

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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CHRIST IN THE LIGHT OF THE PAULINE REVELATION

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* The other kind of love is the Greek word "Phileo," the love which springs from the natural human heart. It has never made a home in a heathen country. It is the parent of all our divorces and broken homes. Where a man and woman have "Agapa," the new kind of Love that springs out of this new kind of Life, there is never a divorce.

This is the greatest thing in the world. The believer is the sign-board pointing toward Jesus-the Way, the Truth, and the Life, and we must be bold in our confession that we are in the Way; that we have the Reality and are enjoying the fullness of this marvelous Life.

Jesus made another confession. "I am the Good Shepherd." The Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

What a beautiful confession, so full of suggestion-the Shepherd. It brings before the heart the 23rd Psalm : "Jehovah is my shepherd ; I do not want. He causeth me to lie down in green pastures, and he leadeth me beside the waters of gentle stillness" ; he restores my thinking processes so I can think God's thoughts.

He is the caretaker, the bread-provider, the shield and the protector of His people.

His ministry is guiding and leading us into the real pastures where the heart learns to feed.

Can you see what this means to you? The moment we receive Eternal Life,

that moment we become under-shepherds of the flock: we become leaders and teachers of this New Order, this new Life.

We are the protectors of the lambs from the adversary that would destroy them. What a ministry of Love that shepherd has! What a life of Love caring for them, watching over them, feeding them, pointing the way to the Water of Life, and leading them into the quiet place under the shadow of the great Rock in this weary land.