

MEDITATION

Psalms 119:33-40 (K)

Psalms 119:33 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart.

35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to covetousness.

37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity; and quicken thou me in thy way.

38 Stablish thy word unto thy servant, who is devoted to thy fear.

39 Turn away my reproach which I fear: for thy judgments are good.

40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts: quicken me in thy righteousness.

KEY NOTE TOUCH POINTS

The inspired composer freely conveys his inability to know that which we can only know by the blessings of divine illumination.

Hence, in his heaven-ward prayer he petitions the Lord for supernatural aid thus: 1) Teach me; 2) Give me; 3) Make me; 4) Incline my heart; 5) Turn away mine eyes; 6) Stablish thy word; 7) Turn away my reproach; and lastly, 8) Quicken me.

STIRRING WORDS

incline

Means “to bend, stretch out, or turn toward something.” In the present context the thought is “to lean forward so you do not miss a word. It means listening to God’s wisdom with a deep desire to obey.”

QUOTEABLE INSIGHTS

Here he prays to God to bow his will, and quicken the active power of his soul, that he might do his duty; for it is God that works in us both to will and to do (**Phil 2:13**), as well as to understand, what is good. Both the good head and the good heart are from the good grace of God, and both are necessary to every good work.

- Matthew. Henry



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