

Quicken Me, O LORD

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Like *Consider Him*, the initial idea for this song also came from hearing Will Galkin at camp in 2008. It was during the adult sponsor meeting that Will encouraged us through Psalm 119 to those of us working with teens. I found it intriguing how often the word “Quicken” showed up in that great Psalm. *Quicken Me, O Lord* is a fervent prayer for personal revival in our lives. A feeling of lifelessness within causes our heart to yearn for Divine quickening, a touch from above that brings life to a thirsting soul.

The first stanza is the theme of the entire hymn. We must confess our need for God to step in and do His work of revival in our lives. If He doesn't help, we're in grave trouble, but He is gloriously the all-sufficient One we need in our weakness.

The second stanza acknowledges we need quickening from the Lord due to our indulgence in sin. Sin soils our heart and causes us to cry out for cleansing. Cleansing takes place when the God of all integrity purges out sin and washes that stain, making our hearts as white as snow again. Joy returns!

Following the Lord means taking up our cross daily and sharing in His suffering. This is the theme for stanza three. Whatever the cross may be, it is the Christian's privilege to partake in the fellowship of Christ's sufferings. When our cross weighs heavily and burdens press down, our only recourse is found in our secure God.

The final stanza is the heart cry of the Christian to know God deeper and more intimately. What an astounding privilege to know and have fellowship as a son or daughter with the God of eternity! As we come closer to God, we cry out for Him to draw nearer to us.