

## 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 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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\* It is not the apostles alone who must endure persecutions, but all who would live godly lives in Christ Jesus will suffer persecutions too. No one is an exception. It is quite true that we can be Christians who go without persecution if we are a little more liberal and clever and prudent in walking somewhat according to the course of this world, if we mix more with worldly people, if we compromise some truth or count man's favour by sacrificing the truth, and if we neither seek nor obey inward sensations. Who will persecute us if we are no different from the rest of the people? Do not surmise that those Christians who suffer much persecution must have been untimely born and now live "out of luck". Rather we should view unpersecuted Christians as those who are not living godly lives in Christ Jesus; for otherwise "suffering for righteousness sake" would be unavoidable for them.

*...."Indeed, all who desire to live godly [lives] in Christ Jesus will be persecuted".... 2 Timothy 3:12 NASB*

*...."Blessed are those who have been persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great".... Matthew 5:10-12 NASB*