

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

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* “Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4). The Word and His fellowship are the most priceless gifts to man today. This living Word and the illumination of the Spirit upon it makes life replete.

But hear Him whisper, “Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies” (Psalm 23:5). This is feasting. You do not eat in the presence of my enemies; you only eat with joy in the presence of friends. Something must have happened to your enemies for you to have a table spread in their presence. The enemies have been conquered. They can no longer injure your heart. The enemies may have been doubt or fear or a hundred other infirmities, but they are conquered.

“Thou anointest my head with oil” (Psalm 23:5). Only two classes are anointed, royalty and the priesthood. You are in the royal family, for your father God is king. You are in the royal priesthood to minister and to show forth the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light. The anointing oil of the Spirit is upon you. You are prepared for ministry, the limitless ministry of the God-indwelt, the God-led, and the God-empowered.

“My cup runneth over” (Psalm 23:5). Instead of need and want, you’ve reached affluence. You have enough for yourself and for others. Your cup is like the widow’s cruse of oil. The more you pour out, the more you have. The more you give, the more you possess. The overflowing cup is the cup of blessing.

“Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life” (Psalm 23:6). These are the twins of love—goodness and loving-kindness. These two

keep company with you from morning till night. They watch by the bedside.

“And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever” (Psalm 23:6). This is the fellowship of the highest order. This is the consummation of redemption. This is the climax of life’s dream.