

HOLY INCLINATIONS: PRACTICAL HELP

Psalm 119, 1 Kings 8

29 Remove from me the way of falsehood and unfaithfulness [to You], and graciously impart Your law to me. 30 I have chosen the way of truth and faithfulness; Your ordinances have I set before me. Psalm 119:29-30 AMPC

- ***Do you see the God's part/man's part illustration here?***
 - ***In v29, the Psalmist is asking God to move on his behalf...Lord, You remove the false and unfaithful way from me...***
 - ***In v30 he says I have chosen the way of truth and faithfulness...I have set your ordinance before me.***
 - ***Sometimes we need the 'boost' of His hand on our life...***
 - ***Sometimes we need to have the grace to step up and make the right choice empowered by His Spirit within.***

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of Your statutes, and I will keep it to the end [steadfastly].

34 Give me understanding, that I may keep Your law; yes, I will observe it with my whole heart. 35 Make me go in the path of Your commandments, for in them do I delight. 36 Incline my heart to Your testimonies and not to covetousness (robbery, sensuality, unworthy riches). 37 Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity (idols and idolatry); and restore me to vigorous life and health in Your ways. 38 Establish Your word and confirm Your promise to Your servant, which is for those who reverently fear and devotedly worship You. Psalm 119:33-38 AMPC

- ***In v33-34...the Psalmist says, "Lord, You teach me and You give me understanding and I will keep what You say who heartedly..." v35..."You make me go in the right path..."***
- ***In v36, he says, "Incline my heart to Your testimonies."***
 - ***Incline means to stretch out, spread out, extend, bend...***
 - ***"turn my mind in the direction of Your injunctions..." v36 R.K. Harrison***
- ***V36 "Cause my heart to bow before Your Words" The Passion Translation***
- ***V37 "Turn my eyes away from looking at vanity..."***
- ***V37 "Turn my eyes away from all that is vile..." N.E.B.***
- ***V37 "Avert my eyes from unreality..." R.K. Harrison***
- ***V37 " Turn my eyes from looking at futilities and revive me in Thy ways..." Berkley***

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57 May the LORD our God be with us, as He was with our fathers; may He not leave us or forsake us, 58 that He may incline our hearts to Himself, to walk in all His ways and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His ordinances, which He commanded our fathers. I Kings 8:57-58 NASB

- ***The Word says (Lord) incline my heart towards Your Word and Your ways.***

31 "Behold, days are coming," declares the LORD, "when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, 32 not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them," declares the LORD. 33 "But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days," declares the LORD, "I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people. Jeremiah 31:31-33 NASB

- ***A much more 'inclinable heart'...God's 'engraved' signature 'within' us...***

18 When they come there, they will remove all its detestable things and all its abominations from it. 19 And I will give them one heart, and put a new spirit within them. And I will take the heart of stone out of their flesh and give them a heart of flesh, 20 that they may walk in My statutes and keep My ordinances and do them. Then they will be My people, and I shall be their God. Ezekiel 11:18-20 NASB

- ***A new 'touchable' heart...***
- ***Incredible examples of 'God's Move' and our choice...***

How shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed and keeping watch [on himself] according to Your word [conforming his life to it]. Psalm 119:9 AMPC (I will do it)

Remove from me the way of falsehood and unfaithfulness [to You], and graciously impart Your law to me. Psalm 119:29 AMPC (God, You do it)

Remember [fervently] the word and promise to Your servant, in which You have caused me to hope. Psalm 119:49 AMPC (God, You do it)

I considered my ways; I turned my feet to [obey] Your testimonies. Psalm 119:59 AMPC (I will do it)

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But [Satan is coming and] I do as the Father has commanded Me, so that the world may know (be convinced) that I love the Father and that I do only what the Father has instructed Me to do. [I act in full agreement with His orders.] Rise, let us go away from here. John 14:31 AMPC

- ***Jesus shows us His way of living; Love is the motive and obedience is the method.***