

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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GOD'S ANSWER TO SPIRIT HUNGER

[part 1 of 2]

* MAN'S spirit feels its orphaned condition.

Jesus came to answer this cry of the spirit, this cry for a Father, this cry for Redemption from the powers that surround it and hold it in bondage.

The four gospels are written in the realm of Sense Knowledge.

There is no inkling of the Revelation that God was to give to Paul in any of them.

They saw the miracles. They saw the man Jesus arrested. They saw Him tried in court.

They heard the sentence pronounced upon Him.

They saw Him go with the soldiers, bearing His Cross to the death hill—Golgotha.

They saw Him nailed to the cross.

They saw the cross lifted up and dropped into its socket.

They saw the blood dripping from the wounds in His hands and feet.

They heard Him cry, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

They could see the nails holding His trembling body on the tree.

They saw Him die.

But they could not see the tragedy in His soul.

They could not see His spirit made sin.

They could not see the spirit leave the body and go to the place of suffering under the dominion of the Black Prince.

They could not see Him as He suffered until the claims of Justice were met.

They could not see Him when He was justified, having paid the penalty of man's transgression.

They could not see Him when He became the First Born out of Death. This was the birth of His spirit out of spiritual death.

They could not see Him when He met the adversary, conquered him, and stripped him of his authority.

They could not see Him until He came back to his body and imparted Immortality to it, bursting the bars of death and standing before them absolute Master of Satan, death, and the grave.

He had to say, "Come, handle me, a spirit hath not flesh and bones," before their Senses could grasp the fact of His Resurrection.

He ate the fish and bread in their presence to prove that He had risen from the dead.

He appeared among them for forty days, then, from Mt. Olivet, He ascended, and an angel host convoyed Him to the throne of God where He sat down at the Father's right hand as our Mediator,

Intercessor, Advocate, and Lord.