

# 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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## GOD'S WAY OF GUIDING

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\* We need to appreciate how fundamental is the difference between spiritual and soulical experiences: spiritual experience is so designated because it begins with God and is known in our spirit: soulical experience arises from the man himself and does not emergence through the spirit. It is therefore quite possible for an unregenerated man to know fully the Bible, to grasp accurately and expertly the essential doctrines of Christianity, to apply zealously all of their talents to service and to sway their audience with wonderful eloquence, and yet remain within the realm of the soul without so much as having crossed over one step, their spirit as dead as ever. People shall never enter the Kingdom of God through our encouragement, persuasion, argument, inducement, excitement, or attraction; entrance can be gained only by New Birth, by nothing less than the resurrection of the spirit. The new Life which invades us at regeneration brings with it many inherent abilities, not the least of which is the intuitive power of knowing God.

Does it hence mean that man's mind or brain is totally useless? Of course not. It obviously has its part to play. But we need to remember that intellect is of secondary, not of primary, importance. We do not sense *[perceive]* God and the realities of God by our intellect; else Eternal Life would be meaningless. This Eternal Life is the "spirit" mentioned in John 3. We apprehend God through this newly obtained "new Life" or spirit. The mind's role is to explain to our outward man what we "know" in our spirit and additionally to form it into words for others to understand. Paul stresses most emphatically in his letters that the gospel he preaches does NOT originate with man: it is not acquired wholesale from one man's mind and retailed to the mind of others but is discovered through revelation.

Although a believing man may have the best of minds their teaching is

nevertheless not to be derived from their thinking, whether sudden or progressive. Their mind merely cooperates with their spirit in communicating to others the revelation their intuition has received. The brain is but the transmitting, not the receiving mechanism of spiritual knowledge.