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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WHAT THE CHURCH HAS FAILED TO SEE

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The Authority of His Name

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* This Sword of the Spirit is never used to wound or to slay men, but it is used against the Adversary; for our combat is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers, against the rulers of this world's powers. You see, we have come out of darkness into light, out of the kingdom of Satan into the kingdom of the Son of His love, and our combat is against the forces of darkness that surround us. For we are in the light and we walk in the light as He is in the light. That light is the Word. That light is love. That light gives us a fellowship, companionship with the Father and with Jesus.

You remember in 1 John 3:8 that the Spirit tells us about Jesus: "To this end was the Son of God manifested, that He might destroy the works of the Devil."

But He is now sitting at the right hand of the Father. He is with us in this Word. His ability and wisdom have been given to us. But He is giving us one weapon besides the Sword of the Spirit that Satan cannot withstand.

You remember John 14:13, 14, where Jesus said, "He that believeth on Me the works that I do he shall do also and greater than these shall he do because I go unto the Father, and whatsoever ye shall ask in My Name, that will I do." You remember in the sixteenth chapter, "In that day you will not pray to Me."

So this does not mean prayer, but this is the use of Jesus' Name in another form, in combat with the Enemy and with the Enemy's works. Jesus came to

destroy the works of the Adversary.