

THE WORK OF THE SPIRIT IN PERSONAL REVIVAL

PSALM 119: 33-40

Introduction:

The Holy Spirit is not mentioned in this stanza, but it is all about Him. There are nine petitions in this stanza and each of them is for the personal work of the Holy Spirit in the heart of the praying believer. At least this is what the New Testament reveals.

The word for “revive” occurs twice in the passage, and is one of the petitions. This particular word involves an infusion of new life. Since the Holy Spirit is the life of God in the soul of the believer, it is a petition for a fresh work of the Spirit in the life of the believer.

A careful look at these petitions in this stanza should help us understand the work of the Spirit in personal revival. I am confident that when you understand these petitions that you will want to make them your petitions. When this prayer becomes the expression of your desire before God, personal revival will be on the way.

I. THE HOLY SPIRIT OPENS THE UNDERSTANDING TO THE WORD OF GOD. (V. 33-34)

II. THE HOLY SPIRIT FILLS THE HEART WITH A DESIRE TO OBEY THE WORD OF THE LORD. (V. 35-36)

III. THE HOLY SPIRIT TURNS THE HEART OF THE BELIEVER
FROM THE THINGS OF THE WORLD. (V. 37)

IV. THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES ASSURANCE OF THE
TRUSTWORTHINESS OF THE WORD OF GOD. (V. 38)

V. THE HOLY SPIRIT GRANTS THE STRENGTH TO DO RIGHT. (V.
39-40)

Each of these is a fruit of being filled with the Holy Spirit. If I will allow the Spirit to infill my life, personal revival will follow. There will be renewed fullness of the very life of God in me.