

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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THE NAME IN THE EPISTLES

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* How mighty that Name must have been in the mind of the Early Church!

"Through Him, then, let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to His Name." Hebrews 13:15.

Their public testimony was a confession of that Name.

I can understand now what it means in Acts 8: where it speaks of Philip preaching the kingdom of God and the Name of Jesus. They preached the Name; they heralded the power, might, and wonder of that Name.

They appreciated what the promise of Jesus meant when He said,

"Hitherto, ye have asked nothing in my Name."

They went out and suffered for the Name. I understand more clearly how the Jews felt when they forbade the disciples preaching any more in that Name. Afterwards, when the disciples were arrested, they said, "Did we not straightway forbid you preaching in this Name, and you have filled Jerusalem with it." They knew its value, they lived in the freshness of its power, and those Jews knew its power too.