

# **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 LORDSHIP OF LOVE**

**[part 2 of 3]**

\* “He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake” (Psalm 23:3). This is one of the rarest privileges of this wonderful life—to be guided into the realm of righteousness, or into the place where you can stand in the Father’s presence, without the sense of inferiority or guilt.

How few have been guided in the paths of righteousness! How few have ever understood the unique, unspeakable privilege of fellowshiping with the Father, of carrying out His will on the earth. You see, when you know this, you can do the work that Jesus left unfinished—healing the sick, feeding the multitude, comforting the brokenhearted—actually walking in His footsteps.

And did you notice this part: “...for his name’s sake.” He leads us for His name’s sake. Therefore, shouldn’t we take advantage of His name? Shouldn’t we use the name of Jesus—that name that has all authority on earth, that name that rules over demons; that name that heals diseases and brings health, strength, and comfort to the heart of man?

Jesus said, “When he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth” (John 16:13). And the Holy Spirit has come, and He is waiting to guide us into the reality of the unfinished work of Christ, into the reality of righteousness, into the reality of the use of Jesus’ name, into the reality of the Father’s love and care. Oh, if righteousness were only a reality, even to a few of the members of the body of Christ, we could shake the world!

Hear Him cry, “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me” (Psalm 23:4). Here is the fearless

walk in the realm of spiritual death, surrounded by the forces of darkness, living among those who have only sense knowledge, where demons rule the majority.

This is the sweetest, gladdest walk that's ever known: "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" (Psalm 23:4). We no longer have to fear disease and sickness, no longer have to fear want and need. Trust in the Lord with utter abandonment, resting upon His Word with a sure, sweet confidence. Simply cry, "I will fear no evil, for you are with me." In His presence, the consciousness of His faithfulness, fear has been destroyed, faith has won the mastery.

Jesus said, "Lo, I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20). And how true is this living reality! I know of nothing that can mean more to the believer than to have the consciousness of His presence with them all the time.