

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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SOWING SEEDS INTO THE KINGDOM

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Words Are The Seed

* In verse 14 Jesus says, "The sower soweth the word." There is a twofold application of this: Jesus is talking specifically about sowing the Word of God, but you can draw a parallel from that and say, "The sower sows words."

The person Jesus was speaking of was not sowing natural seed at all; he was sowing words.

"And these are they by the way side, where the word is sown; but when they have heard, Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts." (v. 15)

Matthew's Gospel says it this way: "When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one..." (Matthew 13: 19) If you hear the Word of God, but don't understand it, then satan is capable of coming in and stealing it from you. I am convinced also that if you don't act on the Word, satan will steal it from you. We have to be doers of the Word, not just hearers. (James 1:22)

Jesus said, "Satan cometh immediately, and taketh away the word that was sown in their hearts." Immediately! Where was the Word sown? In the hearts of the people.

Pressures of Life

“And these are they likewise which are sown on stony ground; who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with gladness; And have no root in themselves and so endure but for a time; afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word’s sake, immediately they are offended.” (Mark 4: 16, 17)

Here we have people who heard the Word, received it with joy, and walked in it for a while. But then affliction and persecution showed up and they quit. The word affliction means “pressures of life.” It could mean five dollars a gallon for gasoline and ten dollars for a dozen eggs... It could be sickness or disease. These are the pressures of life! Jesus said, “...immediately they are offended.”

They thought that God would change the prices for them. A person hears, “When you give, God will give to you in return.” He gets excited and suddenly decides to give away his car; then later he says, “I gave away my car. Why didn’t God give me a new one?”

God is not necessarily obligated to give you a car. He may give you the money to buy one. If I am believing for a hundredfold return in my giving, I wouldn’t give away my watch and expect to get a hundred watches in return. I wouldn’t give away a car and believe for a hundred cars.

Believe God for the finances. You don’t need a hundred cars. Keeping up a hundred cars could drain your bank account. It could be a curse instead of a blessing. Sometimes, I think, we try to put God in a box. If you give something away, believe God for the finances to replace the item or to buy your own car. Don’t lock God in a box. In doing so, you may miss it altogether. Notice why afflictions and persecutions arise: for the Word’s sake - not to make you strong, not to cause you to grow, but to get that Word out of you!