

What's in Psalm 27?

- David's faith and confidence
- David's longing for peace
- David's devotional life

1 The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

- God is our light – He gives us revelation.
- God is also our salvation – we have no capacity to save ourselves.
- God is our strength [lit., fortress]. So, whom should I fear? Who should I dread?

2 When the wicked came against me to eat up my flesh, my enemies and foes, they stumbled and fell. 3 Though an army may encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war may rise against me, in this I will be confident.

- God can cause our enemies to fall before they can accomplish their purpose. Even if war is declared he will be confident that God is his strength.

4 One thing I have desired of the Lord, that will I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in His temple.

- The key to David's success in every facet of life; his chief desire.
- His chief motivation was to find and rest within the Presence of God.
- Compare David's "one thing" with Solomon's one thing.
- Not only had David **asked** this from the Lord, it was the thing he **sought after**.
 - beholding His beauty (lit., delightfulness)
 - inquiring (praying, asking, seeking out) in his temple.
- We often lack peace because we reverse the order of these things.

5 For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; in the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock. 6 And now my head

shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in His tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.

- Pavilion refers to a dwelling place; tabernacle the inner rooms of a dwelling.
- God will put you into a place of defense!
- God would elevate and promote David above his enemies, causing him to rejoice.

7 Hear, O Lord, when I cry with my voice! Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.

8 When You said, "Seek My face," My heart said to You, "Your face, Lord, I will seek."

- God said this to the whole nation. But when David heard that, he decided to respond. When God speaks a promise, or gives out a call, determine in your spirit that you will respond to that call even if nobody else does!

9 Do not hide Your face from me; Do not turn Your servant away in anger; You have been my help; do not leave me nor forsake me, O God of my salvation. 10 When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take care of me.

- When we feel forsaken, there is one who will take you up!

11 Teach me Your way, O Lord, and lead me in a smooth path, because of my enemies.

12 Do not deliver me to the will of my adversaries; for false witnesses have risen against me, and such as breathe out violence.

- His request was again better than that of Solomon's.

13 I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

- We can believe the Lord to show us His goodness not only in the age to come, but in the "land of the living."
- When we lose hope that God will do anything in this world, we lose heart.

14 Wait on the Lord; be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart; wait, I say, on the Lord.

- A fitting conclusion: David speaks to us from his long experience in watching God work for His people. As we wait on Him He will strengthen our hearts.

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