

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 FAILURE OF THE HOPER

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* The hoper is merely an assenter to the Word. He admires it, knows it is true, will suffer for his convictions of the utter truthfulness of this revelation, but he does not act upon it.

We have many able Bible teachers who are mere hopers or assenters of the Word. Good people, but they have never enjoyed the realities of the things that belong to them. Many of them will act on their creed, but they will not act on the Word.

Often they are assenters to the verbal inspiration. They think all the time that they are believers.

You understand that the believer is a possessor. "He that believeth hath Eternal Life." He that hopes has not yet arrived.

He that hopes may possess sometime, but not now.

The hoper is a present-tense failure as far as the realities of the Word are concerned. He may be a beautiful failure, but he is a failure.

He fails in the midst of rosy hopes. The fragrance of dead hopes fills the air. He fails because he only hopes.

Abraham believed in spite of hope, and brushing hope aside grasped the thing that God had promised.

Many people are in bondage to faith's most dangerous enemy.

Faith is giving substance to that for which we vainly hoped.

Hope has no substance. It is an empty cloud.

Hope deludes the lost; it deludes the sick and the defeated.

There is no hope for the hoper if he remains a hoper.

Prayer that is based on hope is sure to fail.

Salvation that is based on hope never comes to maturity.

The sick person who hopes for healing remains sick.

Let us change hope into faith as Abraham did. Then life will be a success.