

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

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* He is referring to the Bible as we call it. It is this Living Logos of God with whom we have to reckon. The Word takes on personality. The Word scrutinizes my thoughts. The Word knows the innermost thoughts and conceptions of my heart. This Word becomes a living thing on the lips of faith, and in the heart of love.

His actions were motivated by love. He did not try to prove His Deity by performing miracles, it was love that drove Him. He wanted to alleviate suffering, agony, pain and grief. Math. 23:37 is one of the most vivid love pictures in the life of the Master. "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killeth the prophets and stoneth them that art sent unto her! How often would I have gathered thy children together even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not I"

There is a sob in that. Tears mingled with agony. One can hardly read the next verse. "Behold your house is left unto you desolate." Now you can understand those tragic words on the cross. "It is finished." And then the veil of the temple was rent from top to bottom. The Temple and the Holy of Holies were left desolate. God had deserted it. The Blood Covenant people had rejected their Jehovah and He was weeping over it.

He turned His steps toward the cross, the climax of His earth walk. Jehovah, the Man of Galilee was born in a manger and reared among the poor and the under privileged. "The foxes have holes, the birds of the air have nests, but the son of man has nowhere to lay his head." It is hard to conceive the loneliness experienced by the Creator. Homes were closed against Him. Rather than endure persecution and ridicule from the religious leaders of the day, they excluded their Jehovah

from their circles. He was an outcast.

"I was as a child cast upon thee from my mother's womb." Satan sought His life from His birth.