

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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HAS GOD LOST HIS POWER?

* Has Jesus gone out of business? Have we any record anywhere that God said the Name of Jesus is no longer needed? That colleges, universities, and Scholasticism will take its place? Let us read of another striking event in Acts 19:11-17:

"God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: insomuch that unto the sick were carried away from his body handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out.

But certain also of the strolling Jews, exorcists, took upon themselves to speak over them that had the evil spirits, the Name of the Lord Jesus, saying, I adjure you by Jesus Whom Paul preacheth. And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, a chief priest, who did this. And the evil spirit answered and said unto them, Jesus I know, and Paul I know; but who are ye?

And the man in whom the evil spirit was leaped on them, and mastered both of them, and prevailed against them, so that they fled out of that house, naked and wounded. And this became known to all, both Jews and Greeks, that dwelt at Ephesus; and fear fell upon them all, and the Name of the Lord Jesus was magnified."

Paul's ministry in the Name of Jesus was so outstanding, the miracles so pronounced, that even wicked men, sorcerers, attempted to use it; and that Name, through the mighty thing." that were wrought, was glorified in Ephesus.

Would that the Name of Jesus could be so glorified today in the churches and assemblies! It would be if the believers knew their legal Rights and knew how to enjoy them. In Acts 26:9 Paul in his defense says: "I verily thought within

myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the Name of Jesus of Nazareth."

Notice the place that Paul gives the Name in this Scripture -that he thought he ought to do many things contrary to the Name! If we were to draw a conclusion from the use and place of the Name in the Book of Acts, what would we say?

The Name of Jesus actually took the place of the Ascended Lord; wherever Jesus would have been glorified by His personal presence, that Name took His place.

May the Lord open our blinded eyes!

That Name has lost none of its authority, none of its power, and the effort to rob us of some of the major portions of Scripture by a false dispensational division of Scripture fails utterly; for in Paul's ministry with the Gentiles and his epistles to the Gentiles, he gives the Name of Jesus a place that absolutely refutes the entire teaching of those who would put the power of the Name of Jesus over into the kingdom period.

No! The Name of Jesus belongs to us NOW. It is our legal Right; that Name belongs to us. How rich would be the Church today in power, and experience, and grace, if She knew Her privileges and arose ill that Name and dared take them!