## 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

## **April 19th**

## THE LORDSHIP OF JESUS

\* IN the early days, when I first saw the teaching of His Lordship, I was a bit fearful of Him.

I used to say, "If I should recognize His Lordship over my life, I would fear that He would lead me to do things I would not care to do and to go places where I would not care to go."

I did not know then that His Lordship was the Lordship of Love.

I did not know that my happiness and my joy depended on His governing my life.

I did not know that independence on my part spelled misery and mistakes.

I did not know that I could do all things in Him.

I did not know that He could make me a master of circumstances.

When I saw that truth in Philippians 4:11: "I have learned in whatsoever state I am therein to be independent of circumstances," (20th Century Translation), I did not know what it meant. In a large measure I had interpreted the Word with Sense Knowledge.

Now I stopped interpreting it. I began to practice. I began to Do the Word as James tells us. As I practiced the Word there came an unveiling of the Master such as I had never seen before. His very heart seemed to be uncovered. I came to know Him with a spiritual intimacy that I had never realized possible. It was not until then that I understood the 23rd Psalm: "Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside the waters of

stillness. He restoreth my soul."

I saw that my soul was my reasoning faculty and that He restored it into fellowship with my recreated spirit. I had been drunken with desire for success. I had been drunken with sorrow. I had been drunken with unbelief and fear. Now He restores my soul, my mind, so that it is in perfect fellowship with the Word. My mind agrees to live love.

I had not agreed to love before; I had not realized that the Father was Love, that His will was Love, that His way was the Love way. I had never agreed to this Love program. Now I see it. I understand it. I joyfully agree to it.