

# The Word of God Instructs Us

## Introduction

In this lesson, David prays intently that God himself would be his teacher. David had prophets, and wise men, and priests, all around him, and was himself well instructed in the law of God, yet he begs to be taught of God. - M. Henry

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

- The word *teach* in this verse means to **throw**, to cast, to hurl.
- The writer repeats his prayer request! - This shows us the importance of having **God** as our governor. - Is God in control of your life?
- If the Christian is to understand the spiritual meaning of God's statutes, their has to be **special** teaching which can only come from God.
- *I shall keep it unto the end* - Under the influence of God's **Word**, we live - we endure - we cannot fail!

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

- It is one thing to be taught and another to **understand** the teaching.
- The beginning of **wisdom** is a consciousness of ignorance, a distrust of our own understanding, and the heartfelt prayer - *Give me understanding*.
- It is important to have **right** views (understanding) of the Scriptures, of their meaning and obligations. - How else can we follow Him?

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

- The writer has asked for instruction and understanding, now he is asking for **guidance**.
- We should pray for guidance because the spirit is willing but the flesh is **weak**.
- The Christian needs double assistance from God; the light to know our way and the **heart** to walk in it.

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

- *Incline my heart* - The threat of a **hard** heart is always a real possibility.
- The Lord, who fashions the hearts of men, and has them in his hands, can **bend** and incline them by his grace to regard his testimonies. - Gill
- Covetousness is an inordinate leaning of the soul to **worldly** things.
- We must be convinced that our covetousness is vice that will **squeeze** the Jesus we love, completely out of our lives.

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

- The writer asks God to make his eyes pass by from looking at what is **worthless**.
- *Quicken thou me in thy way* - Give me so much life (quicken) that dead vanity (worthless things) may have no **power** over me.

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

- To ask God to *stablish thy word* is to ask God to confirm it; make it firm and true; let not our **minds** be hesitating or skeptical in regard to thy truth.
- Christians we should be praying against the influence of **doubt** and skepticism that can spring up in our minds.
- The Holy Spirit can give us an **inward** assurance that will increase our faith.

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

- We should pray to be kept from anything that would bring **shame** or dishonor on the name of the Lord Jesus.
- As Christians do we make our Saviour **proud** or do we make Him cringe?

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

- Standing *in thy righteousness*, convicts us of sin, brings us to repentance and quickens (revives) our **souls**.
- Our hope of **freedom** from inconsistency is in God's power, quickening us to live according to His Word, which He leads us to love. - Brown

*We should pray for instruction. As students in the school of God, we should be eager to learn how to translate precept into practice, and determine to obey His Word to the end of our lives.*

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