

Inspirer of the Ancient Seers

Charles Wesley, 1762.

Dimitri Bortniansky, 1825.

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Who wrote from Thee the sacred page,  
The same through all succeeding years;  
To us, in our degenerate age,  
The spirit of Thy Word impart,  
And breathe the life into our heart.

While now Thine oracles we read  
With earnest prayer and strong desire,  
O let Thy Spirit from Thee proceed,  
Our souls to waken and inspire,  
Our weakness help, our darkness chase,  
And guide us by the light of grace.

Whene'er in error's path we rove,  
The living God through sin forsake,  
Our conscience by Thy Word reprove,  
Convince and bring the wanderers back,  
Deep wounded by Thy Spirit's sword,  
And then by Gilead's balm restored.

The sacred lessons of Thy grace,  
Transmitted through Thy Word, repeat,  
And train us up in all Thy ways  
To make us in Thy will complete;  
Fulfill Thy love's redeeming plan,  
And bring us to a perfect man.

Thus furnished from Thy treasury,  
O may we always ready stand  
To help the souls redeemed by Thee,  
In what their various states demand  
To teach, convince, correct, reprove,  
And build them up in holiest love!