

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 Cross is God's weapon to deal with the old creation; to destroy the fallen wisdom which set itself up against the wisdom of God, to bring to nought Satan, and eventually destroy death itself. Through that Cross, when the full results of the redemptive scheme will reach their full fruition, there shall come about, a "new Heaven", cleansed from every trace of revolt of the "fallen angels"; and a "new earth" freed from every mark of the curse of the Fall!

Far, far on beyond the Millennial Age the fruit of Christ's lonely death on the Cross will have its full out-working, when He shall deliver up the Kingdom to God, even the Father, and when He shall have abolished all rule and authority, and power. The revolting Archangel Satan, will then finally be cast into the Lake of Fire, "prepared for the Devil and his angels" (demons). At Calvary the prince of this world was judged, and all his evil works were brought to nought "potentially", but age after age passes on ere that Calvary judgement reaches its full outworking.

Stage by stage the Devil is driven down from the air; bound in the Abyss, and on, far on, into the Lake of Fire. For the conqueror of Calvary "must reign till He has put all His enemies under His feet". The last enemy that shall be abolished is death. By the Cross the one who has the power of death is brought to nought and finally death itself abolished. And when the work has been done, and the last trace of Satan's handiwork in the heavens and in the earth is finally removed, then, shall God be "all in all".

.... "And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years, and cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season".... Revelation 20:1-3 KJV

.... "And the devil who deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and brimstone, where the beast and the false prophet are also; and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever".... Revelation 20:10 NASB