

Psalm 27:11

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path,
because of mine enemies.

Analysis

The prayer 'Teach me thy way, O LORD, and lead me in a plain path, because of mine enemies' combines request for instruction and guidance. 'Thy way' (derek) means the path of covenant obedience. 'Plain path' (meshor orach) means a level, straight road—free from obstacles. Enemies create need for divine guidance to avoid their traps. Reformed theology emphasizes that sanctification requires both revelation (teaching God's way) and providence (leading on safe paths). God's Word and Spirit guide believers through enemy territory.

Historical Context

Israel's wilderness journey required divine guidance—cloud and fire led them through hostile territory. Similarly, believers navigate enemy opposition (Satan, world, flesh) requiring God's instruction and providential leading.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Romans 2:1 — Judging others

Study Questions

1. How do you discern God's 'way' and 'plain path' when enemies surround you?

2. What role does Scripture play in teaching you God's way?

Interlinear Text

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Additional Cross-References

Psalms 5:8 (References Lord): Lead me, O LORD, in thy righteousness because of mine enemies; make thy way straight before my face.

Psalms 86:11 (References Lord): Teach me thy way, O LORD; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name.

Psalms 26:12 (References Lord): My foot standeth in an even place: in the congregations will I bless the LORD.

Psalms 119:10 (Parallel theme): With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments.

Psalms 64:6 (Parallel theme): They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.

Isaiah 35:8 (Parallel theme): And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein.

Psalms 25:9 (Parallel theme): The meek will he guide in judgment: and the meek will he teach his way.

Jeremiah 20:10 (Parallel theme): For I heard the defaming of many, fear on every side. Report, say they, and we will report it. All my familiars watched for my

halting, saying, Peradventure he will be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and we shall take our revenge on him.

Psalms 25:12 (References Lord): What man is he that feareth the LORD? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.

Proverbs 8:9 (Parallel theme): They are all plain to him that understandeth, and right to them that find knowledge.