

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 AUTHORITY OF HIS NAME

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* The Church has never recognized the authority that has been given the Name of Jesus. When God planned our Redemption, He knew the measure of the ability of our Enemy. He knew that Jesus had paralyzed the death-dealing power of the Enemy. He knew that He must give us ability to dominate Satan and all his works; for if He did not, the New Creation would fall a prey to the Adversary as the First Creation had.

2 Corinthians 2:11, "That no advantage may be gained over you by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his devices."

The Scripture describes the Adversary, tells us much about him. But it tells us more of what we are in Christ; and as we come to know our place in Christ, our rights and privileges, we become very conscious of any division in our walk. We know the moment we step out of love, we step into No-Man's-Land where the Adversary gains the ascendancy. In 2 Corinthians 11:3, Paul says, "But I fear, lest by any means as the serpent beguiled Eve in his craftiness, your minds might be corrupted from the purity that is in Christ." And so, when He left us, He gave us the Sword of the Spirit-the Word.

Ephesians 6:17, "And take the helmet of Salvation and the Sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God."

This Sword of the Spirit is never used to wound or to slay men, but it is used against the Adversary; for our combat is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world's powers. You see, we have come out of darkness into light, out of the kingdom of Satan into the

kingdom of the Son of His love, and our combat is against the forces of darkness that surround us. For we are in the light and we walk in the light as He is in the light. That light is the Word. That light is love. That light gives us a fellowship, companionship with the Father and with Jesus.