

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 LIVING WORD

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* OUR attitude toward the Word determines the place that God holds in our daily life. The Word should always be the Father speaking to us. It should never be like the message from an ordinary book. It should be as real to you as though the Master stood in the room and spoke to you personally.

This Word was designed by the Father to take Jesus' place in His absence. When He says, "The Father Himself loveth you," it is a personal message to your heart. When the Master said again, "If a man love me, he will keep my word; and the Father and I will love him and make our home with him," that should be as personal as though you were the only one in the world.

It is as though you were sitting at the feet of Jesus, and He looked down into your face and said, "The Father and I will come and make our home with you. "Be not dismayed, for I am your God. "I am going to be your strength ; I am going to lend to you my own ability. "When weakness comes, remember that I am the strength of your life.

"When you need finances, remember that I said, 'My Father knoweth that you have need of all these things!'" You can whisper to your own heart, "My Father will supply every need of mine. He knows my needs and loves me. He and I are one." Man's word is usually dead before the printer has finished his work. Few words of man live after a generation, but God's Word is different. It is impregnated with the very Life of God, it is eternal.

Heb. 4:12, 13 gives us an illustration: (Moffatt's Translation) "For the Logos of God is a living thing, active and more cutting than any sword with double edge,

penetrating to the very division of soul and spirit, joints and marrow - scrutinizing the very thoughts and conceptions of the heart. And no created thing is hidden from him; all things lie open and exposed before the eyes of him with whom we have to reckon."

This is one of the strangest statements about the Word in Paul's Epistles. Notice this 13th verse : "That no created thing is hidden from him." Of whom is he speaking? The Living Word-The Logos. "And all things lie open and exposed before the eyes of him with whom we have to do." The Word takes on personality; it becomes Christ Himself.