

# **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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## **JESUS, THE ADVOCATE**

We came to the Father through Christ, our Mediator. We have felt the sweet influence of His Intercession on our behalf. Now we want to know Him as our Advocate before the Father.

Many Christians today, who are living in broken fellowship, would be living victorious lives in Christ if they knew that Jesus was their Advocate. Because of our unrenewed minds and Satanic persecution, we sometimes sin and cause our fellowship with the Father to be broken. Every child of God who breaks fellowship with the Father is under condemnation. If he had no advocate to plead his case before the Father he would be in a sad position.

The Word shows us that if we do sin we have an advocate with the Father. Consider the meaning of the word "advocate." In Webster's dictionary we read: "One who pleads the cause of another in a court of law; one who defends, vindicates, or espouses a cause by argument; an upholder; a defender; one summoned to aid."

Christ is our defender, our upholder. He is always there, at the right hand of God, ready to come to our aid...to intercede on our behalf.

I John 2:1, "My little children, these things I write unto you that ye may not sin, and if any man sins we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the Righteous."

In I John 1:3-9 is God's method for maintaining our fellowship with Him. If we sin so that our fellowship is broken, we may renew that fellowship by confessing our sin. He is unable to act as our advocate unless we confess our sins. The moment we confess them He takes up our case before the Father.

The Word declares that when we confess our sins, He is righteous and faithful to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness...to wipe them out as though they had never been.

It is absolutely essential that Christians know Jesus as their advocate. Many who are out of fellowship have confessed their sins many times without receiving a sense of restoration, because they did not know Jesus was their Advocate. They did not take forgiveness when they confessed their sins. They did not act upon the Word which declared that the Father forgives the moment they confess. No Christian should ever remain in broken fellowship any longer than it takes to ask forgiveness.

What the Father forgives He forgets. A child of His should never dishonor His Word by ever thinking of their sins again.