

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 NORMALCY OF THE REGENERATED HUMAN SPIRIT

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An Afflicted Spirit

....*"Even all these things hath my hand made, and all these things have been, saith Jehovah. But to this man will I look: to the afflicted and contrite in spirit, and who trembleth at my word".... Isaiah 66:2 Darby Translation*

The spirit with which God is delighted is an afflicted one because it reverences Him and trembles at His Word. Our spirit must be kept in continual reverential fear of the Lord. All self-reliance and self-conceit must be shattered; the Word of God must be accepted as the sole guide *[and final authority]* in one's life. The believer must possess within them a holy fear: they must have absolutely no confidence *[trust]* in themselves.

A hard and haughty spirit always impedes the way of obedience. But when the Cross is working deeply a believer comes to know themselves. They realize how undependable are their ideas, feelings and desires. Hence they dare not trust themselves but tremble in all matters, acknowledging that except they be sustained by the power of God they shall unquestionably fail. We must never be independent of God. The moment our spirit ceases to tremble before Him, at that precise moment it declares its independence from Him. Except we sense *[perceive]* our helplessness we shall never trust in God. A spirit which trembles before Him shields one from defeat and helps them to truly apprehend God.