**The Imitation of Christ by Thomas A. Kempis**

**BOOK ONE:** THOUGHTS HELPFUL IN THE LIFE OF THE SOUL

**Chapter 3:** The Doctrine of Truth

**Definition and Scriptures:**

**Truth:** Here’s a simple definition drawn from what the Bible teaches: Truth is that which is consistent with the mind, will, character, glory, and being of God. Even more to the point: Truth is the self-expression of God. That is the biblical meaning of truth. Because the definition of truth flows from God, truth is theological. (Gty.org)

**John 18:36-38:** Jesus said, “My kingdom is not of this world. If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jewish leaders. But now my kingdom is from another place.”

“You are a king, then!” said Pilate.

Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. In fact, the reason I was born and came into the world is to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me.”

“What is truth?” retorted Pilate. With this he went out again to the Jews gathered there and said, “I find no basis for a charge against him.”

**John 16:13:** But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come.

**Psalms 43:3:** Send me your light and your faithful care, let them lead me; let them bring me to your holy mountain, to the place where you dwell.

**Quote:**

“HAPPY is he to whom truth manifests itself, not in signs and words that fade, but as it actually is.”

**Discussion:**

How does truth bring us into the light; thereby, showing us the way to eternal life?