

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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* Perhaps if we knew more about the earth walk of the Master, we would see a life filled with loneliness and heartaches. "He is a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief." He is the despised and the rejected one; and yet He is love.

Here is a picture of the God man. The One who had been driven by love to face the sacrifice of Himself. Here is a demonstration of supreme love. "God so loved that He gave." The Son so loved that He suffered. I believe He suffered more in the Garden than He did on the cross, for He was facing Hades. On the Cross He felt the agony of Hades. In the Garden He knew He must be made Sin, and His whole being shrank from it. But His love drove Him on.

If you had followed Him into the Garden and heard Him pray, you would have been gripped by a strange New Force. It was Deity in agony. He was revealing Love's power; something that the world had never before experienced. Love's ability to suffer; Love's ability to sacrifice; Love's ability to endure. It was Love's consent to be made Sin, go to Hades to suffer the torments of the damned for unworthy man, when He cried, "Not my will but thine be done." or "Not my will but thine be carried through to completion."