

# 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 Faith Walk**

**[part 1 of 4]**

**"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*];

\* Before the Fall, man had perfect fellowship with God. He lived in the realm of the spirit, but when he committed High Treason, was driven learn the presence of God, he became dependent upon his senses for his protection and life. His spirit became the slave of his senses. However, for many generations you can see the spirit's influence upon the mind. This is seen in the architecture before and after the flood. They have uncovered live cities built one upon the other in Mesopotamia. and the last one discovered, which was evidently built before the flood, shows the finest type of architecture.

Anthropology proves beyond the shadow of a doubt, that the farther back we go in Babylonia and Egypt, the higher is the state of civilization. When the senses gained the supremacy, man lost all real knowledge of spiritual things. Senses absolutely controlled man at the time of the first Covenant with Abraham. Abraham was evidently the only one of his age who had any spiritual discernment. He believed God's Word in the face of the testimony of his senses. Abraham's faith is the true type of the faith of a believer today. When Jesus came all men lived in the realm of the senses. if you will read carefully the four Gospels you will notice that they had only Sense Knowledge faith.

They believed what they could see, hear and feel. Their spirit had no place in their daily life. Until the believer recognizes the two kinds of faith. He will

never be able to enjoy his privileges in Christ. You remember Thomas as the outstanding exponent of Sense Knowledge faith. After the Resurrection, before he met Jesus, he said to those who had seen the Risen One, "I will not believe until I can put my finger into the wounds in His hands and my hand into his side." John 20:25. Jesus suddenly appeared to him and said, "Thomas, reach hither thy fingers, and see my hands, and reach hither thy hand and put it into my, side, and be not faithless but believing."

Thomas fell at His feet and cried, "My Lord, and My God." Jesus said, 'Because thou hast seen hast thou believed?' In this marginal rendering that I have given you there are tears mixed with reproof. Can't you hear the pathos in Jesus' voice when He said, "Having seen, hast thou believed?" Oh, it is so hard for the Sense Knowledge folk to believe! Everywhere they are struggling and praying and crying for faith, but faith does not come that way. Faith comes by getting acquainted with the Father through the Word. Not in studying the Word alone, but by actually living the Word; doing the Word; practicing the Word, and letting the Word live in us.