

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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JESUS PARALYZED THE DEATH-DEALING POWER OF SATAN

* As soon as the Master was made alive in spirit, then Colossians 2:15 became a Reality. "Having put off from himself the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly."

Right there in the presence of all the hosts of darkness, Jesus conquered the Prince of Darkness. Hebrews 2:14 in Rotherham's Translation is graphic:

"He paralyzed the death-dealing power of Satan."

He paralyzed him. He broke him. Now this is what I want you to notice: This was an eternal victory. Satan was eternally broken, eternally conquered.

Did you notice how Peter puts it?

1 Peter 5:8, "He goes about like a roaring lion," and he says, "Whom withstand steadfast in your faith." Our combat has been fought and won. There isn't any battle for you to fight except the battle of faith. You are to fight the good fight of faith. What does that mean?

You are to win all your victories with words. You are to learn the words of this Wonderful Book, and with words you will conquer your enemy. All that Peter said to the sick man at the Beautiful Gate was, "In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise and walk," and the man was set free. (Acts 3:-1-11).

He didn't lay hands on him. He didn't pray over him. He simply healed that man with words. That is the way Jesus healed them-with words. That is the way the Father created the Universe-with words. You conquer the adversary with words. Today you comfort the weak and the broken with words. You heal the sick

with words. Why, when I read Isaiah 53:4,

"Surely he bore my sicknesses, and carried my diseases, and I have come to esteem him as the one who was stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted with my diseases,"

THEN I knew that by His stripes I was healed. What healed me? Words. Now you can understand Psalm 107:20,

"He sent his word, and healed them."

It isn't prayer. It isn't laying on of our hands. That may be necessary among the babes in Christ, but for the man that is grown up into the full stature of the knowledge of his rights and privileges, the Word heals him.