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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WRONG CONFESSION

[part 1 of 3]

*"if with your mouth you confess Jesus as Lord and in your heart believe that God brought Him back to life, you shall be saved [born from above]. For with the heart men believe and obtain righteousness, and with the mouth they make confession and obtain [the fullness of] salvation".... Romans 10:9-10 The Weymouth Translation

Another desperate enemy, and a persistent one, is Wrong Confession. What do I mean by Wrong Confession?

You know that Christianity is really the Great Confession. Romans 10:9 reads, "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved." You notice it is a confession here with your lips.

Whenever the word confession is used, we unconsciously think of sin. It is not confession of sin. It is a confession of our knowing that God's Son died for our sins according to Scripture, and that the third day He was raised again.

Now, with my mouth I make confession of the Lordship of that raised One. I not only do that, but with my heart I have accepted His righteousness, and I make confession of my salvation. You see, there is no such thing as salvation without confession.

So Hebrews 3:1 becomes clear: "Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, even Jesus" (asv).