

## 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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\* The Holy Spirit is the promise of the Father. That includes everything. Do we want to know God aright and to enjoy and experience all that Christ is and has for us? Do we want to enter and possess the heritage of the true and full life which a child of God may expect even here on earth? Then everything depends on our being possessed and filled with the Holy Spirit of God. Above all, if we are, not only individually but as a corporate body, to exercise rule and dominion over our fellow men in the power of the eternal redemption, we are absolutely dependent upon that abundant measure of the Spirit which God is so willing to give.

The Spirit is the promise of the Father. We know that the state of the church is a fallen one. We know about the unfaithfulness of the church and her lack of loyalty to Christ. We see that the world has a terrible power over her. We especially lament her powerlessness to carry out her commission here on earth. All of these are reasons to respond to God's urgent call: Turn ye at My reproof; behold I will pour out My Spirit abundantly" [*Proverbs 1:23*].

Let us once again listen to the great promise that Christ gave to His disciples when He was teaching them to pray. There is an ignorance as to the power of Christ's Cross and the holiness it offers. Can it be that Christian ministers and workers will continue to be content to struggle on in their "human" efforts to save men, without giving the Holy Spirit that first place which He must have? Surely our hearts must yield to this wonderful promise and turn to God for what He will so surely give!

....*"If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will [your] heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask Him?".... Luke 11:13 NASB*

....*"I [Jesus] am sending forth the promise of My Father upon you; but you*

*are to stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high".... Luke  
24:49 NASB*