

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 REJECTION OF THE CHRIST

[part 1 of 7]

* THE visitation of Jehovah to His Covenant People cannot be compared to any previous happenings in Israel's history as a nation, for it was unlike anything that they had ever known. He was their Covenant God.

He had cut that solemn Covenant with Abraham. There is no doubt in my mind but what the Master was ever conscious of this Covenant. Jehovah had taken human form. Not once did He reveal that He was the one who delivered their fathers out of Egypt. They honored Moses more than they did Jehovah.

They worshipped the law more than they did Jehovah. John 8:58-59: When Jesus said "Before Abraham was born, I am." They took up stones to cast at Him. He startled them. He had come very near to declaring who He really was, but Sense Knowledge men could not grasp it.

Matthew. 22:31-32: "But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead but of the living."

This is the limit to which the Master could reveal Himself. We, as believers, can look back upon that scene and recognize Him as the God of the Old Covenant, but we have Revelation Knowledge given to us through the Pauline Revelation.

Philippians 2:5-9 gives you a graphic picture of Jesus in His earth walk. "Have this mind in you which was also in Christ Jesus who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, but

emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being made in the likeness of men; and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, becoming obedient even unto death, yea, the death of the cross."

That is the earth walk of Jehovah.

I Timothy 3:16: "He who was manifested in the flesh."

2 Corinthians 4:4 shows the condition of Israel. "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them." They were in spiritual darkness, which means Satanic bondage of the mind and spirit.

Gal. 4:4 will add to the picture. "But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." I have often wondered what would have happened if Israel's eyes had suddenly been opened.