## **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

## March 4th

## **OVERCOMING FEAR**

\* There is a great concern for the vast numbers of people whose lives are shrouded in fear. Because the giant of fear is slaying its tens of thousands, it is important that Christians embrace God's truth:

...."God did not give us a spirit of fear [a fear-filled spirit], but of [a regenerated spirit - to be filled {infused} with] power [Grace {divine Ability}], and of love [trust], and of a sound mind [the Mind of Christ]".... 2 Timothy 1:7 Young's Literal Translation

"sound" - entire; unbroken [non-fragmented]; not shaky, split or defective; undisturbed; whole; perfect; founded in truth [sound principles - in this case, a revelation of absolute Truth abiding within that cannot be overthrown or refuted;]

As we look to the promises of God's Word, we can possess full assurance that we can live free from fear, for fear has no part in the heart *[spirit]* of a redeemed child of God.

There are 365 Scriptures in the Bible that challenge you to live free from fear all the days of your life. So there is a verse against fear for every day of the year!

One such Scripture says, "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness" (Isaiah 41:10).

Fear need have no part in your heart, for as long as God is with you, you need never fear. He has promised, "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world" (Matthew 28:20).

God's Word says, "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine" (Isaiah 43:1). Because the Lord has redeemed you, you are delivered from the power of Satan, the author of fear.

"The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?" (Psalm 118:6). "The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe" (Proverbs 29:25). You need not be snared again by a man-fearing spirit. Because the Lord is with you, man can do nothing to you.

"That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life" (Luke 1:74–75).

"For he hath said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee. So that we may boldly say, The Lord

is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me" (Hebrews 13:5–6). Because the Lord has said it, you may boldly say the same thing. Because God is your unfailing Helper, you can boldly say, "Fear has no part in my heart!" (See Deuteronomy 31:6; 2 Chronicles 32:7; Psalm 3:6; 27:3.)

Like Joshua, you can stand fearless in the presence of gigantic foes. Like David, you can come against the giants in your life in the all-conquering name of the Lord.

You can be free from fear as God gives you courage, confidence, fearlessness, and the daring to do what His Word declares you can do.