

# 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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**"I AM THE WAY"**

**[part 4 of 8]**

\* The "New Way" that Paul preached was "the Way" into God's Presence.

Way back yonder Adam lost "the Way."

Jesus came to point it out.

He said, "I am the Way, I am the Reality, and I am the New Kind of Life."

Now in Heb. 4:16 he tells us to come boldly to the Throne of Grace; that means to come boldly into the Holy of Holies; to come with freedom into the very Presence of God.

Now our hearts can understand Mark 15:38: "And the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom."

Josephus tells us that that wonderful veil was four inches thick and fifteen feet square, made of the finest dyed linen, inwrought with threads of gold.

It shielded the Holy of Holies so that no one could enter but the high priest, and he but once a year in a cloud of incense with a bowl of blood to make the yearly atonement for the nation.

Now an angel has come and that curtain is rent, not from the bottom, but from the top, showing that God has been there and ripped that curtain apart throwing the Holy of Holies open; not to the high priest only, but to everyone whom the blood of Jesus Christ has cleansed.

In other words, God the Father is no longer shut in alone.

He can be approached.

He can be met.

But that isn't all. Try to imagine yourself a Jew back yonder under that first Covenant, and you know that no Jew could approach God and live.

Nadab and Abihu were struck dead upon the portals when they attempted to go into God's Presence uninvited. It was upon that great festival day when the priesthood had just been set apart by Moses. Aaron's two beautiful sons lay dead. Lev. 10:1-3.

From that day on no man ever attempted to enter the Holy of Holies except a king. He was struck with leprosy as he entered the Holy place attempting to go into the Holy of Holies, and he lived in a leper house the rest of his life. For anyone to touch the Ark of the Covenant meant death, as it did to David's friend who dared put his hand up to steady it when the oxen had jarred the vehicle that bore it.

Now Jesus said, "I am going to be the Way into the Presence of the Father. Men are going to be able to enter into His Presence."

Can't you see what that would mean to the prayer life?