

and cries for enlargement from its spiritual prison

This portion has 'D' for its alphabetical letter: it sings of Depression, in the spirit of Devotion, Determination, and Dependence.

25* ¶ DALETH. My soul clings to the dust; Revive me according to Your word.

1. Reaping rubbish

Have you ever felt powerlessness to rise above grief?

Ps 44:25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; Our body clings to the ground

Death for death, death to death, death in death

2. Clinging to Christ

Revive: more life

Joh 10:10 “The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have *it* more abundantly.

Our frailty meeting His Fullness

26* ¶ I have declared my ways, and You answered me; Teach me Your statutes.

There is here confession, response, and request

Confession: out of hiding, honesty come into the light

Ps 32:5-7 I acknowledged my sin to You, And my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,”

Response

And You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah

Confidence

For this cause everyone who is godly shall pray to You In a time when You may be found; Surely in a flood of great waters They shall not come near him.

The Lord Covering

You *are* my hiding place; You shall preserve me from trouble; You shall surround me with songs of deliverance. Selah

The Lord Teaching

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will guide you with My eye.

27* Make me understand the way of Your precepts; So shall I meditate on Your wondrous works.

Blind obedience has but small beauty; God would have us follow him with our eyes open.

Pr 30:2-3 Surely I *am* more stupid than *any* man, And do not have the understanding of a man. I neither learned wisdom Nor have knowledge of the Holy One.

first use of understanding (skills)

Ex 30:3 “And I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, in knowledge, and in all *manner of* workmanship,

When our heart has been opened to understand, our lips should be opened to impart knowledge; and we may hope to be taught ourselves when we feel in our hearts a willingness to teach the way of the Lord to those among whom we dwell.

28* ¶ My soul melts from heaviness; Strengthen me according to Your word.

it is better to be melted with grief than to be hardened by impenitence

Ps 38:4 For my iniquities have gone over my head; Like a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.

Mt 11:28* “Come to Me, all *you* who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Strengthen me to do the duties, resist the temptations, and bear up under the burdens of an afflicted state, that the spirit may not fail. *Matthew Henry*.

Ps 19:14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my strength and my Redeemer.

29* Remove from me the way of lying, And grant me Your law graciously.

Take away (Old Heart)

False motives may at times sway us, and we may fall into mistaken notions of our own spiritual condition before God,

Joh 8:44* “You are of *your* father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and *does not* stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own *resources*, for he is a liar and the father of it.

Worse state: to deceive your self as much as you deceive others

Ps 19:13 Keep back Your servant also from presumptuous *sins*; Let them not have dominion over me. Then I shall be blameless, And I shall be innocent of great transgression.

30* ¶ I have chosen the way of truth; Your judgments I have laid *before me*.

Resolve

"I will arise and go to my father

Lu 10:42* “But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her.”

Joh 3:19-21 “And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. “But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God.”

31 I cling to Your testimonies; O LORD, do not put me to shame!

Cling to Christ

32* I will run the course of Your commandments, For You shall enlarge my heart.

Heb 12:1* Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the **race** that is set before us,

What a change from [Ps 119:25](#) to the present, from cleaving to the dust to running in the way. It is the excellence of holy sorrow that it works in us the quickening for which we seek, and then we show the sincerity of our grief and the reality of our revival by being zealous in the ways of the Lo