

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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* Doubt is just as real in a negative way as faith. Doubt (or unbelief) is the reversed form of faith. It is when you believe God does not exist. Or, if you believe He exists, you believe He is not concerned with you as a person; He is not concerned with your needs. You believe what man can do is more reliable than what God will do. You believe that it is not up to God at all, but what people do to you or you do yourself. You believe your main duty is to look out for "number one" - self - and you put God second or last in your scale of "values" and your approach to your needs. You believe that human forces are sources rather than God. Through doubt you become very positive in your "believing" but in a reversed form. You are taking your "capacity" to believe and reversing it in a negative way. This is doubt and unbelief. It is bad for you! As "seed-faith" is multiplied back, so is "seed-doubt"!

You can believe "wrongly" by looking to men rather than God as your source, and this becomes an act of your "believing" and creates doubt in your heart towards God. You can think of what you are going to receive, rather than what you can give. In this "negative spirit" you block the flow of God's intervention in your behalf to turn the tide. "Doubt" cuts you off from the sources of unexpected supply. God controls both the "expected" and the "unexpected" source!

"doubt" - to be uncertain about; consider questionable or unlikely; hesitate to believe; to mistrust; to fear or be apprehensive about; to be uncertain about something; to be undecided - causing a form of double-mindedness;

....*"And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God". [lit. have the faith of God] "Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain [obstacle], 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be [granted] him. Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe [based on the finished work of the*

Cross, the Word of God and the Blood Covenant] that you have [already] received them, and they will be [granted] you".... Mark 11:23-24 NASB

...."But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways".... James 1:5-8 NASB