

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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WITH THE HEART MAN BELIEVETH

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* The other day I was unfolding the Word to a woman who had a very painful sickness. As I opened the Scripture step by step she said, "I see it. By his stripes I am healed."

I said, "How do you know you are healed?" She said, "Because the Word declares that I am."

Sense Knowledge said, "The sore is still in your body and you can feel the pain even now."

Yet she arose above Sense Knowledge and Sense Evidences and declared that she was healed.

As I prayed for her, her faith absolutely drove out the disease. The thing that meant death to her was gone. Why? Because in her heart she believed the Word of God; in her spirit she believed it.

How does our spirit get faith that our intellect cannot obtain—through the Word.

Jesus said, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every Word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." Matt. 4 4.

He is speaking of spiritual food. He is using Sense Knowledge terms to convey a spiritual truth.

Our spirits become filled with assurance as we meditate in the Word.

For many years I have walked by faith for our finances, for all my physical needs. Now I have grown to see that the Word is the food that builds the spirit, makes it strong, and gives to it its quiet assurance.

The Senses believe in what they can hear and see and feel.

The spirit believes in the Word, regardless of seeing, hearing, or feeling.

The people who are prayed for again and again but do not get their healing, have Sense Knowledge faith.

They do not have Revelation faith. They have faith in man, faith in the anointing oil, faith in someone else's prayer, faith in some person or organization. They do not have faith in the Word.

James 5:14 illustrates this: "Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church : and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up." Then it tells how the prayer of a Righteous man availeth much in its working.

This whole picture is a Sense-Knowledge-faith picture.

If the one who was sick had known that "by His stripes" he was healed, he would have had no need to call for the elders.

But because he did not know it, in his desperation he turned to the Lord and to the elders.

Here is a demonstration of the Grace of God, in meeting man on his own level as Jesus did in the Incarnation.

When the Word was made flesh and dwelt among men, He came into man's Sense-Knowledge realm, so that man could see Him, hear Him, touch Him.

Everything connected with the earth walk of Jesus as far as man could see, was in the Sense realm.

There was no faith in Jesus from a spiritual point of view.

They believed because they saw the miracles and ate the bread.

When He died on the cross there was no spiritual apprehension. They did not know that He was dying for their sins. They thought He was dying as a martyr for His ideals.

Sense Knowledge holds the same conception today.

The scholastic world believes Jesus died for His convictions.

At the Crucifixion Sense Knowledge-faith broke down.

To believe with all our hearts is to believe independently of Sense Knowledge.

Our Spirits respond to our yielding to the Lordship of Jesus. (The key to Biblical faith is the recognition of the Lordship of Jesus by the heart.)