

The Word of God Brings Revival

Introduction

In this section, the writer draws closer to God in prayer, to share with Him his situation (problems, afflictions) and to ask for God's help. With much boldness he uses his obedience to God's Word as a reason why he should be helped. The special help that he wants, is personal revival (quicken), for which he cries to the Lord again and again.

153. Consider mine affliction, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

- God has promised deliverance, but we must **pray** for it with submission to His will, with regard to his glory that we may serve him the better.- M. Henry
- ...*For I do not forget Your law.* - It is the law of God that **assures** us that God is our deliverer and it is our obedience to that law that indicates we take our relationship with God seriously.

154. Plead my cause, and deliver me: quicken me according to thy word.

- *Plead my cause* is a legal term meaning, 'be my advocate or legal representation' - step in and defend me Lord.
- The writer wants God to defend him, **deliver** him and revive him.
- If a Christian is to be truly revived (quicken), it must come from the **Word** of God.

155. Salvation is far from the wicked: for they seek not thy statutes.

- God does not save people against their **will**. He will not populate heaven with people who don't want to be there. - BBC
- There is no salvation for those who refuse to **listen** to the Word. - BBC

**156. Great are thy tender mercies, O LORD:
quicken me according to thy judgments.**

- God's mercies are great because of the **massive** debt which it blots out and the eternal destruction from which it saves.
- God's mercies are tender because His **gentle** with us and that makes it easy for us to approach Him and ask for His help.

**157. Many are my persecutors and mine enemies;
yet do I not decline from thy testimonies.**

- You can have many persecutors and enemies, but if you stay close to the Lord, you have nothing to **fear**.
- ...*yet do I not decline* - We must be steady, consistent and **faithful** servants for Christ.

**158. I beheld the transgressors, and was grieved;
because they kept not thy word.**

- *I beheld the transgressors* means he understood their character, their focus, their way, and their **end**.
- Those who put forth an effort to keep God's Word, should be **upset** to see sinners trample all over it.

**159. Consider how I love thy precepts: quicken me,
O LORD, according to thy lovingkindness.**

- Whenever God does something fresh and new in our lives, its **not** because we've been obedient, its because of His loving kindness.
- Our confidence in God should be **based** on His goodness and not ours.

**160. Thy word is true from the beginning: and
every one of thy righteous judgments endureth for ever.**

- We must believe in the **complete** authority of God's revelation.
- The full acknowledgment of the truths of God's Word is the foundation of all our peace and **comfort**.

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