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 NEW MAN

[part 1 of 2]

* WE have learned that the dominant forces in the universe are spiritual. They manifest themselves in the physical. It has been hard for us to realize that man, the real man is a spirit and manifests himself through his physical body. The body is a temporal home in which man lives, but man is in the class with God. We have never realized clearly that disease and sickness head up in our spirits.

The mind is not cognizant of them until the body is affected and the senses have communicated the fact to the brain. Back behind all this, however, that disease had fastened itself upon the spirit before it was communicated to the body. It took me a long time to see this; but as I dealt with sick folks I found that as I opened the Word to them their spirits accepted the Word, their minds endorsed it, and instantly their bodies were delivered.

Then I could see that diseases were spiritual things, I could understand Isaiah 53:4,5:

"Surely he bath borne our sicknesses and carried our pains; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. He was wounded for our transgression; he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we were healed." (Marginal reading of Revised Version).

When we speak of cancer, it is a physical thing. But our diseases are all spiritual just as our sins are spiritual; and they were laid upon Jesus.