can understand how every knee shall bow and all this authority and power that Jesus gained by His mighty conquest is in that Name, and He has given that Name to us.

The authority that He has won is delegated to us in the use of His name. All He was, is in that Name; all He is today, is in that Name, and that Name is ours. Jesus was given that Name, that He might give it to us.

He gave His Name to us that we might carry out the will Of the Father in this dispensation in which we are living. We know the early Church utilized this authority.

The Early Church acted for Jesus in His stead.

They wrought miracles and the miracles opened doors for ministry and service.