

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 WORD LIVING IN US

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* ONE COMES into the family of God by confessing the Lordship of Jesus over his life.

Romans 10:9-10, "Because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in thy heart that God raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: for with the heart man believeth unto Righteousness: and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." And then in the eleventh verse He climaxes it by saying, "Whosoever believeth on Him shall not be put to shame."

You see, the recognition of the Lordship of Jesus is the condition on which we receive Eternal Life. Faith is not a creation of the intellect but of the human spirit; and when He says, "Believe in thy heart," He means that our spirits act upon the Word. So with the heart man believes that Jesus is his Righteousness, and then he makes a confession of his salvation, of the Lordship of Jesus over his life. "Lordship" really means "the bread provider," the one who sustains, protects, and cares for us. So in the very beginning of the Divine Life, Jesus assumes the responsibility of our caretaker. We have Matthew 6:25-34. This is too long to quote in full, but Jesus gives us a bird's-eye view of the Father's attitude toward His own children.

This was written for the New Creation. The Jews could not understand it. Notice this: "Be not anxious for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink, nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on." He illustrates it by the Father's care for the birds, and says, "Are not ye of much more value than they?" And then we show lack of wisdom in worrying over our finances, "Why are ye anxious concerning raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not,

neither do they spin." Then the thirtieth verse, "But if God doth so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall He rot much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? Be not therefore anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat,' or, 'What shall we drink': or, 'Wherewithal shall we be clothed?' For after all these things do the Gentiles seek; for your Heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things."

And then we have the climax in the thirty-third verse, "But seek ye first His kingdom and His Righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." We are in His kingdom. Colossians 1:13, "Who delivered us out of the authority of darkness, and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love." We have found His Righteousness. 2 Corinthians 5:21, "Him Who knew no sin He made to be sin on our behalf; that we might become the Righteousness of God in Him." Then we are in the family. (Romans 8:14-16.)