

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 WAR AGAINST THE RECREATED SPIRIT

* In view of the significance of our spirit, which is the site of communion between the Holy Spirit and the saints, should we marvel if Satan is most unwilling to let us know the "functions" of the spirit for fear that we may follow it? The Enemy aims to confine the saint's life within the soul and to quench their spirit. He will give many strange physical sensations to believers and fill their mind with various wandering thoughts. He intends to confuse one's spiritual awareness by these "sensations" and "thoughts" in their outer man. While confused, God's children are incompetent to distinguish what is of the spirit and what emanates from the soul. Satan well recognizes that victories of believers rest in their knowing how to "read" their spiritual sense *[alas! how many are ignorant of this principle]*. He musters his full force to attack the believer's spirit.

....*"We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the true knowledge of God [and who we ALREADY are, in Christ], and we are taking every thought captive [through proclamation] to the obedience of Christ [a revelation of the Father's Will]".... 2 Corinthians 10:5 NASB*

....*"for we are not ignorant of his [Satan's] wiles and intentions".... 2 Corinthians 2:11b The Amplified Translation*

....*"Wherefore [for this cause or reason], having put out of the way once for all everything that would impede the free action of your mind, be calm and collected in spirit [in your inner man], and set your hope [trust, confidence] perfectly, wholly, and unchangeably, without doubt and despondency, upon the Grace that is being brought to you upon the occasion of the revelation of Jesus Christ [the Word of God]; as obedient children, not assuming an outward expression [in word or deed] which does not come from [originate in] your inner being [spirit] and [therefore] is not representative of it".... 1 Peter 1:13-15 The*

Wuest Translation

...."Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, [by] perfecting holiness in the fear [reverence] of God [thus allowing Him to expel {displace} every last ground of fear {unrighteousness}]".... 2 Corinthians 7:1 NASB