

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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* Many times our "theologians" have been our enemies. They have made a philosophy of the Truth; they have turned the Word in dogma and creed when it should have been as though the Master Himself were here speaking to us. The Word should speak to us as He would. It takes His place and has the same authority as He would if He were here. When we pick up the Bible it would be good to remember that it is the Book with God in it; Life in it; a God-indwelt Book.

The written Word does not have preeminence in the church today! We read it, expound it, and the people go away and forget it. We should meditate on the living Word until it becomes a reality, until it is though the Master stood in the room and spoke to us. When Jesus met the disciples on the way to Emmaus, their testimony was, "Was not our heart burning within us, while He spake to us by the way, while He opened to us the Scriptures?" His Word should have the same effect today upon our hearts, the "hush" that they felt then should be upon our spirits now.

This can only come by meditation in the Word. We sit in the presence of the tremendous realities of His combat against the hosts of darkness during His "Substitution", of His mighty victory over the hosts of darkness, of His breaking the bonds of death conquering the Enemy that has ruled humanity ever since the Fall and that is credited to us, as children of God. It is as though we did it. Satan knows he is defeated. All Heaven knows that he is defeated; and yet the church sometimes looks upon him as a "master"!

....*"Therefore as you have received Christ Jesus the Lord, [so] walk in Him, having been firmly rooted [and now] being built up in Him and established in your faith, just as you were instructed, [and] overflowing with gratitude. See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according*

*to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ. For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form, and in Him you have been made complete, and He is the head over all rule and authority; and in Him you were also circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, in the removal of the body of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ; having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead. When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. When He had **disarmed the rulers and authorities**, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him".... Colossians 2:6-15 NASB*