

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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SENSE KNOWLEDGE

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"sense knowledge" - that which is perceived by what one feels, hears, sees or thinks based on their outward circumstances; that which is perceived *[and expressed]* through the soul *[mind, will, emotions]* - apart from "revelation" *[the Holy Spirit - Who is the Spirit of wisdom and revelation];*

* Sense Knowledge faith requires Sense evidence.

This is the kind of faith Thomas had when he said, (John 20:24-29) "Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

Then Jesus suddenly appeared to him and said, "Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands ; and reach hither thy hand, and put it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed."

Here we see these two kinds of faith in contrast.

There is a Bible faith, and Sense Knowledge faith.

The faith that Mary and Martha and the others had in Jesus during His earth walk was Sense Knowledge faith. They believed in Jesus because they saw the miracles He performed.

The Jews said, "What doest thou for a sign that we may see and believe?"

This Sense Knowledge faith has almost driven real faith out of the churches.

This kind of faith does not give the Word its rightful place. Men carry the Word to Church, but they do not trust it. They trust in their feelings, in their emotions, in what they can see and hear, or taste, or smell.

Real faith is acting on the Word independently of any Sense evidence.

There are two kinds of unbelief.

The first is based on lack of knowledge. The man does not believe the Word because he knows nothing about it. So, he does not believe in the Father's Revelation to him.

A great number of unbelievers are ignorant of the things to believe. They do not know, so they cannot believe.

The second type of unbelief is mentioned in Heb. 4:11. It is "unpersuadableness."

"Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, that no man fall after the same example of disobedience." (The Greek word is translated "unbelief" in the King James version. It is "disobedience" in the Am. Rev. and means "unpersuadableness.")

This means that the man is unwilling to allow the Word to govern him.

It is a refusal to act on knowledge.

He knows what the Word teaches, but he refuses to act on it.

Believing is an act of the will.

He can act on the Word if he will.

"Believing" is "willing" to do His will.

Disobedience is an unpersuadable attitude toward the Word.

Then unbelief is either ignorance of the Word or unpersuadableness to act upon it.