

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 TWO CONFESSIONS

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....*"Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled [persecuted] for the name of Christ, you are blessed [divinely empowered and prospered], because the Spirit of Glory and of God rests on you".... 1 Peter 4:12-14 NASB*

* Every person who walks by faith will have testings.

They do not come from the Father; they come from the Adversary.

He is refusing to allow you to escape him.

You become dangerous to the Adversary when you become strong enough to resist him—when you have learned to trust in the ability of the Father to meet your every need.

When that becomes a reality in your consciousness, the Adversary is defeated.

But as long as he can confuse the issue and keep you in a state of flux, you are at a disadvantage.

This book is written for one purpose: to strengthen your confidence in the Word; to make you know "that no Word from God is void of power" or can go by

default.

There isn't power in all the universe to void one statement of fact in this Word.

He said, "I watch over my Word to perform it."

And again, "Whosoever believeth on him, shall not be put to shame."

Your confidence is in that unbroken, living Word, and you hold fast to your confession in the face of every assault of the enemy.

Note Conybeare's translation of Philippians 1:28: "And no wise terrified by its enemies; for their enmity is to them an evidence of perdition, but to you of salvation, and that from God."

Here is Moffat's translation: "Never be scared for a second by your opponents; your fearlessness is a clear omen of ruin for them and of your own salvation—at the hands of God."

2 Corinthians 2:14-15 Moffat Translation. "Wherever I go, I thank God, he makes my life a constant pageant of triumph in Christ, diffusing the perfume of his knowledge everywhere by me. I live for God as the fragrance of Christ breathed alike by those who are being saved and by those who are perishing."

You take your position in Christ that you are more than a conqueror, that no matter what the testing may be God cannot let you fail.

You are not standing on sense evidence.

You are not standing on the faith of other people.

You are standing squarely upon His own Word.

Your confidence is not in the prayers of others, but in this unchanging, unbreakable Word; and you refuse to allow your lips to destroy the effectiveness of that Word in your case.

You hold fast to your confession though it would appear as though the

prayer was never answered.

It is your quiet assurance in His Word that gives you the supremacy over your Adversaries.

You know that all authority is in the Name of Jesus; that every demon and every disease and every circumstance must bow to that Name.