

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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PAUL TEACHES US ABOUT PRAYER BY HIS PRAYERS

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* When I was in evangelistic work, the day before I gave the invitation to the unsaved, I would often be overwhelmed with a feeling that is indescribable. Sometimes I have cried out in agony for relief. It was my spirit and the Holy Spirit in intercession for that unsaved congregation that I would meet at the evening hour.

After a while I learned what these depression periods meant. But I wish to call your attention especially to Paul's prayers for the Church. The first one is in Eph. 1 : 15, 16: "For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is among you, and the love which ye show toward all the saints, cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers."

And here is a remarkable intercession for you and me. I am going to use the second person singular as Conybeare suggests "That the God of my Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that you may know what is the hope of his calling and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints."

Notice carefully now. He is praying that we may have a spirit of wisdom." I don't know whether you have noticed it or not, but wisdom and knowledge are different.

Wisdom is the ability to use knowledge. Wisdom doesn't come from the reasoning faculties, it comes from the human spirit. Whether it be natural wisdom of man outside of Christ, or whether it be God's wisdom that is given to the New

Creation.

He is praying now that our spirits may have wisdom to grasp the riches of the work that God wrought in Christ Jesus for us. It is Revelation Knowledge that was given to Paul.

Now we are to have wisdom to understand our share of Redemption's unveiling in that knowledge. He says, "Having the eyes of our hearts illumined, that we may know the hope of his calling and the riches of the glory of the Father's inheritance in the saints," that is, in you and me.

If our hearts could grasp this, it would transform us. If we could only realize what an inheritance the Father has, in us, how priceless we are to Him. We have our property insured in case of fire or theft. We have our bodies insured in case of accident. I wonder if the Father has His inheritance in us insured. I wonder if He is as jealous over us as we are over our jewelry and our precious property? I am sure He is.