## 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

## May 1st

## RIGHTEOUSNESS UNDER THE COVENANTS

## [part 1 of 2]

\* It thrilled me when I realized what mighty achievements were wrought by men who had only limited Righteousness under the First Covenant. I thought of Abraham. As soon as he was circumcised and came into the Covenant, God gave him a limited Righteousness. I thought of his daring to stand in the presence of God and plead for Sodom and Gomorrah with that lofty fearlessness that is not matched in our modern day by men who know their unlimited Righteousness and rights in Christ.

I thought of the mighty acts of Moses who only had a servant's place before Jehovah, yet he dared to obey God and achieved such marvelous victories for that slave nation, Israel. I thought of Joshua who dared to obey Jehovah and led that nation down to the shore of the Jordan when it was at flood-tide.

He dared to say to the priests, "Take the Ark and go down and dip your feet into the water, and when you do a way will be opened for you to go through dry shod." And yet, this man Joshua had only limited Righteousness - the Righteousness of a servant.