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E-votional 57

Level Ground

Psalm 143:10 (ESV),

Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!

The precious promises of God are not lacking for us to any degree. In fact, when we survey the wonderful Word of God, we can find a promise for every facet and situation of life. As I came across this precious truth as found in this Psalm a couple of things came to mind immediately. Those were that we need God to teach us His will. And also, that by this He is able through His Spirit to lead us on level ground.

The first part, that we need God to teach us His will is something worth taking note of because it in many ways eliminates being taught God's will from others. Now, when I say this, believe me, that I am in no way advocating isolation from other believers. Actually, God uses other believers in our lives to teach us things, but then again God uses everything in our lives as well as circumstances to teach us. However, the disclaimer is that in all of these things that it is by His Spirit who leads us as mentioned in many other places in Scripture. So, when I say it eliminates the need for being taught by other believers or other people, I am in effect saying that we learn God's will through others when His Spirit reveals such truth to us. In this way, we can say that we were taught by God and so give Him the glory.

This promise to be taught by God to do His will is very important and should be noted that we can actually learn apart from God and apart from His leading and all it will accomplish is a vain pursuit and a head filled with knowledge that does not profit the learner.

Understanding the work of God to teach His will to His people is very important. It is very important because if you will look at the next portion of this passage you will see the next point to ponder, which is that His good Spirit will then lead us on

level ground. In some translations, this term level ground is referred to as uprightness. In short, it would then mean that His good Spirit will lead us in uprightness, much like Psalm 23:3 (ESV),

He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

However, level ground and uprightness in this context are in fact the same thing. And it is necessary to examine this because it will provide adequate revelation to realize that only God's Spirit is equipped to lead us in such a manner as is termed upright or to a place that is known as level ground.

Do you feel that you are standing on level ground? Is there a certain level of confusion or uncertainty in your life?

Well, if you answered yes, you may be in good company as many of us from time to time go through much confusion in determining God's will and plans for our lives. However, it is not in God's will that we should suffer in such a state for long because there is a promise for us to fully receive and realize. Confusion over such things does not come from God as the Scripture teaches.

1 Corinthians 14:33 (ESV),

For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints.

Often times, and in relation to the need for being taught the will of God by Him alone, we have a polar opposite which is where we rely too heavily on what others say and teach. When others are teaching God's will, for example, in a legalistic manner it can leave a person feeling guilty and confused about the will for God for their life. Such confusion can and often does lead people astray rather than edify and build their faith in God. The Apostle Paul often taught others to beware of this type of teaching and rightly so. It is rightly so because as we read this passage in Psalm 143:10, we see that God's good Spirit will lead us in uprightness and on level ground. Guilt and confusion are not level ground, nor are they upright.

But there is more in terms of what was said in 1 Corinthians 14:33. What I mean is that in context Paul was describing the proper way of using and expressing the gifts of the Holy Spirit. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are to be exercised by God's people and is God's own voice speaking and teaching through His people to aid and edify them to come to the level ground we speak of. When God is speaking through His people there is a certain level of unity as well as peace. Therefore, 'God is not a God of confusion.'

What do we derive from this then?

Well, very simply, we need to learn the Shepherds call so we can discern His voice above all other voices. He will at times speak to us through others, circumstances, and yes even directly, so we need to learn how to hear and discern. The promise here is something to strive for in our lives and is how we grow to know God's will for our lives and also how He leads us in uprightness to level ground.

Do you long for the level ground?

Hallelujah! Cry out to Him with all of your heart and believe that He is able to do such a work to deliver you from any confusion in your life and place your feet firmly on solid ground.

Lord God, how we love You and adore You. Why do we go astray by listening to and adhering to other voices? Nevertheless, Father, grant us victory over this and teach us Your will alone. Father fill us with Your good Spirit and lead us in uprightness and take us to the level ground that You have prepared, in Jesus name. Amen

In Christ's Love,
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