

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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* Here are some other facts that we ought to remember. John 16:8,9, "When He (the Spirit) is come, He will convict the world of sin, of righteousness and of judgment: of sin, because they believe not on Me; of righteousness, because I go unto the Father; of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged." What is going to convince the world? Words in the lips of Faith.

Only that Living Word in the lips of Faith can take the place of an absent Christ. The Word talks to us. It takes the place of Jesus. The Word is the Father speaking to us now.

It has the same authority that it would have if the Master stood in the room and spoke it.

Faith in the Father is Faith in His Word. The Word takes on all that our Faith demands.

Jesus said, "According to your faith, so be it unto you."

As you consider the Word and act upon it, it will become real to you. This Book, the Living Word, has God in it. The Word takes the place of the unseen Jesus. Meditation in the Word is like a visit with Jesus. Josh. 1:8, God told Joshua to meditate in the Word day and night ; in other words, to live in it. Jesus said in John 8:31 "Abide in my word."

The Word gets into your blood, into your system and becomes a part of you.

The Word is inspired. Holy men spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit, as they were borne along in their spirit life. God spoke by the mouth of the holy prophets.

"The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life." Every word that God speaks has life in it. Remember Heb. 4:12: "The Logos of God is a Living Thing." It is not like man's words which die after a generation; God's Word lives. I love to think of it as the "prevailing Word," as it was in Ephesus. How it ruled over that wicked city! Today the Logos of God is ruling in the hearts of those who yield to its sway.

The Word has the authority of God in it now. It has the Righteousness of God in it. It has Recreating power for the unsaved. It has healing power for the sick. It is the very Bread of Heaven to the hungry in spirit. I wish that it could be like this: that when you pick up the Word it will mean that God is present with you and that the Word is His attitude toward you now. It is His attitude toward sin, toward Redemption, toward Righteousness, toward Eternal Life, toward the Sons and Daughters of God.

That is the Father's attitude toward all the issues of life. My word is my will. The Word is the Will of the Father. God watches over His Word. What God says is, becomes. God is Truth, so I will be true. God is Light, so I will walk in the Light. You see, we learn to act on the Word, as we act on the word of a banker or a lawyer in some crisis in our life. I wonder if you ever realized that the Father is jealous over His Word.

He never set a low estimate upon it. He holds it in the highest regard. If He said it, that ends it.

To His enemies, it is but paper and ink; but to the Lovers, it is Life and health ; it is joy unspeakable. The preaching that produces little conviction, is caused by the Word not having been in the heart of the teacher. We are to be sowers of the Word.