

## The Word of God Revives Us

### Introduction

Life has its valleys as well as its mountaintops. Even when we are cast down in sorrow, we can call on the Lord to revive us through the restoring power of His Word.

### 25. My soul cleaveth unto the dust: quicken thou me according to thy word.

- *Dust* refers to the **world** we are all bound too.
- *My soul cleaveth unto the dust* is a prayer, complaining to God about the **spiritual** oppression the world has upon the Christian.
- A Christian living in this sinful world can become **clogged** with earthly thoughts and affections that will make him agitated.
- *Quicken thou me* is a prayer request for **revival**.
- Revival comes when we reach the **end** of our own resources, repent, and call upon God to intervene. - Ogilvie

### 26. I have declared my ways, and thou heardest me: teach me thy statutes.

- *I have declared my ways* is an **open** confession to God about the sinful condition the writer is guilty of.
- When we *declare* our ways, that is, make open confession of our sins, the Lord **answers** us by forgiving. This leads to a renewed desire for holiness, as expressed in the prayer, "*Teach me Your statutes.*"

### 27. Make me to understand the way of thy precepts: so shall I talk of thy wondrous works

- **Blind** obedience is not the will of God, He would rather have us follow him with our eyes open.
- We can talk with a better grace (power) of God's wondrous works, providence, and especially the wonders of redeeming love, when we have a better **understanding** of God's Word.

**28. My soul melteth for heaviness:  
strengthen thou me according unto thy word.**

- Heaviness in the heart of a person can make it melt like a **candle**.
- The remorseful, contrite soul melts in **sorrow** for sin.
- Christians should ask God for the **strength** to live a successful Christian life and resist the world's temptations.

**29. Remove from me the way of lying:  
and grant me thy law graciously.**

- Every departure in principle and conduct from the **strait** and narrow path, is *a way of lying*.
- There is a **danger** of acting from false views, from wrong motives, or under the influence of delusion and deceit.
- To lose touch with God is to lose touch with **reality**. - Ogilvie

**30. I have chosen the way of truth:  
thy judgments have I laid before me.**

- Only **two** ways lie before us for our choice, "*the way of lying*," and "*the way of truth*."
- No one **slides** into holiness. It requires a deliberate choice of *the way of truth* as revealed in the Word of God.

**31. I have stuck unto thy testimonies:  
O LORD, put me not to shame.**

- The writer has stayed close to the *testimonies* of God as if he had been **glued** to them. But he still realizes his proneness to wander, and cries to the LORD in conscious dependence.

**32. I will run the way of thy commandments,  
when thou shalt enlarge my heart.**

- The writer did not want to merely keep thy commandments, but he wanted to serve God with all the energies of his **life**.
- When God gives us big hearts, not big heads, that's when we become **quick** to keep His commandments.
- Serving the Lord is more a matter of our **affections** than of our intelligence.

It is one of the great lacks of our age that heads count for more than hearts, and men are far more ready to learn than to love...

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