

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 Faith

"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]*;

* Most of the Faith that we see today is Sense Knowledge Faith. It says what Thomas said: "When I see the print of the nails in His hands and feet and put my hand into the wound in His side, I will believe." It says what the crowds that gathered around Jesus said: "Do some miracle that we may see and believe." The miracles which Jesus performed did not produce real Faith in the people. It was only Sense Knowledge Faith. Real Faith requires no sight, no feeling, nothing but the Word.

Our combat today is a combat with the Unseen forces. The weapons that we use are the Word, the Sword of our recreated spirits; the Name of Jesus that has "all authority" in heaven, earth, and hell; and the shield of Faith. The Word in our lips becomes a devastating power to the adversary. The "solid front" we put up indicates their impending doom and our victory. We are going against the forces of darkness as Jehoshaphat went out against the hosts that came against Israel. Jehoshaphat had neither sword nor javelin. All he did was to draw his people up in battle array and sing a song of victory. God destroyed their enemies. It seems a foolish thing from a Sense Knowledge point of view for me to say when a person has a high fever, "Fever, in the Name of Jesus Christ, leave that body."

The medical world ridicules it, but it works. The fever instantly departs. I stood in the presence of one suffering with epilepsy. He was having an attack. In the Name of Jesus I commanded that demon to leave the body. It never came back again. That person had suffered from that dread disease for many years. He was

instantly healed. All I used was the Name of Jesus in my lips. Demons know they are defeated foes. When we know it, too, and act, we see the results immediately. It is a fearless confidence in the word of the Lord that conquers without a fight. Spiritual strength and courage are built up by an intelligent, persistent confession of what the Word declares.

Faith grows by acting on the Word and confessing your place. Faith is a product of the human spirit, not of the reasoning faculties. When this human spirit comes into vital contact with Eternal Life and the Living Word, faith grows and becomes masterful. Spirituality is Oneness with the Word. Power over demons is just as real as our power over any force in nature. Man built that great Coulee Dam which controls the Columbia River. Now they turn a small wheel, allow the tremendous power of that great river to flow down, strike the turbines, and generate electricity. Man is a master. God has given us mastery over demons.

I have stood before the insane, have heard the demons speak out of their lips and say to me, "You can't cast me out." And I answered, "Hush. In the Name of Jesus come out of this woman, or this man." They came out and the minds were restored. This Life in us is the secret of success, the secret of Faith. You learn to trust the God in you. You learn what He can do through you and what you can do through His indwelling ability. Dare to act on His Word as you do on the word of Doctors or Lawyers.

...."we walk by faith [in the reality of who Love {the Word of God} says we are, in Christ], not by sight [feelings, "sense knowledge" - that which is "perceived" through the five physical senses {soul and body - as opposed to one's spirit}]".... 2 Corinthians 5:7 NASB

THEREFORE

...."we consider and look not to the things that are seen [the lower reality - that which is real to the five physical senses] but to the things that are unseen [through faith in the higher Reality of God's Word]; for the things that are visible are temporal (brief and fleeting) [subject to change], but the things that are invisible are deathless and everlasting [Eternal]".... 2 Corinthians 4:18 The Amplified Translation